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Senate Bill 555 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Philip E. Hoffman
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 208 of 1964, which provides for scholarships to students enrolled in postsecondary education institutions, to make ineligible for that aid a person who was subject to a court order denying a Federal benefit due to the conviction of any State or Federal offense for the distribution or possession of controlled substances. The person would not be eligible for the financial aid for the duration of the court order. The bill refers to Federal benefits as described in the Federal Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act.

(Under the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, "Federal benefit" means the issuance of any grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States. "Federal benefit" does not include any retirement, welfare, Social Security, health, disability, veterans benefit, public housing, or other similar benefit, or any other benefit for which payments or services are required for eligibility.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

There could be additional administrative costs for the Department of Treasury to determine if an individual was subject to a court order under the Federal Controlled Substances Act. The \$29,428,197 level of FY 1997-98 State funding for State Competitive Scholarships would not be affected other than by a possible redistribution of funds to eligible students. The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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