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SENATE BILL 335: Budget Technical Corrections & Study, Sec. 2.12: Exclusion of Estate Distributions for Income Calculation for Opportunity Scholarship Grants

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Analysis of: Sec. 2.12 of S.L. 2018-97

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OVERVIEW: Sec. 2.12 of S.L. 2018-97 prohibits the inclusion of any distribution from the estate of a decedent in calculating the income level of the household of an applicant for an opportunity scholarship for the purposes of determining income eligibility for that scholarship grant. Opportunity scholarship grants provides funds for tuition at nonpublic schools for students residing in a household with an income level not in excess of 133% of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program and meeting certain other criteria.

This section became effective June 26, 2018, and applies to any student who was otherwise eligible to receive an opportunity scholarship on or after January 1, 2017, for any scholarship application for the 2018-2019 school year or later. A student who becomes eligible for a scholarship in the 2018-2019 school year solely due to the change in law created by this section must receive first priority in award of scholarships in the same manner as those previously awarded scholarships.

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