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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5671

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5671 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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) In this Section:

9 "Dependent college student" means a traditional student
10 attending an institution of higher learning who depends on his
11 or her family for financial support. Students who are not
12 presumed to be independent college students under this
13 subsection (a) are presumed, for the purposes of this Section,
14 to be dependent on their families for financial support.

15 "Independent college student" means a non-traditional
16 student attending an institution of higher learning who does

1 not depend on his or her family for financial support. Students
2 who are orphans, 24 years of age or older, married, or in the
3 military or who have a child and contribute to more than half
4 of the child's support are presumed, for the purposes of this
5 Section, not to be dependent on their families for financial
6 support.

7 "Tuition and other necessary fees" includes the customary
8 charge for instruction and use of facilities in general and the
9 additional fixed fees charged for specified purposes, which are
10 required generally of nongrant recipients for each academic
11 period for which the grant applicant actually enrolls, but does
12 not include fees payable only once or breakage fees and other
13 contingent deposits that are refundable in whole or in part.
14 The Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with
15 this Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation
16 of tuition and other necessary fees.

17 (a-5) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider
18 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject
19 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is
20 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission
21 finds that the applicant:

22 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or
23 permanent resident of the United States; ~~and~~

24 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be
25 deterred by financial considerations from completing an
26 educational program at the qualified institution of his or

1 her choice; ~~and-~~

2 (3) beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, with
3 respect to an applicant who is a freshman dependent college
4 student, has achieved at least an ACT college entrance exam
5 score of 15 or a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a
6 4.0 scale or its equivalent in high school.

7 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
8 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
9 the applicant:

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

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

12 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
13 warrant assistance.

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

18 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
19 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
20 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
21 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
22 academic year;

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

26 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be

1 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
2 resources.

3 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for
4 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)
5 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
6 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
7 this subsection (c).

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

19 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving
20 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary
21 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a
22 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit
23 hours of award payments.

24 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
25 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with
26 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission

1 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent
2 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

3 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit
4 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited
5 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended
6 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program
7 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary
8 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current
9 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

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

19 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and
20 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit
21 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this
22 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such
23 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

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

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

6 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
7 eligible students.

8 (h) The Commission shall establish a pilot program in 2013
9 to set aside \$10,000,000 in Monetary Award Program grant funds
10 for independent college students who apply after the Monetary
11 Award Program's suspension date. If the Commission determines
12 that the pilot program is successful, then it shall recommend
13 to the General Assembly that the program continue.

14 (Source: P.A. 95-917, eff. 8-26-08.)".