

HB5039



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/7/2012, by Rep. Michael P. McAuliffe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/55

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. In a Section concerning a police officer or fire officer survivor grant, provides that, with respect to disabled police and fire officers, natural children need not be born before the disability occurred in order to receive the grant. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 55 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/55)

7 Sec. 55. Police officer or fire officer survivor grant.
8 Grants shall be provided for any spouse, natural child, legally
9 adopted child, or child in the legal custody of police officers
10 and fire officers killed or permanently disabled with 90% to
11 100% disability in the line of duty while employed by, or in
12 the voluntary service of, this State or any local public entity
13 in this State. Beneficiaries need not be Illinois residents at
14 the time of enrollment in order to receive this grant. With
15 respect to disabled police and fire officers, natural children
16 need not be born before the disability occurred in order to
17 receive this grant. Beneficiaries are entitled to 8 semesters
18 or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees at
19 any State-sponsored Illinois institution of higher learning
20 for either full or part-time study, or the equivalent of 8
21 semesters or 12 quarters of payment of tuition and mandatory
22 fees at the rate established by the Commission for private
23 institutions in the State of Illinois, provided the recipient

1 is maintaining satisfactory academic progress. This benefit
2 may be used for undergraduate or graduate study. The benefits
3 of this Section shall be administered by and paid out of funds
4 available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide
5 applicant without the requirement of demonstrating financial
6 need to qualify for those benefits.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-670, eff. 12-22-99.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.