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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2969

AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2969 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by changing Section 9.28 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.28)

Sec. 9.28. Graduation incentive grant program.

(a) The graduation incentive grant program is hereby created. The program shall be implemented and administered by the Board of Higher Education to provide grant incentives to public universities that offer their undergraduate students contracts under which the university commits itself to provide the courses, programs, and support services necessary to enable the contracting students to graduate within 4 years. Grants shall be awarded from appropriations made to the Board of Higher Education for purposes of this Section.

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- (b) To be eligible for grant consideration, a public university shall annually file a report with the Board of Higher Education detailing its 4-year graduation contract program. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following information: the number of undergraduate students participating in the program, the requirements of the 4-year graduation contracts offered by the university, the types of additional support services provided by the university to the contracting students, and the cost of the program.
 - (c) In awarding grants to public universities under this Section, the Board of Higher Education may consider each applicant's report data, the number of institutions wishing to participate, and such other criteria as the Board of Higher Education determines to be appropriate.
 - (d) If money is appropriated for grants under this Section for the current fiscal year, the The Board of Higher Education shall annually submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a budgetary recommendation for grants under this Section for the upcoming fiscal year and shall notify applicants for grant assistance that the award of grants under this Section for that upcoming fiscal year is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.
- 23 (e) The Board of Higher Education may adopt such rules as 24 it deems necessary for administration of the grant program 25 created by this Section.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 90-750, eff. 8-14-98; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)".