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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2132)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a state of Iowa scholar program to award
2 certificates of recognition to qualified graduating seniors.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.130 STATE OF IOWA SCHOLARS
2 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION.

3 1. A state of Iowa scholar recognition program is created
4 to award state of Iowa scholar certificates of recognition to
5 high school students who graduate with a minimum grade point
6 average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and attain a composite score of
7 at least twenty-seven on the national college admission and
8 placement examination published by the American college
9 testing program, inc., or an equivalent score on another
10 national standardized college admissions examination.

11 2. The governor and the general assembly shall issue the
12 state of Iowa scholar certificates of recognition annually to
13 students who have met the criteria specified in subsection 1.

14 3. The commission shall provide staffing and
15 administrative support for the program. A school district or
16 accredited nonpublic school may submit to the commission the
17 names of students who qualify for an award in accordance with
18 this subsection on forms and by the date specified by the
19 commission.

20 4. The commission shall publicize the program to school
21 districts and accredited nonpublic schools on its internet
22 website. The commission shall also list annually on its
23 internet website the name of each student who is awarded a
24 state of Iowa scholar certificate, the school district from
25 which the student graduated, and the city in which the student
26 resides.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill creates a state of Iowa scholar program to award
29 state of Iowa scholar certificates of recognition to high
30 school students who graduate with a minimum grade point
31 average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and attain a composite score of
32 at least 27 on the national college admission and placement
33 examination published by the American college testing program,
34 inc., or an equivalent score on another national standardized
35 college admissions examination. The governor and the general

1 assembly shall issue the certificates of recognition annually
2 to qualified students.

3 The college student aid commission is directed to provide
4 staffing and administrative support for the program. A school
5 district or accredited nonpublic school may submit to the
6 commission the names of students who qualify for an award.
7 The commission must publicize the program to school districts
8 and accredited nonpublic schools on its website; and list on
9 its website the name of each student who is awarded a
10 certificate, the school district from which the student
11 graduated, and the city in which the student resides.

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