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2003 HOUSE EDUCATION

HB 1125

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1125

House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 13, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Sechtner</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch open hearing on bill.

SUPPORT

Larry Isaak, Chancellor of the University System, made an offer of assistance to the committee through the legislative session.

(2721) Peggy Wipf, the director of financial aid within the ND University System Office.

See Attached Testimony.

(3100) Chairman Kelsch : This is really good. Considering the fact the Harvard was in Fargo two weeks ago. If you went to their meeting and if you score higher than a 31 on your ACT, you could receive a full ride for four years. it is unbelievable for students to pass up that opportunity to stay in ND.

Rep. Sitte: Does this include the merit finalist and scholars.

Wipf: The current statue only allows the ACT. And certainly the National merit scholarship has also come into play. But no change has been made to that in the statue. The first election is

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ACT, the second is class rank. and then the third is the GPA. The GPA is to maintain the scholarship.

Rep. Sitte So what is the average ACT funding.

Wipf: Right know it ranges, based on our appropriation, 35 and we get into the 32's based on attrition.

OPPOSITION none

Chairman Kelsch : Rep. Haas motion a DO PASS, Rep. Meier seconds the motion.

Rep. Norland: is the 32-35 in the 95 percentile

Chairman Kelsch: Right and that is what it is meant to be. Actually it is for anyone who scores above a 31, is what the 95 percentile is, but what Rep. Sitte is asking was what have they been seeing lately. And she said 35 going down into 32. This is just the state scholars program, more can be done at the college level.

Call for a vote: 13 yeas, 0 no, 1 absent. Rep. Sitte to carry the bill to the floor.

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Date: January 13, 2003
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1125

House HOUSE EDUCATION Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Haas Seconded By Rep. Meier

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Kelsch	x				
Rep. Johnson	x				
Rep. Nelson	x				
Rep. Haas	x				
Rep. Hawken	x				
Rep. Herbel	AB				
Rep. Meier	x				
Rep. Norland	x				
Rep. Sitte	x				
Rep. Hanson	x				
Rep. Hunsakor	x				
Rep. Mueller	x				
Rep. Solberg	x				
Rep. Williams	x				

Total (Yes) _____ 13 No 0 Click here to type No Vote

Absent _____ 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Sitte

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 15 2003 12:38 p.m.

Module No: HR-07-0577
Carrier: Sitte
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1125: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1125 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1125

Senate Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 03-03-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature

Minutes:CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order. Roll Call was taken with all (6) members present.

CHAIRMAN FREBORG opened the hearing on HB 1125 relating to the state scholars program.

Testimony in support of HB 1125:

PEGGY WIPF, Director of Financial Aid within the ND University System Office, testified in support of the bill. (see attached)

SENATOR LEE asked if this bill can be reconciled to SB 2200. MS. WIPF stated that SB 2200 changes the selection criteria and this bill would fall into the selection criteria of SB 2200. By striking the last sentence in this bill, they would be able to award in early October.

SENATOR CHRISTENSON asked if there was any other criteria other than test scores used in awarding the scholarships.

MS. WIPF stated No, not for this program, only the ACT test and the class rank.

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SENATOR FLAKOLL asked if anything can be done if a student receives his "offer of a lifetime" after accepting this scholarship. MS. WIPF answered this is possible but it is understood that the student is tabling all offers until they receive one they want. However, parents are saying that if the offer were made earlier, their student would have accepted it over an out of state school.

SENATOR COOK asked if she thought seniors might not be as motivated once they have been accepted by a college and have the necessary funding. MS. WIPF doesn't see this from the "high achievers", those who will be getting these scholarships.

There was no opposition to HB 1125.

The hearing was closed on HB 1125.

SENATOR LEE moved a DO PASS. Seconded by SENATOR TAYLOR.

SENATOR CHRISTENSON says she feels test scores (standardized testing) alone cannot give a true feel of the student and whether they would be deserving of a scholarship.

SENATOR FREBORG asked why there is no fiscal note. MS. WIPF stated that if there are no additional monies available, they would not give out the stipend.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 YES. 0 NO. 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED

Carrier: SENATOR G. LEE

Date: 3/3/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. *#B1125*

Senate EDUCATION Committee

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Action Taken

Motion Made By

Seconded By

[illegible]**Total**

(Yes)

No

Absent

Floor Assignment

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 3, 2003 12:12 p.m.

Module No: SR-37-3719
Carrier: G. Lee
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1125: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1125 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY

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**Testimony before
House Education Committee
January 13, 2003
HB 1125**

Madam Chairperson and members of the House Education Committee, my name is Peggy Wipf, and I am the director of financial aid within the North Dakota University System Office.

House Bill No. 1125 relates to the North Dakota Scholars program. The North Dakota Scholars Program, a merit-based (financial aid) scholarship, was first funded by the Legislature in 1987 to provide scholarships to North Dakota's best and brightest high school graduates to encourage them to remain in North Dakota to obtain their postsecondary education.

Currently, to be eligible for consideration of this program, high school seniors must score at the 95th percentile or greater of all North Dakota ACT test takers who tested between October of their junior year through October of their senior year and must also be in the upper 20 percent of their high school graduating class at the end of their junior year.

The Scholars Scholarship is renewable for up to three years provided the recipient maintains a cumulative 3.50 grade point average.

The Scholars Scholarship is a full tuition scholarship for students attending North Dakota's public and tribal colleges and a tuition scholarship equal to North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota's tuition for students attending North Dakota's private institutions.

The suggested changes in Section 1 of HB 1125 would allow the awarding cycle to begin earlier. Currently, the awarding cycle does not start until after late January of the student's senior year. With the proposed change, the awarding would start in early October of the student's senior year. With the number of offers these students receive, it is important to make offers early. This change would limit the number of ACT test taking opportunities for a junior from six to five. The five would be October, December, February, April, and June of their junior year. The current October test taking opportunity as a senior would be eliminated since it would be past the cut off date for the proposed awarding cycle.

North Dakota students who meet the selection criteria for this program are high academic achievers. Out-of-state colleges and universities, who also offer financial incentives in order to attract them to their campuses, heavily recruit these students. This is demonstrated by the fact that in 2002-03 in order to fund 46 new freshmen students, 113 offers were made, an acceptance rate of 41 percent. The other 67 students more than likely attended another out-of-state institution.

The primary change in Section 2 relates to changing the amount of the scholarship from tuition charged at the scholar's eligible institution to an amount not to exceed tuition charged at the scholar's eligible institution plus up to a maximum \$2,000 stipend that can be used to defray costs of a student's education at an eligible institution.

Increasing the amount of the scholarship, to include a stipend, is also intended to increase the likelihood that the "best and the brightest students" will stay here. These highly recruited students get very substantial offers from other colleges across the country. Additional financial incentives to attend college here increase the chance they

will remain in the state after graduation. If we cannot compete financially, we will continue to lose these students to other colleges. The language concerning the stipend is permissive. If additional appropriations for this program are not available, the State Board of Higher Education can either proceed with the implementation of the stipend up to a maximum of \$2,000 and as a result make less number of awards within the same resource base, or not implement the stipend until additional funds are available.

Madam Chairperson and House Education Committee members, I urge your support of these changes to House Bill 1125 and would be happy to answer any questions.

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