

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

October 31, 2025

Iowa Department of Education State Board Room  
400 E. 14th Street, 2nd Floor  
Des Moines, IA 50319

# Meeting Book - Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

October 31, 2025 Agenda

Agenda Item	Action	Lead
1. Director's Update a. Strada State Opportunity Index	NO	Director Snow
2. Bureau Chief's Report	NO	Bureau Chief Ford
3. Meeting Minutes (Sept)	YES	Commissioner Stork
4. Administrative Rules a. Adopted & Filed i. Chapter 22 & 33 b. Notice of Intended Action i. Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4/5, 6, 7, 21, 19, 12, 24, 31, 17, & 20	YES	Katrina Holck, Division Attorney
5. Postsecondary Readiness Report	NO	Jay Pennington, Division Administrator
6. Treasurer's Office Presentation	NO	Molly Widen, Chief of Staff
7. Staff Reports a. Scholarships & Grants Postsecondary Authorization b. Community Engagement c. Financial Report	NO NO NO	Bureau Chief Ford Section Chief Sibaouih Bureau Chief Ford
8. Committee Reports a. Executive Committee b. Program Oversight Committee c. Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee	NO NO NO	Commissioner Stork Commissioner Shull Commissioner Sloniker
9. Commissioner Comments	NO	Commissioner Stork
10. Adjournment	NO	Commissioner Stork

Next Meeting: January 9, 2026

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## Director's Update

Iowa Department of Education Director, Commissioner Snow, will provide department updates.

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## Executive Director and Bureau Chief's Update

Executive Director and Bureau Chief Ford will provide updates.

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## Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the meeting minutes from the September 5, 2025 Commission Meeting.

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## Meeting Minutes

### Iowa College Aid Commission Meeting

September 5, 2025

#### **Call to Order**

The Iowa College Aid Commission met Sept. 5, 2025, at the Iowa Department of Education offices in the Grimes State Office Building. Chair Emily Stork called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with introductions and roll call. There was a quorum with seven voting members present.

#### **Members Present**

Emily Stork	Matthew Limbert	McKenzie Snow
Doug Shull	Barbara Sloniker	Jesse Green
Megan Lebeda	Mark Putnam	Benjamin Smith
David Barker	Anne Howsare Boyens	

#### **Members Absent**

Austin Harris	Herman Quirnbach
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#### **Staff Present**

David Ford	Christina Sibaouih	Nathan Svare
Danielle Sampson	Tristan Lynn	Anne Thomas
Katrina Holck	Karey Hawkins	Ty Patton
Lisa Kneip Pundt	Julie Voss	Kayli Sampson

Chair Emily Stork presented the minutes from the July 25, 2025 board meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the meeting minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Sloniker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Director's Updates**

Director McKenzie Snow provided the Director's Updates.

#### **Executive Director and Bureau Chief's Report**

Executive Director and Bureau Chief David Ford provided the Bureau Chief's Report.

#### **Administrative Rules**

Attorney Katrina Holck shared administrative rules for adoption. The recommended action includes:

- Rescind and re-promulgate Chapter 15
- Rescind and re-promulgate Chapter 18
- Rescind current Chapter 20 & 29 and adopt new Chapter 20
- Rescind and re-promulgate Chapter 28
- Rescind Chapter 30
- Rescind and re-promulgate Chapter 37

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## Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Sloniker moved to approve the recommended action.

Motion: Commissioner Shull seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Attorney Katrina Holck shared administrative rules for notice. The recommended action includes:

- Rescind and re-promulgate Chapter 10
- Rescind Chapter 14
- Rescind Chapter 26

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the recommended action.

Motion: Commissioner Limbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Staff Reports**

Executive Director and Bureau Chief David Ford provided an update related to the following:

- Scholarships & Grants
- Postsecondary Authorization

Section Chief Christina Sibaouih provided updates related to Community Engagement, including:

- Iowa College and Career Readiness Academy
- Local College/Career Access Networks
- Course to College
- Course to College Corps
- GEAR UP Iowa

Executive Director and Bureau Chief David Ford presented the Financial Report.

### **Commissioner Comments and Adjournment**

Commissioners shared and discussed comments.

Chair Emily Stork shared that the next board meeting will be Oct. 31, 2025 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Iowa Department of Education, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Chair Emily Stork adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

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Emily Stork, Chair

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Doug Shull, Vice Chair

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## Administrative Rules Adopted and Filed

### Recommended Action:

- Rescind Chapter 22, "Iowa Minority Grants for Economic Success (IMAGES)".
- Rescind Chapter 33, "Chiropractic Loan Forgiveness Program".



## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Adopted and Filed**

#### **Rulemaking related to Iowa minority grants for economic success**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby rescinds Chapter 22, “Iowa Minority Grants for Economic Success (IMAGES),” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.213 through 256.217.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission is rescinding Chapter 22 pursuant to Executive Order 10. The Iowa Minority Grants for Economic Success program has not received an appropriation in over two decades and is not operational. There is no benefit of the chapter.

#### *Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking*

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025, as **ARC 9487C**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 9, 2025
- September 10, 2025

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

#### *Adoption of Rulemaking*

This rulemaking was adopted by the Commission on October 31, 2025.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rulemaking will become effective on December 31, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **283—Chapter 22**.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Adopted and Filed**

#### **Rulemaking related to the chiropractic loan forgiveness program**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby rescinds Chapter 33, “Chiropractic Loan Forgiveness Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.205.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission rescinds Chapter 33 pursuant to Executive Order 10. The Chiropractic Loan Forgiveness Program has not received an appropriation since FY 2010 and is not operational. There is no further benefit of the chapter.

#### *Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking*

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025, as **ARC 9488C**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 9, 2025
- September 10, 2025

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

#### *Adoption of Rulemaking*

This rulemaking was adopted by the Commission on October 31, 2025.

### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

### *Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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### *Effective Date*

This rulemaking will become effective on December 31, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **283—Chapter 33**.

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Administrative Rules for Notice

### Recommended Action:

- Rescind Chapter 1, "Organization and Operations," Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 2, "Commission Procedure for Rulemaking and Petitions for Rulemaking," Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 3, "Declaratory Orders," Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 4, "Due Process" and Chapter 5, "Contested Cases," Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new Chapter 4 "Due Process and Contested Cases".
- Rescind Chapter 6, "Public Records and Fair Information Practices," Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 7, "Uniform Rules for Waivers," Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 21, "Approval of Postsecondary Schools," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopt a new chapter with the same title.
- Create a new Chapter 19, "Court Reporter Equipment Grant Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Amend subchapters 12.2 (256) and 12.5(3), "Iowa Tuition Grant Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Rescind Chapter 24, "Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Rescind Chapter 31, "Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Create new Chapter 17, "Health Care Professional Incentive Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Amend Chapter 20, "Iowa National Guard Benefits Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to organization and operation and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 1, “Organization and Operations,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to rescind and adopt a new Chapter 1 pursuant to Executive Order 10. New Chapter 1 is proposed to ensure the Commission illustrates the organizational structure for the Commission as a bureau within the Iowa Department of Education and illustrates specific provisions related to the Commission Board.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on September 11, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 9, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

David Ford

Department of Education, Bureau of Iowa College Aid

Grimes State Office Building

400 East 14th Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Phone: 515.901.9924

Fax: 515.242.5988

Email: [david.ford@iowa.gov](mailto:david.ford@iowa.gov) or administrative rules website at [rules.iowa.gov](http://rules.iowa.gov)

### *Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

December 16, 2025

Room B50

4 to 4:30 p.m.

Grimes State Office Building

Des Moines, Iowa

December 17, 2025

Room B50

9 to 9:30 a.m.

Grimes State Office Building

Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

#### *Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 283—Chapter 1 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

#### CHAPTER 1

#### ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

**283—1.1(256) Purpose.** This chapter describes the organization, operation, and location of the college student aid commission (hereinafter generally referred to as the commission).

**283—1.2(261) Organization and operations.**



**1.2(1)** *Location.* The location and mailing address of the commission are posted on the Iowa department of education website ([educateiowa.gov](http://educateiowa.gov)).

**1.2(2)** *The commission board.* The commission board's membership is governed by Iowa Code section 256.176.

**1.2(3)** *Commission board meetings.*

*a.* A quorum is governed by Iowa Code section 17A.2(1).

*b.* A specific time is set aside at each meeting for the public to address the commission board. As a general guideline, a limit of five minutes will be allocated for each of these presentations. If a large group seeks to address a specific issue, the chairperson may limit the number of speakers. Members of the public who wish to address the commission board during this portion of the meeting are required to notify the commission's administrative secretary prior to the meeting. The person's name and the subject of the person's remarks must be provided. To accommodate maximum public participation, members of the public are encouraged to submit requests at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

**1.2(4)** *Commission.* The commission is established by Iowa Code section 256.176 to perform the function and duties set forth in Iowa Code chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4; Iowa Code chapter 261B; other Iowa Code provisions; and the Iowa Administrative Code. The commission exists as a bureau within the organizational structure of the Iowa department of education.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 256.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to commission procedure for rulemaking and petitions for rulemaking and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 2, “Commission Procedure for Rulemaking and Petitions for Rulemaking,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to rescind and adopt a new Chapter 2 pursuant to Executive Order 10. New Chapter 2 is proposed to explain the rulemaking process.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on September 11, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 9, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

#### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

### *Public Comment*

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### *Public Hearing*

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*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 283—Chapter 2 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 2

COMMISSION PROCEDURE FOR RULEMAKING  
AND PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING

**283—2.1(17A) Incorporation by reference.** The college student aid commission incorporates by this reference all such matters in Iowa Code chapter 17A that deal with rulemaking or petitions for rulemaking.

**283—2.2(17A) Contact information.**

**2.2(1) General.** Petitions for rulemaking and inquiries about commission rules and the rulemaking process may be directed to the Executive Director of the College Student Aid Commission, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146.

**2.2(2) Comments on proposed rules.** Any public comment on a Notice of Intended Action or similar document may be directed to the Executive Director of the College Student Aid Commission, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146, or as directed in the Notice of Intended Action or similar document.

**2.2(3) Petitions for rulemaking.** A petition for rulemaking that substantially conforms to the following form will be considered by the commission:

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Petition by (Name of Petitioner)  
for the Adoption/Amendment/Repeal of  
(Cite rule involved).

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**283—2.3(17A) Electronic submissions.** The department encourages electronic submissions of documents under this chapter, including documents bearing electronic signatures. More information is available in the administrative rules content on the Iowa department of education's website ([educateiowa.gov](http://educateiowa.gov)).

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.178 and chapter 17A.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to declaratory orders and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 3, “Declaratory Orders,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to rescind and adopt a new Chapter 3 pursuant to Executive Order 10. New Chapter 3 is proposed to explain the declaratory order process.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on September 11, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 9, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

#### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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December 17, 2025

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Des Moines, Iowa

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Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 283—Chapter 3 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 3

DECLARATORY ORDERS

The college student aid commission adopts, with the exceptions and amendments noted in rule 283—3.1(17A), the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to declaratory orders, which are published at [www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf) on the general assembly's website.

**283—3.1(17A) Additional information concerning declaratory orders.** For purposes of the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to declaratory orders, the following amendments and exceptions apply:



1. In lieu of “(designate agency)”, insert “college student aid commission”.
  2. In lieu of “(designate office)”, insert “Grimes State Office Building, Second Floor, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146”.
  3. In lieu of “\_\_\_\_\_ days (15 or less)”, insert “15 days”.
  4. In lieu of “\_\_\_\_\_ days”, insert “15 days”.
  5. In lieu of “(designate official by full title and address)”, insert “Executive Director of the College Student Aid Commission, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Second Floor, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146”.
  6. In lieu of “(specify office and address)”, insert “Executive Director of the College Student Aid Commission, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Second Floor, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146”.
  7. Method of service, time of filing, proof of mailing, the date of issuance of an order, and a refusal to issue an order are governed by 283—Chapter 4.
- These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.9.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to due process and contested cases and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 4, “Due Process” and Chapter 5, “Contested Cases,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new Chapter 4 “Due Process and Contested Cases”.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to rescind Chapters 4 and 5 and adopt a new Chapter 4 pursuant to Executive Order 10. Proposed Chapter 4 is proposed to consolidate the provisions from the two existing chapters. Proposed Chapter 4 explains the appeal process and contested case hearings.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on September 11, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 9, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

#### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

#### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

#### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

#### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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#### *Public Hearing*

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	Des Moines, Iowa

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#### *Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 283—Chapter 4 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

#### CHAPTER 4

#### DUE PROCESS AND CONTESTED CASES

**283—4.1(256) Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter:

*“Commission”* means the college student aid commission.

*“Waiver”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(5).

**283—4.2(256) Appeals.** This rule describes procedures for appeal to commission decisions covering eligibility for state financial aid awards, adjustment in award amounts, refunds of awards, and institutional eligibility for participation in state financial aid programs.

**4.2(1)** Administrative staff of the commission shall make all decisions in accordance with established policies and published administrative rules approved by the commission and shall notify the concerned individual or institution of these decisions within a reasonable time after inquiry.

**4.2(2)** If an individual, institution, or any duly appointed representative thereof disagrees with a staff decision, written evidence setting forth the reasons for disagreement shall be presented to the executive director of the commission. The evidence must be presented within 60 days after notification of the staff decision, and the appellant may request a hearing.

*a.* If no hearing is requested, the executive director will consider all evidence provided and will notify the appellant within 30 days whether the decision is retracted, modified or upheld. The appellant will be advised of the appellant’s right to carry the appeal to a meeting of the full commission or to an appeals panel appointed by the commission.

*b.* If a hearing is requested, the executive director will follow the contested case procedures in rule 283—4.3(17A).

**283—4.3(17A) Incorporation by reference.** The commission adopts, with the exceptions and amendments noted in rule 283—4.4(17A), the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to contested cases, which are published at [www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf) on the general assembly’s website.

**283—4.4(17A) Additional information concerning contested cases.** For purposes of the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to declaratory orders, the following amendments and exceptions apply:

1. In lieu of“(agency name)”, insert “college student aid commission”.
2. In lieu of“(designate official)”, insert “Executive Director”.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.178 and chapter 17A.

ITEM 2. Rescind and reserve **283—Chapter 5.**

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to public records and fair information practices and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 6, “Public Records and Fair Information Practices,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to rescind Chapter 6 and adopt a new Chapter 6 pursuant to Executive Order 10. New Chapter 6 is proposed to explain the process of requesting and obtaining public records from the Commission.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on September 11, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 9, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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Email: [david.ford@iowa.gov](mailto:david.ford@iowa.gov) or administrative rules website at [rules.iowa.gov](http://rules.iowa.gov)

### *Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:



December 16, 2025  
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Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 283—Chapter 6 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 6

PUBLIC RECORDS AND FAIR INFORMATION PRACTICES

The commission hereby adopts, with the following exceptions and amendments, the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure relating to public records and fair information practices, which

are published at [www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/Rules/Current/UniformRules.pdf) on the general assembly's website.

**283—6.1(17A,22) Exceptions and additions.**

**6.1(1)** *Definition of “agency.”* In lieu of the words “(official or body issuing these rules)”, insert “college student aid commission”.

**6.1(2)** *Request for access to record.* In subrule X.3(1), replace the paragraph with “Requests for access to records of the college student aid commission are to be directed to the Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146, regardless of where those records are located.”

**6.1(3)** *Office hours.* In lieu of the words “(insert customary office hours and, if agency does not have customary office hours of at least thirty hours per week, insert hours specified in Iowa Code section 22.4)” in subrule X.3(2), insert “8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays”.

**6.1(4)** *Fees.* In paragraph X.3(7) “c,” in lieu of the words “(specify time period)”, insert “one hour”. The fee will be \$60 per hour.

**6.1(5)** *Procedure by which additions, dissents, or objections may be entered into certain records.* In rule X.6, in lieu of the words “(designate office)”, insert “the executive director of the college student aid commission”.

**6.1(6)** *Consent to disclosure by the subject of a confidential record.* In rule X.7, add the following paragraphs:

**X.7(1)** A letter from a subject of a confidential record to a public official who seeks the official's intervention on behalf of the subject in a matter that involves the agency may to the extent permitted by law be treated as an authorization to release sufficient information about the subject to the official to resolve the matter.

**X.7(2)** The subject of a confidential record may file a written request to review confidential records about that person as provided in rule 281—5.6(22,256). However, the agency need not release records to the subject in the following circumstances:

- a.* The identity of a person providing information to the agency need not be disclosed directly or indirectly to the subject of the information when the information is authorized to be held confidential pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7(18) or other provision of law.
- b.* Records need not be disclosed to the subject when the records are the work product of an attorney or are otherwise privileged.
- c.* Peace officers' investigative reports may be withheld from the subject, except as provided by the Iowa Code. More information can be found in Iowa Code section 22.7(5).
- d.* As otherwise authorized by law.

**X.7(3)** Where a record has multiple subjects with interest in the confidentiality of the record, the agency may take reasonable steps to protect confidential information relating to another subject.

**283—6.2(22,256) Disclosures without the consent of the subject.**

**6.2(1)** Records that are not confidential are routinely disclosed without the consent of the subject.

**6.2(2)** Records that are confidential will be disclosed outside of the commission only with the consent of the subject of the record or in circumstances in which consent of the subject is not legally necessary.

**6.2(3)** Confidential records may be disclosed without consent of the subject to the extent allowed by law and to the extent to which the need to access the record is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected. Purposes that fall within this guideline are considered routine uses of confidential records. Under these premises, the following are considered routine uses:

*a.* Disclosure to officers, employees, and agents of the commission who have a need for the record in the performance of their employment duties. The custodian of the record may, upon request of an officer or employee or on the custodian's own initiative, determine what constitutes legitimate need to use a confidential record.

*b.* Transfers of information within the commission, to other state agencies, or to local units of government, as appropriate, to administer the program for which the information is collected.

## **283—6.3(17A,22) Availability of records.**

**6.3(1)** This rule lists the commission records that are open to the public, those that are confidential, and those that are partially open and partially confidential.

**6.3(2)** Commission records are listed by category, according to the legal basis for confidential treatment (if any). The commission administers federally funded programs, as well as state programs, and is authorized by Iowa Code section 22.9 to enforce confidentiality standards for federal law and regulations as are required for receipt of the funds. A single record may contain information from several categories.

**6.3(3)** The chart indicates whether the record contains personally identifiable information and indicates the legal authority for confidentiality and for the collection of personally identifiable information.

Abbreviations are used in the chart as follows:

Code	Meaning	Code	Meaning
O	The records are open for public inspection.	O/C	The record is partially open and p
C	The records are confidential and are not open to public inspection.	O/E	The record is p partially exempt from c

E	<p>The record is exempt from mandatory disclosure to members of the public.</p>	O/E/C	<p>The record is p exempt from disclosu open to the public.</p>
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E/C	<p>The record is exempt from mandatory disclosure to the public and is confidential and not open to public inspection.</p>	NA	<p>Not applicable.</p>
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DESCRIPTION OF RECORD	TYPE OF RECORD		LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONFIDENTIALITY	PERSONAL INFORMATION
Records of Commission, Advisory Council, and Committees	O/E		Iowa Code <u>21.5</u>	
Rule Making	O		NA	
Declaratory Ruling Records	O/C		Iowa Code <u>22.7</u>	
Rules and Policy Manuals	O		NA	
General Correspondence	O/E/C		Iowa Code <u>22.7</u>	
Publications	O		NA	
• General				
• GSL				
• Scholarship				
Statistical Reports	O		NA	

Staff Reports	O	NA
Financial & Administrative Records	O/E/C	Iowa Code <u>22.7</u>
Registration and Approval Records	O	NA
Contracts and Interagency Agreements	O/C	Iowa Code <u>22.7(3)</u>
Sealed Bids Prior to Public Opening	C	Iowa Code <u>22.3</u> , <u>22.7</u> and <u>72.3</u>
Appeal Records	O/C	Iowa Code <u>22.7</u>
Litigation Files	O/E/C	Iowa Code <u>22.7</u>
Privileged Communication and Products of Attorneys Representing the Commission	E/C	Iowa Code <u>22.7</u> , Iowa Code of Professional Responsibility for Lawyers, Canon 4
Individual Applicant/Recipient Records (such as those collected under the Iowa Tuition Grant and Iowa Vocational- Technical Tuition Grant Programs)	C	Iowa Code <u>22.7</u>
State and Federal Program Records (such as those maintained under the Iowa Tuition Grant Program and the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program)	O	NA

**283—6.4(22,256) Applicability.** This chapter does not:

**6.4(1)** Compel the commission to create a record that does not otherwise exist.

**6.4(2)** Require the commission to index or retrieve records that contain information about individuals by that person's name or other personal identifier.

**6.4(3)** Make available to the general public records that would otherwise not be available under Iowa Code chapter 22.

**6.4(4)** Govern the maintenance, disclosure or notification of or access to records in the possession of the commission that are governed by the rules of another agency.

**6.4(5)** Apply to grantees, including local governments or subdivisions thereof, administering state-funded programs, unless otherwise provided by law or agreement.

**6.4(6)** Make available records compiled by the commission in reasonable anticipation of court litigation or formal administrative proceedings. The availability of such records to the general public or to any individual or party subject to such litigation or proceedings is governed by applicable legal and constitutional principles, statutes, rules of discovery, evidentiary privileges, and applicable rules of the commission.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to uniform rules for waivers and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 7, “Uniform Rules for Waivers,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new chapter with the same title.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.178.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to rescind Chapter 7 and adopt a new Chapter 7 pursuant to Executive Order 10. New Chapter 7 is proposed to explain the rule waiver process to constituents.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on September 11, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 20, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- September 9, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.



### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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### *Public Hearing*

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*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 283—Chapter 7 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 7

WAIVERS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

**283—7.1(17A) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter:

“*Commission*” means the college student aid commission.

“*Waiver*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section [17A.9A\(5\)](#).

**283—7.2(17A) General.** The commission may grant a waiver of any administrative rule if the waiver is consistent with Iowa Code section 17A.9A.

**283—7.3(17A) Criteria for waiver.** In response to a petition filed pursuant to this chapter, the commission may in its sole discretion issue an order waiving in whole or in part the requirements of a rule if the commission finds, based on clear and convincing evidence, that all of the factors listed in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(2) apply.

**283—7.4(17A) Filing of petition.** All petitions for waiver are submitted in writing to the Executive Director, College Student Aid Commission, Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146. If the petition relates to a pending contested case, the petition is filed in the contested case proceeding using the caption of the contested case.

**283—7.5(17A) Content of petition.** A petition for waiver includes the following information where applicable and known to the requester:

**7.5(1)** The name, address, and telephone number of the person for whom a waiver is being requested, and the case number of any related contested case.

**7.5(2)** A description and citation of the specific rule from which a waiver is requested.

**7.5(3)** The specific waiver requested, including the precise scope and duration.

**7.5(4)** The relevant facts that the petitioner believes would justify a waiver under the criteria described in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(2). This statement includes a signed statement from the petitioner attesting to the accuracy of the facts provided in the petition and a statement of reasons that the petitioner believes will justify a waiver.

**7.5(5)** A history of any prior contacts between the commission and the petitioner relating to the commission's programs, contracts, allocations, loans, grants or other activities in which the petitioner has participated or from which the petitioner has received a benefit that are affected by the proposed waiver, including a description of each affected item held by the

requester and any notices of violation or noncompliance, contested case hearings, or investigative reports relating to the item within the last five years.

**7.5(6)** A detailed statement of the impact on student achievement for any person affected by the granting of a waiver.

**7.5(7)** Any information known to the requester regarding the commission's treatment of similar cases.

**7.5(8)** The name, address, and telephone number of any person or entity that would be adversely affected by the granting of a petition.

**7.5(9)** The name, address, and telephone number of any person with knowledge of the relevant facts relating to the proposed waiver.

**7.5(10)** Signed releases of information authorizing persons with knowledge regarding the request to furnish the commission with information relevant to the waiver.

**283—7.6(17A) Additional information.** Prior to issuing an order granting or denying a waiver, the executive director may request additional information from the petitioner relative to the petition and surrounding circumstances. If the petition was not filed in a contested case, the commission or its executive director may, on its own motion or at the petitioner's request, schedule a telephonic or in-person meeting between the petitioner and the commission's executive director, a committee of the commission's staff, or a quorum or committee of the commission's board to consider the petition for waiver.

**283—7.7(17A) Notice.** The commission will acknowledge a petition upon receipt and ensure that, within 30 days of the receipt of the petition, notice of the pendency of the petition and a concise summary of its contents have been provided to all persons to whom notice is necessary by any provision of law. In addition, the commission may give notice to other persons. To accomplish this notice provision, the commission may require the petitioner to serve the

notice on all persons to whom notice is required by any provision of law and provide a written statement to the commission attesting that notice has been provided.

**283—7.8(17A) Hearing procedures.** The provisions of Iowa Code sections 17A.10 through 17A.18A regarding contested case hearings apply in three situations:

**7.8(1)** To any petition for a waiver filed within a contested case,

**7.8(2)** When provided by rule or order, or

**7.8(3)** When required to do so by statute.

**283—7.9(17A) Ruling.** An order granting or denying a waiver will be in writing and will contain a reference to the particular person and rule or portion thereof to which the order pertains, a statement of the relevant facts and reasons upon which the action is based, and a description of the precise scope and operative period of any waiver issued.

**7.9(1) General.** The final decision on whether the circumstances justify the granting of a waiver is in the sole discretion of the commission, based on the unique, individual circumstances set out in the petition.

**7.9(2) Compliance with Iowa Code standards.** The commission applies the standards and burdens in Iowa Code section 17A.9A(3).

**7.9(3) Administrative deadlines.** When the rule from which a waiver is sought establishes administrative deadlines, the commission will balance the special individual circumstances of the petitioner with the overall goal of uniform treatment of all similarly situated persons.

**7.9(4) Narrowly tailored exception.** A waiver, if granted, shall provide the narrowest exception possible to the provisions of a rule.

**7.9(5) Time period of waiver.** A waiver shall not be permanent unless the petitioner can show that a temporary waiver would be impracticable. If a temporary waiver is granted, there is no automatic right to renewal. At the sole discretion of the commission, a waiver may be renewed if the commission finds that grounds for a waiver continue to exist.

**7.9(6) *Time for ruling.*** The commission will grant or deny a petition for a waiver as soon as practicable but, in any event, within 120 days of its receipt unless the petitioner agrees to a later date. However, if a petition is filed in a contested case, the commission will grant or deny the petition no later than the time at which the final decision in that contested case is issued. Failure of the commission to grant or deny a petition within the required time period is deemed a denial of that petition by the commission. However, the commission remains responsible for issuing an order denying a waiver.

**7.9(7) *Service of order.*** Within seven days of its issuance, any order issued under this chapter is to be transmitted to the petitioner or the person to whom the order pertains, and to any other person entitled to such notice by any provision of law.

**283—7.10(17A) Public availability.** The commission will comply with the public availability and filing procedures of Iowa Code section 17A.9A(4).

**283—7.11(17A) After issuance of a waiver.**

**7.11(1) *Cancellation.*** A waiver issued pursuant to this chapter may be withdrawn, canceled or modified if, after appropriate notice and hearing, the commission issues an order finding any of the following:

a. The petitioner or the person who was the subject of the waiver order withheld or misrepresented material facts relevant to the propriety or desirability of the waiver; or

b. The alternative means for ensuring that public health, safety and welfare will be adequately protected after issuance of the waiver order have been demonstrated to be insufficient; or

c. The subject of the waiver order has failed to comply with all conditions contained in the order.

**7.11(2) *Violations.*** A violation of conditions in the waiver approval is the equivalent of a violation of the particular rule for which the waiver is granted. As a result, the recipient of a

waiver under this chapter who violates a condition of the waiver may be subject to the same remedies or penalties as a person who violates the rule at issue.

**7.11(3)** *Defense.* After the commission issues an order granting a waiver, the order is a defense within its terms and the specific facts indicated therein for the person to whom the order pertains in any proceeding in which the rule in question is sought to be invoked.

**7.11(4)** *Judicial review.* Judicial review of the commission's decision to grant or deny a waiver petition may be taken in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to approval of postsecondary schools and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 21, “Approval of Postsecondary Schools,” Iowa Administrative Code, and adopt a new chapter with the same title.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178, 256.177(7), 255.177(12), 261B.3, 261B.5, 261B.8, and 261G.5.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 256.177(7), 256.177(12), 261B.3, 261B.5, 261B.8 and 261G.5 and 34 CFR 600.9.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to rescind and adopt a new Chapter 21 pursuant to Executive Order 10. New Chapter 21 is proposed to establish standards, procedures, and oversight mechanisms by which the Commission reviews, approves, monitors, renews, or revokes the registration of postsecondary institutions seeking to operate in Iowa or participate in interstate reciprocity agreements.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on September 29, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*



A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 17, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 7, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

#### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

#### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

#### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

#### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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### *Public Hearing*

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*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 283-Chapter 21, and adopt the following **new** chapter 21 in lieu thereof:

## CHAPTER 21

### APPROVAL OF POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS

**283—21.1 (261B,261G,714) Postsecondary registration, exception to registration, and participation in the commission-approved reciprocity agreement.** The college student aid commission authorizes postsecondary schools to operate in Iowa and offer postsecondary programs to Iowans pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 261B and 261G and 34 CFR 600.9 as of July 1, 2025.

**283—21.2(261B,261G) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

*“Interstate reciprocity agreement”* means the agreement the commission has entered into in order to participate in interstate reciprocity under Iowa Code chapter 261G.

*“Postsecondary school”* means an entity that meets any of the following provisions:

1. Meets the conditions in Iowa Code section 261B.2(5)“a” and “c.”
2. Provides a postsecondary course of instruction leading to a credential.

*“Postsecondary school closure”* means a precipitous or abrupt closure of a postsecondary school, Iowa site, or program during a semester, school period, or term of enrollment that leaves students without an option to complete the courses or program they started and with no ability to receive credit.

“*Presence*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 261B.2 and described in Iowa Code section 261B.3(1).

“*State authorization*” means the process by which a postsecondary school must seek the commission’s approval to operate in Iowa or offer a postsecondary course of instruction to Iowans through registration under Iowa Code chapter 261B or an exception to registration under Iowa Code section 261B.11. Postsecondary schools that are approved by the commission to operate in Iowa or offer a postsecondary course of instruction to Iowans shall receive an official written approval notification issued by the commission. This notification shall identify the institution by name as an educational institution.

## **283—21.3(261B,261G) State authorization types and requirements.**

### **21.3(1) *Registration.***

*a. Qualifying postsecondary schools.* A degree-granting postsecondary school whose operation is primarily outside of the state but that has a presence in Iowa, or an Iowa-originating postsecondary school that does not qualify for an exception under Iowa Code section 261B.11 and that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education or its successor agency, will register with the commission. A postsecondary school that qualifies for an exception from registration may voluntarily submit an application under subrule 21.3(1). In addition, qualifying postsecondary schools that meet the following conditions must register to offer postsecondary education programs to Iowans:

(1) Provide distance education programs to Iowans in which the student participates in a structured field experience at a location in Iowa that is a required component of the distance education program.

(2) Compensate a party to recruit Iowans, the recruiter maintains an Iowa address, and the recruitment activities are not solely occasional or short-term events, such as college fairs

or conferences.

*b. Requirements.* Qualifying postsecondary schools must submit information required in Iowa Code sections 256.177(7) and 261B.4 and other information requested by the commission. The commission may require a qualifying postsecondary school to submit a new application if there is a change in ownership or governance or an amendment to an existing application. In addition, a qualifying postsecondary school must:

(1) Certify to the commission that the qualifying postsecondary school's approval to operate in a state has not been revoked by the state, the qualifying postsecondary school has not been sanctioned by a state within a year prior to the date of its application, and the qualifying postsecondary school is not under investigation or bound by the terms of a judgment issued by a state's attorney general or other enforcement authority. The postsecondary school will immediately notify the commission of any pending or final sanction by an accrediting agency, state entity, state attorney general, or other enforcement authority.

(2) Certify that it is not subject to a limitation, suspension, or termination order issued by the United States Department of Education or its successor agency. The applicant postsecondary school shall provide the commission with a copy of the postsecondary school's current program participation agreement with the United States Department of Education or its successor agency.

(3) Employ at least one full-time Iowa faculty member or one program or student services coordinator at the Iowa location who is devoted to Iowa students if the postsecondary school operates a location or administrative office at a fixed location in Iowa.

(4) Provide the commission with institutional policies adopted by the postsecondary school that comply with the requirements of Iowa Code section 256.183(1) "e" through "h" and "k."

1. For a program in which a student's academic progress is measured only in clock

hours, the postsecondary school shall provide a full refund of tuition and mandatory fees to a student who withdraws and who requests that benefit under Iowa Code section 256.183(1) “g” for the payment period in which the student withdrew. The payment period is determined under rules promulgated by the United States Department of Education for the disbursement of federal Stafford loan funds.

2. The employee policy for reporting suspected incidents of child physical or sexual abuse required by Iowa Code section 256.183(1) “h” shall apply to individuals the postsecondary school compensates to conduct activities on the postsecondary school’s behalf at an Iowa location.

(5) For a covered institution under Iowa Code chapter 261F, adopt a code of conduct that complies with Iowa Code section 261F.2.

(6) For a covered institution under Iowa Code chapter 261F that offers a preferred lender list, the list meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 261F.6.

(7) Provide documentation demonstrating that a program that prepares a student for an occupation that requires professional licensure in Iowa and that the postsecondary school proposes to offer under its registration:

1. Has been approved by the appropriate state of Iowa licensing agency and accrediting agency, if such approval is required, or,

2. Meets curriculum standards of the appropriate state of Iowa licensing agency such that the state of Iowa licensing agency does not require the student to complete additional coursework or practicum hours that the postsecondary school did not offer in its professional licensure preparation program.

(8) Have procedures for the preservation of student academic transcripts for a minimum period of 50 years from the point of withdrawal from or completion of the credential and publish contact information to be used by students and graduates who seek to obtain transcript

information.

(9) Provide a complaint process for students to file a complaint about the postsecondary school. The postsecondary school must prominently provide on its website the link to the commission's web page for student complaints. The student must complete the postsecondary school's internal complaint or grievance process and receive a decision before filing a complaint with the commission.

(10) Comply with provisions of Iowa Code sections 714.18, 714.19, 714.23, 714.24, and 714.25, if applicable.

(11) Commit to meeting the provisions of rule 283-21.5 (261B,261G) and to providing a teach-out plan or providing alternatives for students to complete their programs at other postsecondary schools and ensuring students have continued access to their transcripts if the postsecondary school closes, discontinues a program, or closes an Iowa site before students have completed their program of study.

*c. Limitations and denials.*

(1) A postsecondary school must meet, to the satisfaction of the commission, all requirements identified in paragraph 21.3(1)“b”.

(2) Pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.177(7), a nonpublic postsecondary school that is required to register under subrule 21.3(1) must demonstrate that its most recent, official federal financial composite score, as calculated using the method prescribed by the United States Department of Education, is at least 1.0. A postsecondary school that does not participate in the postsecondary student financial aid programs authorized by the United States Department of Education demonstrates that its financial responsibility composite score is official by providing written confirmation of its composite score from its independent auditor. For postsecondary institutions owned and controlled by another entity, the relevant composite score will be the composite score of the parent entity, as identified by the United States

Department of Education. A postsecondary school that fails to demonstrate a federal financial composite score of at least 1.0 for two successive years may be subject to restrictions on new Iowa enrollments, may be required to provide a teach-out plan pursuant to subparagraph 21.3(1)“b”(11), or may be required to secure a letter of credit in an amount equal to 10 percent of the tuition charged to Iowa residents during the most recently completed fiscal year.

(3) The commission may take action that includes but is not limited to limiting a postsecondary school’s program offerings or enrollment or denying or revoking the postsecondary school’s registration as a result of any of the following:

1. An adverse notice, warning, or other sanction issued by the postsecondary school’s accrediting agency.

2. An adverse action or sanction issued by the United States Department of Education.

3. A publicly announced lawsuit filed by a state agency, a state attorney general’s office, or another enforcement authority.

4. A judgment issued by a state attorney general’s office or another enforcement authority.

5. Repeated complaints about a postsecondary school received from the postsecondary school’s students by the commission, by another state, or by a state attorney general’s office.

6. Failure to pay fees due to the commission in accordance with rule 283-21.4(261B,261G).

7. Failure to provide responses to any of the requirements in paragraph 21.3(1)“b” or provide evidence substantiating the postsecondary school’s compliance with those requirements.

8. Other actions deemed by the commission as significant evidence that the postsecondary school should not be allowed to operate under this chapter.

*d. Exceptions.* Notwithstanding paragraph 21.3(1)“a”, a nonaccredited postsecondary



school may qualify for provisional registration if the postsecondary school is authorized under subrule 21.3(2), the postsecondary school is actively seeking accreditation to offer degrees, and the accreditor requires state authorization approval before accreditation approval.

**21.3(2) *Exception from registration.***

*a. Qualifying postsecondary schools.* A postsecondary school that meets an exception in Iowa Code section 261B.11, meets the requirements of paragraph 21.3(2)“b”, and has a physical location in the state of Iowa must apply for an exception from registration.

*b. Requirements.* A qualifying postsecondary school must submit information requested by the commission. In addition, a qualifying postsecondary school must meet the following conditions:

(1) If the postsecondary school offers a course of instruction leading to a degree, with the exception of a postsecondary school that qualifies for an exception under Iowa Code section 261B.11(1)“h,” the postsecondary school is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or its successor agency and will notify the commission of any negative changes to its accrediting status.

(2) The postsecondary school adopts institutional policies that comply with the requirements of subparagraph 21.3(1)“b”(4).

(3) The postsecondary school has procedures for the preservation of student academic transcripts for a minimum period of 50 years from the point of withdrawal from or completion of the credential and publishes contact information to be used by students and graduates who seek to obtain transcript information.

(4) A covered institution under Iowa Code chapter 261F adopts a code of conduct that complies with Iowa Code section 261F.2.

(5) If a covered institution under Iowa Code chapter 261F offers a preferred lender list, the list meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 261F.6.

(6) The postsecondary school provides a complaint process for students to file a complaint pursuant to subparagraph 21.3(1)“b”(9).

(7) The postsecondary school complies with provisions of Iowa Code sections 714.18, 714.19, 714.23, 714.24, and 714.25, if applicable.

*c. Limitations and denials.* The commission may take action that includes but is not limited to restricting a postsecondary school’s program offerings or enrollment or denying or revoking the postsecondary school’s authorization for failure to demonstrate to the commission that the postsecondary school qualifies for the exception and meets consumer protection standards established by the commission.

**21.3(3) Commission-approved interstate reciprocity agreement.**

*a. Qualifying postsecondary schools.* A participating resident institution pursuant to Iowa Code section 261G.2 that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education or its successor agency may qualify to apply to the commission to participate in a commission-approved interstate reciprocity agreement.

*b. Requirements.* A qualifying postsecondary school must be approved under subrule 21.3(1) or subrule 21.3(2), be in compliance with Iowa Code chapters 261B and 261G, and meet the conditions of the interstate reciprocity agreement. In addition, a postsecondary school will prominently disclose on its website the postsecondary school’s participation in the commission-approved interstate reciprocity agreement and provide a process for students to file a complaint pursuant to subparagraph 21.3(1)“b”(9).

*c. Limitations and denials.* A participating nonresident institution pursuant to Iowa Code section 261G.2 is not a postsecondary school that is eligible to apply to the commission to participate in a commission-approved interstate reciprocity agreement under Iowa Code chapter 261G.

**283—21.4(261B,261G) Authorization fees.**

**21.4(1)** A postsecondary school that applies for initial registration as required under subrule 21.3(1) shall remit an initial registration application fee payable to the commission in the amount of \$5,000. This fee is nonrefundable regardless of the commission's decision with respect to the postsecondary school's eligibility for registration in Iowa. A postsecondary school that fails to pay the initial registration application fee shall be denied initial registration consideration.

**21.4(2)** A postsecondary school that is approved under subrule 21.3(1) or 21.3(3) shall remit an annual fee payable to the commission in the amount due on October 15 of each year. If a postsecondary school's authorization terminates during a year, the postsecondary school shall pay the annual fee to the commission if the postsecondary school's approval is valid as of October 15 of that year or on the date the payment is received. The annual fee is nonrefundable and will be assessed based on a postsecondary school's full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment as follows:

- a. Under 2,500 FTE – \$2,000.
- b. 2,500 to 9,999 FTE – \$4,000.
- c. 10,000 FTE or more – \$6,000.

**21.4(3)** A postsecondary school that registers and pays fees under subrule 21.3(1) is not required to pay fees under subrule 21.3(3) if participating in the interstate reciprocity agreement.

**283—21.5(261B,261G) Postsecondary school, Iowa site, or program closure.**

**21.5(1)** A postsecondary school that is approved under subrule 21.3(1) or 21.3(2), or a degree-granting postsecondary school approved pursuant to Iowa Code section 714.18, must notify the commission in writing before the postsecondary school takes action to close the

postsecondary school, close an Iowa site, or discontinue a program that is offered to Iowans.

**21.5(2)** If requested by the commission, the postsecondary school shall provide the following information to the commission:

*a.* The full name, residential address, telephone number, email address, program name, and anticipated graduation date of affected Iowa resident students or, as applicable, affected students at the postsecondary school's Iowa campus(es). The postsecondary school shall organize this list in alphabetical order by student last name.

*b.* Documentation of the postsecondary school's proposed notice to students.

*c.* The postsecondary school's specific plan to provide alternatives for affected students to complete the programs offered under the postsecondary school's state authorization, and any external approvals of the plan if applicable.

*d.* The postsecondary school's plan for storage and retrieval of student transcript information pursuant to subparagraphs 21.3(1)"*b*"(8) and 21.3(2)"*b*"(3).

*e.* Specific information about how the postsecondary school will provide transitional support to affected students.

*f.* Contact information for the specific entity and individual who will accept responsibility for all of the following:

(1) Ensuring that unearned federal student aid is returned to the United States Department of Education on a timely basis.

(2) Finalizing student account records and providing copies of the students' final account statements to the students and, upon request, to the commission.

(3) Collecting outstanding bills a student owes to the postsecondary school for tuition and other educational expenses.

(4) Collecting on private education loans or other institutional loans made to students by the postsecondary school and, if applicable, the postsecondary school's private preferred

lender(s).

(5) Responding to inquiries from students, parents, and the commission.

**21.5(3)** An authorized postsecondary school that has a continuous corporate surety bond in effect pursuant to Iowa Code section 714.18 will maintain the bond until the last currently enrolled Iowa student graduates or withdraws.

**21.5(4)** If the commission takes action to discontinue a postsecondary school's program, close a postsecondary school's Iowa site, or terminate a postsecondary school's operation in Iowa pursuant to subparagraph 21.3(1)"c"(3), the postsecondary school shall provide to the commission the information in subrule 21.5(2) and shall be subject to the requirements of subrule 21.5(3).

**283—21.6(261B,261G) Postsecondary school closures.** In the event of a postsecondary school closure, the commission may use unobligated funds from the postsecondary registration fund, pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8, to assist impacted eligible students.

**21.6(1) *Eligible students.*** The provisions of this rule apply to Iowa resident students who were enrolled in a postsecondary educational program that leads to a recognized educational credential or were on an approved leave of absence at the time of a postsecondary school closure.

**21.6(2) *Assistance to impacted eligible students.*** The commission may provide the following forms of assistance to eligible students impacted by a postsecondary school closure:

*a.* Procure, evaluate, and store records needed to establish the validity of claims against a postsecondary school for failure to faithfully perform all contracts and agreements.

*b.* Pay institutional charges on behalf of Iowans who enrolled at the school.

*c.* Support an arrangement in which the postsecondary school provides its current students with the opportunity to complete the students' courses of study after the postsecondary school closes, including any activities designed to facilitate the transition of such students to another

postsecondary educational institution.

*d.* Pay private educational loan debt incurred by Iowans for attendance at the postsecondary school during the enrollment term that the college closes.

*e.* Reimburse Iowans who enrolled at the postsecondary school for other financial loss, as determined by the commission.

**21.6(3) *Claims process.*** An eligible student making a claim for reimbursement under paragraph 21.16(2) “*b*,” “*d*,” or “*e*” must contact the commission within six months of the postsecondary school closure for a claim form and provide the following supporting information and documentation:

- a.* Proof of enrollment at the time of postsecondary school closing.
- b.* Proof of attendance at the time of postsecondary school closing.
- c.* Proof of Iowa residency at the time of postsecondary school closing.
- d.* Proof of payment of private educational loan debt, tuition, fees, or other financial loss as determined by the commission.
- e.* Any other documentation to support a student’s claim of enrollment, attendance, or payment.

**21.6(4) *Approval process.*** The commission will review a claim and the supporting information and documentation submitted by each eligible student seeking reimbursement under this rule. The commission may delay approval of claims for a period not to exceed one year from the date of the postsecondary school closure to ensure all claims related to a postsecondary school closure are received.

**21.6(5) *Awarding of approved claims.***

- a.* All claims for reimbursement shall be submitted and approved within one year of the date of the postsecondary school closure.
- b.* Claims for reimbursement will first be made against the postsecondary school’s surety

bond.

c. If the postsecondary school's surety bond is insufficient to provide reimbursement to all approved claims, the postsecondary registration fund, pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8, may be used to reimburse any remaining approved claims.

In no case will the total approved claims related to a single postsecondary school closure exceed one-half of the unobligated balance in the postsecondary registration fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8. If the postsecondary registration fund is insufficient to cover the full amount of all approved claims, the commission shall develop a method of allocating the funds to eligible students.

**21.6(6) *Appeal process.*** The procedures set forth in 283—Chapter 4 will be followed in the event of an appeal to a decision by the commission.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 256, 261B, and 261G.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to court reporter equipment grant program and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to create a new Chapter 19, “Court Reporter Equipment Grant Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178 and 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 647, division VI

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.231 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 647, division VI

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes a new Chapter 19 pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 647, division VI. The proposed rulemaking defines key terms used in this Chapter, outlines the eligibility requirements for applicants, and explains the process used to award grants under the program.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on October 14, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 17, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 7, 2025



No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

#### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

#### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

#### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

#### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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#### *Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

December 16, 2025	Room B50
4 to 4:30 p.m.	Grimes State Office Building
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December 17, 2025	Room B50
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Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** 283-Chapter 19:

CHAPTER 19  
COURT REPORTER EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

**283—19.1(261) Basis for aid.** Assistance available under the court reporter equipment grant program is for students who are enrolled in a court reporter program at an eligible college or university.

**283—19.2(261) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

“*Approved program*” means a court reporter program that meets the definition of an eligible program of study in 283—Chapter 10.

“*Eligible institution*” means a community college established under Iowa Code chapter 260C, an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents, or an accredited private institution as defined in Iowa Code section 256.183.

“*Iowa resident*” means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256).

“*Semester*” means the fall, spring, or summer term of enrollment at an eligible institution, if the eligible institution is on a semester system, or the equivalent, if the institution is on a system other than a semester system.

**283—19.3(261) Eligible applicant.** An eligible applicant is enrolled in an approved program at an eligible institution and completes the applications the college student aid commission (commission) deems necessary on or before the date established by the commission.

**283—19.4(261) Awarding of funds.**

**19.4(1)** *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

**19.4(2)** *Extent of award and maximum award.* The maximum award will be established annually by the commission, but will not exceed \$2,000 annually.

**19.4(3)** *Priority for awards.* In the event that funds available are insufficient to provide maximum awards to all eligible applicants, awards are prioritized in the following order:

*a.* Eligible applicants who are Iowa residents, are in their first year in the approved program, and are employed in a court-related job, by application date.

*b.* Eligible applicants who are not Iowa residents, are in their first year in the approved program, and are employed in a court-related job, by application date.

*c.* Eligible applicants who are Iowa residents, are not in their first year in the approved program, and are employed in a court-related job, by application date.

*d.* Eligible applicants who are not Iowa residents, are not in their first year in the approved program, and are employed in a court-related job, by application date.

**19.4(4)** *Awarding process.*

*a.* The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria and maximum award to participating eligible institutions annually to authorize awarding.

*b.* Eligible institutions will inform students applying for admission to the approved program of the availability of the court reporter equipment grant program.

*c.* The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards

*d.* Eligible institutions will verify eligible applicants’ enrollment in the approved program following institutional verification of enrollment.

*e.* Eligible applicants will submit documentation of their court reporter equipment or software purchase to the commission.

*f.* The commission will reimburse the eligible applicant for court reporter equipment or software purchases in the amount of the maximum award specified under subrule 19.4(2).

*g.* The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.231 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 647, division VI, and this rule.

**283—19.5(261) Institutional application process.** Following the first year of administration of the court reporter equipment grant program by the commission, an institution requesting to participate in the program will apply to the commission using the commission's designated application. An applicant institution will provide the commission with documentation establishing the applicant institution's eligibility as an eligible institution that offers an approved program. Applicant institutions will submit the application and documentation establishing the applicant institution's eligibility before October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which the applicant institution is applying for participation.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.231 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 647, division VI.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to Iowa tuition grant program and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend subchapters 12.2 (256) and 12.5(3), “Iowa Tuition Grant Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.189.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 256.183 through 256.190.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 12 pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 295. The proposed amendments replace references to the Higher Learning Commission with the broader accreditation authority enacted in House File 295. In addition, the rulemaking proposes a technical clarification to the definition of “program of study” to align the administrative rule language with the operation of the program.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on October 14, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 17, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 7, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

#### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

#### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

#### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

#### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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#### *Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

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Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

#### *Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 283—12.2(256), definitions of “located in Iowa” and “program of study”, as follows:

“*Located in Iowa*” means a college or university is accredited by ~~the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools~~ a federally

recognized accreditor of postsecondary educational institutions, has made a substantial investment in a permanent Iowa campus and staff, and offers a full range of courses leading to the degrees offered by the institution as well as a full range of student services.

*“Program of study”* means the same as defined in rule 283—10.2(256), except that the program of study must lead to an undergraduate degree or an initial teaching license in Iowa.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 12.5(3) as follows:

**12.5(3) *Ongoing eligibility.*** An accredited private institution that is participating in the Iowa tuition grant program will immediately notify the commission if its ~~higher learning commission accreditation~~ federally recognized accreditation as a postsecondary educational institution or 501(c)(3) status is lost, or if the accredited private institution will fail to meet the necessary institutional match. Failure to meet any provision in Iowa Code sections 256.183 through 256.190 or this rule may result in the immediate cessation of the institution’s participation in the Iowa tuition grant and in the institution returning Iowa tuition grant funds to the commission.



## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to the rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 24, “Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178 and 256.221

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 256.221.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program (Iowa Code section 256.221) was repealed on July 1, 2025, by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, so there is no further benefit of Chapter 24, which is proposed to be rescinded.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on October 14, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 17, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 7, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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### *Public Hearing*

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

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Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

Item 1. Rescind and reserve 283-Chapter 24.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to the mental health professional loan repayment program and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 31, “Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178 and 256.225.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 256.225.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (Iowa Code section 256.225) was repealed on July 1, 2025, by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, so there is no further benefit of Chapter 31, which is proposed to be rescinded.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on October 14, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 17, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 7, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

Item 1. Rescind and reserve 283-Chapter 31.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to health care professional incentive program and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to create new Chapter 17, “Health Care Professional Incentive Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178 and 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, division IV.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, division IV.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes new Chapter 17 “Health Care Professional Incentive Program,” pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, division IV. The rulemaking defines key terms used in this Chapter and explains the process used to award grants under the program.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on October 27, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 21, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

#### *Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

#### *Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

#### *Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

#### *Public Comment*

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** 283—Chapter 17:

#### CHAPTER 17 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

##### **283—17.1(256) Definitions.**

“Award” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.222 as enacted by 2025 Iowa

Acts, House File 972. The applicant will select the award type on the initial application and may change that choice if provided to the commission in writing.

*“Eligible applicant”* means an individual who is an eligible health care professional or agrees to become an eligible health care professional, agrees to sign a program agreement, has not received an award under Iowa Code section 256.222(4) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972, and agrees to complete the obligation. The eligible applicant completes applications on or before the date established by the commission.

1. The program agreement specifies the obligation and other details pertaining to the program.

2. The obligation is fulfilled by serving clients in eligible practice areas on a full-time basis for five consecutive years or on a part-time basis for seven consecutive years. Progression toward completion of the obligation is verified annually.

*“Eligible health care professional”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.222 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972. The eligible health care professional must be licensed or board-certified to practice as an eligible health care professional before the obligation begins.

*“Eligible practice area”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256.222 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972. After an eligible applicant signs an agreement to practice in an eligible practice area, subsequent changes to eligible practice areas will not impact that applicant’s continued eligibility for the program.

*“Part-time”* means an average of at least 30 hours, but fewer than 40 hours, per week.

## **283—17.2(256) Awarding of funds.**

**17.2(1) Award designations.** The commission will establish the number of awards and maximum award amounts for each eligible health care profession prior to the fiscal year in which applications will be accepted and awards obligated.

**17.2(2) Selection criteria.** All eligible applicants will be considered for an award. Awards will be prioritized within each eligible health care profession according to subrule 17.2(3).

**17.2(3) Priority for awards.** If funding is insufficient to award all eligible applicants, new awards will be made to eligible applicants in order of the following priority categories:

- a. Eligible applicants who are in their final year of a program of study or of a clinical or residency program that leads to their full license to practice on a full-time basis as an eligible health care professional in an eligible practice area. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized by the date of application.

- b. Eligible applicants who are fully licensed eligible health care professionals but who agree to continue or begin full-time practice as eligible health care professionals on a full-time basis in eligible practice areas within six months of signing a program agreement. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized by the date of application.

- c. Eligible applicants who are in their final year of a program of study or clinical or residency program that leads to their full license to practice on a part-time basis as an eligible health care professional in an eligible practice area. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants

meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized by the date of application.

*d.* Eligible applicants who are fully licensed eligible health care professionals but who agree to continue or begin full-time practice as eligible health care professionals on a part-time basis in eligible practice areas within six months of signing a program agreement. If funds are insufficient to award all eligible applicants meeting these criteria, eligible applicants will be further prioritized by the date of application.

**17.2(4) *Awarding process.***

*a.* The commission will provide notice of the eligibility criteria, the anticipated number of awards to be made in each eligible health care profession, the maximum award amount in each eligible health care profession and the application process annually.

*b.* The commission will collect applications, designate eligible applicants for awards and notify applicants of their eligibility.

*c.* The commission will track eligible applicants selected to receive awards through completion of their obligation. An obligation is satisfied if completed according to the criteria in Iowa Code section 256.222 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972 and this rule.

*d.* Upon verifying completion of the obligation with the eligible health care professional's employer on an annual basis, the commission will pay the annual award.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.222 as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 972.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

### **Notice of Intended Action**

#### **Proposing rulemaking related to Iowa national guard benefits program and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 20, “Iowa National Guard Benefits Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

#### *Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.178 and 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 117.

#### *State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 117.

#### *Purpose and Summary*

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 20 pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 117. The proposed amendments add a definition for “educational programs” to clarify eligibility for scholarships and benefits and create a new Iowa National Guard Service Professional Qualification Scholarship designed to assist Guard members in pursuing professional credentials and qualifications necessary for specific occupations.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on October 27, 2025.

#### *Regulatory Analysis*

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The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** definition of “Educational program,” in rule **283—20.1(256)**:

*“Educational program”* means a program of study that is approved by the adjutant general and leads to a credential as described in Iowa Code section 256.210A as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 117.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following **new** rule 283—20.4(256):

**283—20.4(256) Iowa national guard service professional qualification scholarship.** In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Iowa Code section 256.210(6) to provide an eligible member of the Iowa national guard who is enrolled in an educational program that meets the criteria of section 256.210A as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 117, this rule will be used to administer authorized scholarships. The adjutant general will select program recipients, select educational programs, and authorize scholarship awards under this rule. The decision of the adjutant general is final.

**20.4(1) *Eligible applicant.*** An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident, as determined by the adjutant general, who enrolls in an educational program at an eligible institution and who meets the award eligibility criteria approved by the adjutant general and the following provisions:

*a.* Completes the applications the Iowa national guard deems necessary on or before the date established by the Iowa national guard, except that an individual who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline will have 30 days to apply upon return to Iowa from active duty.

*b.* Meets the eligibility criteria in Iowa Code section 256.210A(2) as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 117; meets satisfactory academic progress standards; and maintains satisfactory performance of duty upon return from initial active duty training, including attending a minimum of 90 percent of scheduled drill dates and attending annual training.

**20.4(2) *Awarding of funds.***

*a. Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

*b. Maximum award and extent of award.* The adjutant general will determine the amount and extent of awards eligible applicants can receive.

(1) The maximum award will not exceed the maximum award established by the adjutant general or the tuition and testing fees charged to the eligible applicant by the eligible institution, whichever is lower.

(2) Scholarship awards within a term of enrollment will be reported to the commission within the state-defined payment period.

*c. Awarding process.* The commission adopts the awarding process in paragraph 20.2(2)“c” with the following exceptions:

(1) In lieu of “Iowa Code section 256.210(5) in subparagraph 20.2“c”(4), insert “paragraph 20.4(2)“b””.

(2) In lieu of “Iowa Code section 256.210” in subparagraph 20.2(2)“c”(7), insert “Iowa Code section 256.210A as enacted by 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 117”.

These rules are intended to implement 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 117.



# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Postsecondary Readiness Report

Jay Pennington, Division Administrator, will provide a presentation on Iowa's 2025 Postsecondary Readiness Report.

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Treasurer's Office

Molly Widen, Chief of Staff, from the Treasurer's Office will provide a presentation on the Guaranty Agency Operating fund.

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Staff Reports

The following staff will provide reports to the Commission:

Bureau Chief Ford

- Scholarships & Grants
- Postsecondary Authorization

Section Chief Sibaouih

- Iowa College and Career Readiness Academy
- Local College Access Networks
- Course to College
- Course to College Corps
- GEAR UP Iowa

Bureau Chief Ford

- Commissioner Training Requirement
- Financial Report

**Bureau of Iowa College Aid Board of Commissioners  
Postsecondary Authorization  
October 31, 2025**

The Postsecondary Authorization Staff have the following noncontroversial authorization application updates since the last written report to Commissioners for the meeting on September 5, 2025.

**Applications from Postsecondary Registered Schools (Iowa Code 261B)**

Out-of-State Postsecondary Registration Approvals

California State University - Northridge  
Concordia University  
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences  
Walden University

Out-of-State Postsecondary Registration Applications under Review

South University  
University of Massachusetts Global

Postsecondary Registration Applications Received and Pending Review

NA

*Postsecondary registration evaluation reports for approved schools are available upon request.*

## **Applications from Postsecondary Schools Participating in SARA (Iowa Code 261G)**

### Iowa SARA Approvals

Central College  
Emmaus University  
Loras College  
Maharishi International University  
Wartburg Theological Seminary  
University of Iowa

### Iowa SARA Applications under Review

Des Moines University  
University of Northern Iowa

### Iowa SARA Applications Received and Pending Review

NA

## **Applications from Postsecondary Schools Exempt from Registration (Iowa Code 261B.11)**

### Iowa Exempt School Approvals

Corridor CDL Training\*  
Des Moines University  
Divine Word College  
Emmaus University  
La James College of Hairstyling  
Phlebotomy Training Specialists  
(The) Salon Professional Academy  
World of Beauty Academy

### Iowa Exempt School Applications under Review

ART of Homecare Training\*  
Cornerkutz Barber College's 9\*  
ecFirst.com\*  
Faust Institute of Cosmetology  
Iowa School of Construction  
Mercy / St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology  
Wartburg College  
Zeal Salon Spa Academy

### Iowa Exempt School Applications Received and Pending Review

Free Grace Bible College  
Unity Point Health School of Rad Tech

\*new school applications

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission

## Strategic Reserve Fund 0163 Reconciliation

**Beginning Balance as of 07-01-2025**

**\$20,770,714**

**REVENUES:**

Federal Support:

GEAR UP 2.0	4,133.99
GEAR UP 3.0	48,880.71
GEAR UP 2.0 Scholarship	110,422.80
GEAR UP 3.0 Scholarship	-
Intra-State Transfers - SLFRF, ICAPS, GUFR SLFRF	15,851.67
Non Gov Support	-
Gov Transfer In Other Agencies- AmeriCorps	19,381
Interest	149,483.02
Fees, Licenses & Permits	
Other	-

**TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED:**

**\$348,153**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Salary and Benefits	469,706.53
Travel/State Vehicle	23,680.12
Supplies/Memberships	9,056.20
Printing/Postage	997.77
Communications (ICN, Cell Phone)	520.50
Rentals	23,865.46
Outside Services/Sub Grant Pymts	41,896.10
Intra-State Transfers (GU3.0 Scholarships)	-
Advertising & Publicity	-
Reimb to Other Agencies (Workers Comp)	2,268.31
ITD Reimbursement (eDAS)	47,932.93
IT Outside Services (ICAPS)	-
Gov Transfer Other Agencies/Indirect Costs	-
Equipment/Software	4,218.20
State Aid/Transfer to Trust Acct (GU3.0)	-
Aid to Individuals (Scholarships)	-

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:**

**(\$624,142)**

**Ending Balance as of 9/30/25**

**\$20,494,725**

***Net change to Guaranty Agency Operating Fund***

**(\$275,989)**

**Bankers Trust GEAR UP Trust Fund Balance on 9/30/25**

**\$3,949,930**

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Committee Reports

Commissioner Stork will present updates from the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Shull will present updates from the Program Oversight Committee.

Commissioner Sloniker will present updates from the Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee.

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Stork will solicit comments from the Board.



# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

## Adjournment

Commissioner Stork will seek a motion to adjourn the meeting.