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Introduced

House Bill 2757

By Delegates Summers, Forsht, Miller, Reynolds, Sheedy, Heckert, Petitto, Jeffries, and Cannon

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A BILL to amend and reenact §18C-9-3 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, 1931, relating to amending eligibility for the West Virginia Invest program, providing that a not-for-profit hospital based allied health program is eligible for the West Virginia Invest Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 9. WEST VIRGINIA INVESTs GRANT PROGRAM.

§18C-9-3. Definitions.

As used in this article:

"Academic fees" means fees charged to students for specific courses or programs to support such expenses such as lab or equipment costs.

"Council" means the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

"Commission" means the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

"Eligible institution" means a public community and technical college under the authority of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, ~~or~~ a public baccalaureate institution that grants associate degrees satisfying the requirements of participating in Advanced Career Education (ACE) program partnerships in accordance with §18-2E-11 of this code, or a not-for-profit hospital based allied health program authorized by the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education or a public baccalaureate institution authorized by the Higher Education Policy Commission that grants associate degrees satisfying the requirements of participating in ACE program partnerships.

"Eligible post-secondary program" means a curriculum of courses leading to a certificate or associate degree at an eligible institution which satisfies a course of study that has been deemed by the Department of Commerce to satisfy a workforce need as determined by the department in accordance with §18-2E-11(d) of this code.

"Tuition" means the semester or term charges imposed by an eligible institution and, additionally, all mandatory fees required as a condition of enrollment by all students.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to expand eligibility for the WV Invests grant program to include a hospital based allied health program.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.