



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2635

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/36

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Silas Purnell Illinois Incentive for Access grant program.

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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 36 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/36)

7 Sec. 36. Silas Purnell Illinois Incentive for Access grant  
8 program.

9 (a) The ~~The~~ Commission each year shall determine  
10 eligibility for the Illinois Incentive for Access grant from  
11 applications received for Monetary Award Program grant  
12 assistance under Section 35 of this Act. An applicant shall be  
13 determined as eligible for an Illinois Incentive for Access  
14 grant under this Section when the Commission finds that the  
15 applicant:

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

18 (2) has limited personal or family financial resources  
19 available for expenditure on educational expenses, as  
20 defined by current federal student financial aid  
21 methodology;

22 (3) has not already received a baccalaureate degree;

23 and

1           (4) is enrolled at least one-half time as a freshman  
2           undergraduate student at an approved Illinois institution  
3           of higher learning participating in the Monetary Award  
4           Program administered by the Commission.

5           (b) Subject to a separate appropriation made for purposes  
6           of awarding grants under this Section, Illinois Incentive for  
7           Access grants shall be paid in multiple disbursements as  
8           determined by the Commission (i) in an amount not to exceed  
9           \$1,000 per applicant per year for applicants with an expected  
10          family contribution of \$0, as defined by current federal  
11          student aid methodology, and (ii) in an amount not to exceed  
12          \$500 for applicants with an expected family contribution of  
13          \$500 or less but more than \$0, as defined by current federal  
14          student aid methodology. In awarding grants, the Commission  
15          shall give priority to applicants with an expected family  
16          contribution of \$0. No recipient may receive a grant under this  
17          Section for more than 2 semesters or 3 quarters of award  
18          payments.

19          (c) Eligibility for grants awarded under this Section shall  
20          be determined solely on the basis of the financial resources of  
21          the applicant and the applicant's family. Cost of attendance at  
22          the institution in which the applicant is enrolled shall not  
23          affect eligibility for an award, except that State student  
24          financial assistance awarded under this Act, including the  
25          Illinois Incentive for Access award, may not exceed the  
26          institution's cost of attendance.

1           (d) The Commission shall notify applicants that grant  
2 assistance is contingent upon availability of appropriated  
3 funds.

4           (e) The Commission shall submit a written evaluation of the  
5 Illinois Incentive for Access program to the Governor, the  
6 General Assembly, and the Board of Higher Education on or  
7 before October 1, 1999, including a report of the progress made  
8 toward the goal of increasing the access and retention rates  
9 for Illinois Incentive for Access grant recipients.

10       (Source: P.A. 93-455, eff. 7-1-04.)