

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/8) (from Ch. 23, par. 5008)

7 Sec. 8. Scholarships and fee waivers. Each year the
8 Department may select from among the youth ~~children~~ under care,
9 youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth ~~or~~
10 ~~children~~ formerly under care who have been adopted or are in a
11 guardianship placement ~~the subsidized guardianship program~~, a
12 maximum of 48 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of
13 veterans) who have earned a high school diploma from a public
14 school district or a recognized nonpublic school or a
15 certificate of general education development (GED), or who have
16 met the State criteria for high school graduation; the youth
17 ~~completed 4 years in an accredited high school; the children~~
18 selected shall be eligible for scholarships and fee waivers
19 which will entitle them to 4 consecutive years of community
20 college, university, or college education. Selection shall be
21 made on the basis of scholastic record, aptitude, and general
22 interest in higher education. In accordance with this Act,
23 tuition scholarships and fee waivers shall be available to such

1 students at any university or college maintained by the State
2 of Illinois. The Department shall provide maintenance and
3 school expenses, except tuition and fees, during the academic
4 years to supplement the students' earnings or other resources
5 so long as they consistently maintain scholastic records which
6 are acceptable to their schools and to the Department. Students
7 may attend other colleges and universities, if scholarships are
8 awarded them, and receive the same benefits for maintenance and
9 other expenses as those students attending any Illinois State
10 community college, university, or college under this Section.
11 (Source: P.A. 90-608, eff. 6-30-98.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.