

Bill of the Week

Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs Financial Aid (HF 2250)

The bill allows the Iowa College Student Aid Commission to give financial aid to individuals with learning disabilities who are enrolled in a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary program.

✔ Key Points and Impacts

- The Iowa Tuition Grant is managed through the Iowa College Student Aid Commission (CSAC). Students with disabilities are not currently allowed to apply for a grant to help them pay for a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) program.
- This bill would allow students with disabilities to apply for the Iowa Tuition Grant to help pay tuition at CTP program.
- The bill only applies to Iowa residents who show they have a financial need and are seeking higher education through an Iowa-based CTP.
- To qualify for a grant, the CTP program must be approved by the United States Department of Education.
- The total grant amount could not be more than the tuition and mandatory fees for two semesters (or the equivalent).
- This bill would provide access to financial support not currently available for Iowans with developmental, intellectual, and learning disabilities who want to attend a CTP program in Iowa.

About the Sponsor



Rep. Chad Ingels is from Fayette. He represents Fayette County and parts of Black Hawk and Buchanan Counties. He serves on the Agriculture, Economic Growth/Technology, Education, and Veterans Affairs Committees.

🔊 Facts at a Glance

- CTP Programs are postsecondary certificate programs for students with developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and learning disabilities. They are located on public, private, and community college campuses.
- The programs help students develop independent living, job development, and self-advocacy skills that will help them find and prepare for their chosen career.
- There are currently six CTP programs in Iowa, three of which are accredited and approved by the US Department of Education. They include [REACH](#) at the University of Iowa, [NEXT](#) at Northwestern College, and [EDUCATE](#) at North Iowa Community College.
- CTP tuition costs are frequently more than the same college's traditional bachelor's or associate degree programs. CTP programs can vary from 2, 3, or 4 years.
- Traditional loans and grants are not available for students in CTP programs because they are certificate programs and not degree programs.

