

HB1606



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 2/1/2023, by Rep. Cyril Nichols

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/23 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to implement and administer a program, beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, to award grants to Illinois residents seeking a associate degree, certificate, or diploma from a public community college. Sets forth the terms and conditions of the program. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by adding Section 23 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/23 new)

7 Sec. 23. Public community college tuition grant program.

8 (a) The Commission shall implement and administer a
9 program, beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, to award
10 grants to all eligible Illinois residents seeking a associate
11 degree, certificate, or diploma from a public community
12 college. The following terms and conditions shall apply to the
13 program:

14 (1) To be eligible for a grant, a student must be
15 admitted to and enrolled as a Illinois resident in a
16 public community college.

17 (2) Students applying for a grant shall complete the
18 grant application in their initial year of enrollment.
19 Students shall complete the Free Application for Federal
20 Student Aid each academic year in which they seek to
21 receive a grant.

22 (3) To continue to receive a grant, a student must
23 maintain Illinois residency.

1 (4) Each academic year, subject to appropriation, a
2 grant shall be equal to the cost of tuition and mandatory
3 fees at the public community college.

4 (5) A student awarded a grant who has an approved
5 medical or personal leave of absence from a public
6 community college may continue to receive the grant upon
7 resuming the student's education at a public community
8 college so long as the student continues to meet all
9 applicable eligibility requirements under this Section and
10 as adopted by the Commission.

11 (6) A student is eligible for a grant until the
12 student has earned an associate degree, certificate, or
13 diploma from a public community college.

14 (b) The Commission may adopt any rules necessary to
15 implement this Section.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.