

# HB2032



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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/35

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Monetary Award Program.

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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 changing Section 35 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/35)

7 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

8 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and ~~and~~  
9 consider applications for grant assistance under this Section.  
10 Subject to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an  
11 applicant is eligible for a grant under this Section when the  
12 Commission finds that the applicant:

13 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or  
14 permanent resident of the United States; and

15 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be  
16 deterred by financial considerations from completing an  
17 educational program at the qualified institution of his or  
18 her choice.

19 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the  
20 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that  
21 the applicant:

22 (1) has remained a student in good standing;

23 (2) remains a resident of this State; and

1           (3) is in a financial situation that continues to  
2           warrant assistance.

3           (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and  
4           necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant  
5           amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of  
6           the following amounts:

7                 (1) \$4,968, or such lesser amount as the Commission  
8                 finds to be available, during an academic year; or

9                 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters  
10                tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the  
11                institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

12               (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be  
13                appropriate in view of the applicant's financial  
14                resources.

15           "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section  
16           include the customary charge for instruction and use of  
17           facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged  
18           for specified purposes, which are required generally of  
19           nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the  
20           grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees  
21           payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent  
22           deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The  
23           Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this  
24           Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of  
25           tuition and other necessary fees.

26           (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving

1 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary  
2 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a  
3 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit  
4 hours of award payments.

5 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to  
6 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with  
7 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission  
8 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent  
9 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

10 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit  
11 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited  
12 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended  
13 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program  
14 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary  
15 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current  
16 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

17 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is  
18 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students  
19 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program  
20 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.  
21 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance  
22 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,  
23 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of  
24 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary  
25 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

26 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and

1 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit  
2 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this  
3 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such  
4 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

5 (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to  
6 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer  
7 students who have attained an associate degree.

8 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to  
9 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have  
10 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a  
11 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and  
12 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

13 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all  
14 eligible students.

15 (Source: P.A. 92-45, eff. 7-1-01; 93-1032, eff. 9-2-04.)