



**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 671**

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Senator Lee

moves to amend the bill on page 2, lines 15-21, by rewriting the lines to read:

"b. Meets one of the following criteria:

1. Resides in a household with an income level not in excess of one hundred ~~fifty-seventy-five percent (150%)~~ (175%) of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program. The Authority shall not count any distribution from the estate of a decedent in calculating the income level of the applicant's household for the purposes of determining eligibility for a scholarship under this ~~sub-subdivision~~ sub-sub-subdivision.
2. Is a child in foster care as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2. The Authority shall not consider the household income of the foster parent, as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2, in determining the eligibility of the foster care child."

on page 2, lines 25-45, by rewriting the lines to read:

"(b) Scholarship grants awarded to eligible students residing in households with an income level not in excess of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program shall ~~be for amounts of up to four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200) per year.~~ be, per year per eligible student, in an amount up to ninety percent (90%) of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year. Scholarship grants awarded to eligible students residing in households with an income level in excess of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program shall be for amounts of not more than ninety percent (90%) of the required tuition and fees for the nonpublic school the eligible child will attend. Tuition and fees for a nonpublic school may include tuition and fees for books, transportation, equipment, or other items required by the nonpublic school. No scholarship grant shall ~~exceed four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200)~~ exceed, per year per eligible student, an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year and no scholarship grant shall exceed the required tuition and fees for the nonpublic school the eligible student will attend.



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1 ~~(b1) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, within the funds appropriated by the~~
2 ~~General Assembly to award scholarship grants to eligible students under this Part, the Authority~~
3 ~~may award scholarship grants to at least 2,000 more eligible students each school year than were~~
4 ~~served in the prior school year."~~;

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6 on page 3, lines 5-7, by rewriting the lines to read:

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8 "(c) By December 1 of each year, the Department of Public Instruction shall provide the
9 Authority the average State per pupil allocation for that fiscal year to determine the maximum
10 scholarship amount for eligible students to be awarded in the following fiscal year in accordance
11 with G.S. 115C-562.2(b)."

12 **SECTION 1.1.(d)** Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section apply beginning with
13 applications for scholarship funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

14 **SECTION 1.1.(e)** Any student who meets the following requirements shall qualify
15 as an eligible student and shall be eligible to receive a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year
16 pursuant to Part 2A of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes:

- 17 (1) Was enrolled in a North Carolina public school or a Department of Defense
18 Elementary and Secondary School located in North Carolina for the fall
19 semester of the 2019-2020 school year.
20 (2) Was enrolled in a nonpublic school that meets the requirements of Part 1, 2,
21 or 3 of Article 39 of this Chapter for the spring semester of the 2019-2020
22 school year and the entire 2020-2021 school year.
23 (3) Meets the eligibility requirements of G.S. 115C-562.1(3)a1. and b.
24 (4) Submits a scholarship application for the 2021-2022 school year.

25 A student who becomes eligible for a scholarship in the 2021-2022 school year solely
26 due to this subsection shall receive first priority in award of scholarships in the same manner as
27 those previously awarded scholarships.";

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29 on page 5, line 46 through page 6, line 4, by rewriting the lines to read:

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31 "(b) Scholarship Awards. – Scholarships-Except for eligible students who qualify for
32 scholarship funds pursuant to subsection (b1) of this section, scholarships shall be awarded each
33 year for an amount not to exceed (i) nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) per eligible student for the
34 fiscal school year in for which the application is received, except received or (ii) for eligible
35 part-time students, who shall be awarded scholarships each year for an amount not to exceed four
36 thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) per eligible student for the fiscal school year in for which
37 the application is received. Any funds remaining in an electronic account provided under
38 subsection (b2) of this section at the end of a school year for eligible students who qualify only
39 under this subsection shall be returned to the Authority.";

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41 on page 6, line 15, by deleting the phrase "on a debit card or";

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43 on page 6, line 19, by deleting the phrase "on the card or";

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on page 6, line 26, by rewriting the line to read:

"receive a ~~debit card or~~ an electronic account with the prepaid funds loaded ~~on the card or in the~~";

on page 6, line 32, by rewriting the line to read:

"The ~~debit card or the~~ electronic account shall be renewed upon the receipt of the parental";

on page 10, lines 24-28, by rewriting the lines to read:

"(d) Administration Costs. – Of the funds allocated to the Authority to award scholarship funds under this Article, the Authority may retain ~~up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)~~ the lesser of four percent (4%) of the funds appropriated or two million dollars (\$2,000,000) each fiscal year for administrative costs associated with the program, including contracting with non-State entities for administration of certain components of the program.";

and on page 11, lines 24-25, by rewriting the lines to read:

"appropriated for the North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program, as established by this act.".

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED _____
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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