



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4111

Introduced 10/15/2025, by Rep. Harry Benton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 167/25 new

Amends the Public Higher Education Act. Requires each public institution of higher education in the State to adopt a policy that authorizes a student to withdraw from the public institution of higher education under extenuating circumstances, which shall include a provision to refund a student for tuition and fees and room and board costs paid by the student or the student's family, to be prorated, for the semester during which the student withdraws. Effective January 1, 2027.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 Public Higher Education Act is amended by
5 adding Section 25 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 167/25 new)

7 Sec. 25. Student withdrawal policies and reimbursement.

8 (a) In this Section, "extenuating circumstances" includes,
9 but is not limited to, illness, injury, hospitalization, and
10 mental health and wellness.

11 (b) Each public institution of higher education shall
12 adopt a policy that authorizes a student to withdraw from the
13 public institution of higher education under extenuating
14 circumstances. Withdrawal policies developed under this
15 Section shall include a provision to refund a student for
16 tuition and fees and room and board costs paid by the student
17 or the student's family, to be prorated, for the semester
18 during which the student withdraws if extenuating
19 circumstances inhibit the student's ability to complete the
20 student's education at the public institution of higher
21 education.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January

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