

SENATE BILL NO. 96—SENATOR HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (BDR 34-586)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring a student to perform community service as a condition to receipt of a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship; requiring the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to establish an appeal process for students who are unable to complete the required community service; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program
2 and prescribes the eligibility requirements for receipt of a Millennium Scholarship.
3 (NRS 396.911-396.938) This bill revises the eligibility requirements by requiring a
4 student to perform at least 20 hours of community service which meets certain
5 criteria established by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada during the
6 4 years before the student first becomes eligible for a Millennium Scholarship. This
7 requirement will first apply to students who are eligible to receive a Millennium
8 Scholarship on and after June 1, 2014.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.930 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 396.930 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and
3 3, a student may apply to the Board of Regents for a Millennium
4 Scholarship if the student:



1 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph ~~(e)~~ (f) of
2 subsection 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years
3 before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

4 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated
5 from a public or private high school in this State:

6 (1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or

7 (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in
8 paragraphs ~~(e)~~ (d), ~~(e)~~ and ~~(f)~~ (g) of subsection 2, not more than
9 6 years before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

10 (c) Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b) and:

11 (1) Was enrolled as a pupil in a public or private high school
12 in this State with a class of pupils who were regularly scheduled to
13 graduate after May 1, 2000;

14 (2) Received his or her high school diploma within 4 years
15 after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate; and

16 (3) Applies for the Millennium Scholarship not more than 6
17 years after he or she was regularly scheduled to graduate from high
18 school;

19 (d) Maintained in high school in the courses designated by the
20 Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:

21 (1) A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
22 student was a member of the graduating class of 2003 or 2004;

23 (2) A 3.10 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
24 student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or

25 (3) A 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, if the
26 student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later
27 graduating class; ~~and~~

28 (e) *Is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship on or after June 1,*
29 *2014, and submits a statement on or before June 1 of the year in*
30 *which the student will enroll in an eligible institution which*
31 *documents that the student has performed at least 20 hours of*
32 *community service for this State, a political subdivision of this*
33 *State or a charitable organization that provides service to a*
34 *community or the residents of a community in this State during*
35 *the 4 years before the student first becomes eligible for the*
36 *Millennium Scholarship; and*

37 (f) Is enrolled in at least:

38 (1) Six semester credit hours in a community college within
39 the System;

40 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
41 institution; or

42 (3) A total of 12 or more semester credit hours in eligible
43 institutions if the student is enrolled in more than one eligible
44 institution.

45 2. The Board of Regents:



1 (a) Shall define the core curriculum that a student must complete
2 in high school to be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship.

3 (b) Shall designate the courses in which a student must earn the
4 minimum grade point averages set forth in paragraph (d) of
5 subsection 1.

6 (c) *Shall establish criteria for the performance of community
7 service required by paragraph (e) of subsection 1 and a process of
8 appeal for students who are unable to complete the community
9 service.*

10 (d) May establish criteria with respect to students who have
11 been on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United
12 States to exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on
13 applications that is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of
14 subsection 1.

15 ~~(d)~~ (e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who
16 have a documented physical or mental disability or who were
17 previously subject to an individualized education program under the
18 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et
19 seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29
20 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for
21 those students from:

22 (1) The 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in
23 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and subparagraph
24 (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to
25 students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph
26 (b) of subsection 1.

27 (2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph
28 ~~(e)~~ (f) of subsection 1.

29 ~~(e)~~ (f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who
30 have a parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed
31 Forces of the United States to exempt such students from the
32 residency requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or
33 subsection 3.

34 ~~(f)~~ (g) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who
35 have been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious
36 or public service assignment or mission to exempt such students
37 from the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in
38 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. Such criteria
39 must provide for the award of Millennium Scholarships to those
40 students who qualify for the exemption and who otherwise meet the
41 eligibility criteria to the extent that money is available to award
42 Millennium Scholarships to the students after all other obligations
43 for the award of Millennium Scholarships for the current school
44 year have been satisfied.



1 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection
2 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high
3 school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in
4 paragraph ~~(e)~~ (f) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State
5 for at least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

6 (a) The minimum score on a standardized test that such students
7 must receive; or

8 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
9 ➔ to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

10 4. In awarding Millennium Scholarships, the Board of Regents
11 shall enhance its outreach to students who:

12 (a) Are pursuing a career in education or health care;

13 (b) Come from families who lack sufficient financial resources
14 to pay for the costs of sending their children to an eligible
15 institution; or

16 (c) Substantially participated in an antismoking, antidrug or
17 antialcohol program during high school.

18 5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
19 an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
20 affidavit declaring the applicant's eligibility for a Millennium
21 Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The
22 affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of
23 the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the
24 applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant's
25 immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her
26 immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

27 **Sec. 2.** On or before January 1, 2012, the Board of Regents of
28 the University of Nevada shall adopt the criteria required by
29 paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 396.930, as amended by
30 section 1 of this act. The Board of Regents shall ensure that the
31 school districts in this State are provided with adequate notice of
32 the criteria and otherwise provide for public dissemination of the
33 criteria.

34 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

