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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1710

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1710 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) The ~~The~~ Commission shall, each year, receive 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

1 educational program at the qualified institution of his or
2 her choice.

3 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
4 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
5 the applicant:

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

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

8 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
9 warrant assistance.

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

14 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
15 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
16 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
17 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
18 academic year;

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

22 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be
23 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
24 resources.

25 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for
26 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)

1 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
2 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
3 this subsection (c).

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

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

20 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
21 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with
22 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission
23 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent
24 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

25 (e-5) The General Assembly finds and declares that it is an
26 important purpose of the Monetary Award Program to facilitate

1 access to college both for students who pursue postsecondary
2 education immediately following high school and for those who
3 pursue postsecondary education later in life, particularly
4 Illinoisans who are dislocated workers with financial need and
5 who are seeking to improve their economic position through
6 education. For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, the
7 Commission shall give additional and specific consideration to
8 the needs of dislocated workers with the intent of allowing
9 applicants who are dislocated workers an opportunity to secure
10 financial assistance even if applying later than the general
11 pool of applicants. The Commission's consideration shall
12 include, in determining the number of grants to be offered, an
13 estimate of the resources needed to serve dislocated workers
14 who apply after the Commission initially suspends award
15 announcements for the upcoming regular academic year, but prior
16 to the beginning of that academic year. For the purposes of
17 this subsection (e-5), a dislocated worker is defined as in the
18 federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

19 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit
20 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited
21 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended
22 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program
23 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary
24 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current
25 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

26 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is

1 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students
2 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program
3 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.
4 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance
5 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,
6 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of
7 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary
8 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

9 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and
10 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit
11 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this
12 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such
13 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

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

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

22 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
23 eligible students.

24 (Source: P.A. 98-967, eff. 8-15-14.)".