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HB1256

Introduced 02/08/11, by Rep. Marlow H. Colvin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2705/2705-587 new

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to create the Diversity in Engineering Scholarship Program. Defines "targeted group member" as a person belonging to a class of race, color, or sex, whose percent of the workforce within the Department's professional classification which includes civil engineers is less than that class's percent of the statewide labor market for such job activities as recorded in the Department's annual affirmative action plan. Defines "eligible student" as a targeted group member who: (i) is an Illinois resident at the time of scholarship application; (ii) is enrolled full-time at any Illinois college or university in any program leading toward a degree in civil engineering; (iii) agrees to conditions required by the Department, including the obligation to work for the Department after graduation if a position is offered for at least one year for each academic year the student receives a scholarship. Provides that the Department of Transportation, subject to appropriation, shall award scholarships to up to 20 students each year in the amount of no more than \$7,500 per academic year. Provides that the Department shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer the scholarship program.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 2705-587 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-587 new)

8 Sec. 2705-587. Diversity in Engineering scholarship
9 program.

10 (a) The Diversity in Engineering scholarship program is
11 created to assist in increasing the representation of targeted
12 group members within civil engineer job classifications in
13 which targeted group members are underutilized by the
14 Department.

15 (b) For purposes of this Section:

16 "Targeted group member" means a person belonging to a
17 class of race, color, or sex, whose percent of the
18 workforce within the Department's professional
19 classification which includes civil engineers is less than
20 that class's percent of the statewide labor market for such
21 job activities as recorded in the Department's annual
22 affirmative action plan.

23 "Eligible student" means a targeted group member who:

1 (i) is an Illinois resident at the time of application for
2 a scholarship under the Program established by this
3 Section; (ii) is enrolled full-time at any Illinois college
4 or university in any program leading toward a degree in
5 civil engineering; (iii) agrees to conditions required by
6 the Department, including the obligation to work for the
7 Department after graduation if a position is offered for at
8 least one year for each academic year the student receives
9 a scholarship.

10 (c) The Department, subject to appropriation, shall award
11 scholarships to up to 20 selected eligible students each year,
12 unless no targeted group members are identified by the
13 Department's affirmative action plan. Scholarships issued
14 pursuant to this Section shall not exceed \$7,500 per academic
15 year.

16 (d) The Department shall promulgate rules to implement and
17 administer the scholarship program created by this Section.