

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 150—ASSEMBLYMEN STEWART,
CARRILLO; FLORES AND NELSON

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (BDR 34-200)

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

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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; revising the eligibility criteria for a student to receive a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires a student to maintain a certain grade point average based
2 on his or her year of graduation to be eligible for a Governor Guinn Millennium
3 Scholarship. (NRS 396.930) This bill extends eligibility for such a scholarship to
4 students who do not meet the minimum grade point average requirement, but who
5 receive a certain score on a college entrance examination offered in this State. This
6 bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to establish such
7 score requirements.

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:
5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (e) of subsection
6 2, has been a resident of this State for at least 2 years before the
7 student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;
8 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), graduated
9 from a public or private high school in this State:



1 (1) After May 1, 2000, but not later than May 1, 2003; or
2 (2) After May 1, 2003, and, except as otherwise provided in
3 paragraphs (c), (d) and (f) of subsection 2, not more than 6 years
4 before the student applies for the Millennium Scholarship;

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

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

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

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

14 (d) ~~maintained~~ *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph*
15 *(e), maintained* in high school in the courses designated by the
16 Board of Regents pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, at least:

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

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

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

24 (e) *Does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph (d) and*
25 *received at least the minimum score established by the Board of*
26 *Regents on a college entrance examination approved by the Board*
27 *of Regents; and*

28 (f) Is enrolled in at least:

29 (1) Six semester credit hours in a community college within
30 the System;

31 (2) Twelve semester credit hours in another eligible
32 institution; or

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

36 2. The Board of Regents:

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

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

42 (c) May establish criteria with respect to students who have been
43 on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to
44 exempt such students from the 6-year limitation on applications that
45 is set forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.



1 (d) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
2 documented physical or mental disability or who were previously
3 subject to an individualized education program under the
4 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et
5 seq., or a plan under Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29
6 U.S.C. §§ 791 et seq. The criteria must provide an exemption for
7 those students from:

8 (1) The 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in
9 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and subparagraph
10 (3) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 and any limitation applicable to
11 students who are eligible pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph
12 (b) of subsection 1.

13 (2) The minimum number of credits prescribed in paragraph
14 (e) of subsection 1.

15 (e) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have a
16 parent or legal guardian on active duty in the Armed Forces of the
17 United States to exempt such students from the residency
18 requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or
19 subsection 3.

20 (f) Shall establish criteria with respect to students who have
21 been actively serving or participating in a charitable, religious or
22 public service assignment or mission to exempt such students from
23 the 6-year limitation on applications that is set forth in subparagraph
24 (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1. Such criteria must provide for
25 the award of Millennium Scholarships to those students who qualify
26 for the exemption and who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to
27 the extent that money is available to award Millennium Scholarships
28 to the students after all other obligations for the award of
29 Millennium Scholarships for the current school year have been
30 satisfied.

31 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection
32 1, for students who did not graduate from a public or private high
33 school in this State and who, except as otherwise provided in
34 paragraph (e) of subsection 2, have been residents of this State for at
35 least 2 years, the Board of Regents shall establish:

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

38 (b) Other criteria that students must meet,
39 to be eligible for Millennium Scholarships.

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

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

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



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

3 5. The Board of Regents shall establish a procedure by which
4 an applicant for a Millennium Scholarship is required to execute an
5 affidavit declaring the applicant's eligibility for a Millennium
6 Scholarship pursuant to the requirements of this section. The
7 affidavit must include a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of
8 the United States or has lawful immigration status, or that the
9 applicant has filed an application to legalize the applicant's
10 immigration status or will file an application to legalize his or her
11 immigration status as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

12 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

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