



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
2025 and 2026
HB5696

Introduced 2/19/2026, by Rep. Robyn Gabel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, as follows:

General Funds	\$832,071,600
Other State Funds	\$28,530,000
Federal Funds	<u>\$65,641,100</u>
Total	\$926,242,700

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1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

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

4 ARTICLE 1

5 Section 5. The sum of \$8,997,000, or so much thereof as may
6 be necessary, is appropriated to the Illinois Student
7 Assistance Commission from the General Revenue Fund to meet
8 its operational expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30,
9 2027.

10 Section 10. The following named amount, or so much thereof
11 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
12 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the
13 following purpose:

14 To support outreach, research,

15 and training activities 8,357,000

16 Section 15. The sum of \$221,556,200, or so much thereof as
17 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Illinois Student
18 Assistance Commission from the General Revenue Fund for grant
19 awards to students eligible for the Monetary Award Program, as
20 provided by law, and for agency administrative and operational
21 costs not to exceed 2 percent of the total appropriation for

1 the Monetary Award Program.

2 Section 20. The sum of \$500,000,000, or so much thereof as
3 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Illinois Student
4 Assistance Commission from the Education Assistance Fund for
5 grant awards to students eligible for the Monetary Award
6 Program, as provided by law.

7 Section 25. The sum of \$50,000,000, or so much thereof as
8 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Illinois Student
9 Assistance Commission from the General Revenue Fund for
10 payments to eligible public universities for grants to
11 students pursuant to the AIM HIGH program.

12 Section 30. The sum of \$5,000,000, or so much thereof as
13 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
14 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for payment
15 of the Illinois Veterans' Grants and Illinois National Guard
16 Grants at state-controlled universities for students eligible,
17 as provided by law.

18 Section 35. The sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may
19 be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to
20 the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for costs
21 associated with providing grants to exonerated persons, as
22 provided by law.

1 Section 40. The sum of \$5,000,000, or so much thereof as
2 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Education
3 Assistance Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
4 for financial assistance and administrative costs associated
5 with early childhood programs.

6 Section 45. The sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as
7 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
8 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for costs
9 associated with Social Worker Scholarships and loan repayment
10 assistance.

11 Section 50. The sum of \$7,000,000, or so much thereof as
12 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
13 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for costs
14 associated with the Prepare for Illinois' Future Program.

15 Section 55. The sum of \$26,400, or so much thereof as may
16 be necessary, is appropriated from the Education Assistance
17 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for costs
18 associated with the Veterans' Home Medical Providers' Loan
19 Repayment Program pursuant to Public Act 99-0813.

20 Section 60. The sum of \$400,000, or so much thereof as may
21 be necessary, is appropriated from the Education Assistance

1 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for grants
2 to eligible nurse educators to use for payment of their
3 educational loan pursuant to Public Act 94-1020.

4 Section 65. The following named sums, or so much thereof
5 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated from the
6 Education Assistance Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance
7 Commission for the following purposes:

8 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

9 For the payment of scholarships to students
10 who are children of police officers or
11 firefighters killed in the line of duty,
12 dependents of correctional officers killed
13 or who are or permanently disabled in the
14 line of duty, as provided by law.....1,100,000
15 For the payment of Scholarships under the
16 Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program8,000,000
17 Total \$9,100,000

18 Section 70. The sum of \$10,750,000, or so much thereof as
19 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Education
20 Assistance Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
21 to the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program, as provided
22 by law.

23 Section 75. The sum of \$2,500,000, or so much thereof as

1 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Education
2 Assistance Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
3 to the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program for the
4 Golden Apple Accelerators Program.

5 Section 80. The sum of \$975,000, or so much thereof as may
6 be necessary, is appropriated from the Education Assistance
7 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the
8 Loan Repayment for Teachers Program.

9 Section 85. The sum of \$300,000, or so much thereof as may
10 be necessary, is appropriated from the ISAC Accounts
11 Receivable Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
12 for costs associated with the collection of delinquent
13 scholarship awards pursuant to the Illinois State Collection
14 Act of 1986.

15 Section 90. The sum of \$110,000, or so much thereof as may
16 be necessary, is appropriated to the Illinois Student
17 Assistance Commission from the University Grant Fund for
18 payment of grants for the Higher Education License Plate
19 Program, as provided by law.

20 Section 95. The following named sum, or so much thereof as
21 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois Student
22 Assistance Commission Contracts and Grants Fund to the

1 Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the following
2 purpose:

3 To support outreach, research,	
4 and training activities	5,000,000
5 Community Behavioral Health Care	
6 Provider Loan Repayment Program	<u>7,500,000</u>
7 Total	\$12,500,000

8 Section 100. The following named sum, or so much thereof
9 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Optometric
10 Licensing and Disciplinary Board Fund to the Illinois Student
11 Assistance Commission for the following purpose:

12 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

13 For payment of scholarships for the	
14 Optometric Education Scholarship	
15 Program, as provided by law	50,000

16 Section 105. The following named sum, or so much thereof
17 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the National Guard
18 and Naval Militia Grant Fund to the Illinois Student
19 Assistance Commission for the following purpose:

20 Grants and Scholarships

21 For payment of Illinois National Guard and	
22 Naval Militia Scholarships at	
23 State-controlled universities and public	
24 community colleges in Illinois to students	

1 eligible to receive such awards,
2 as provided by law20,000

3 Section 110. The sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may
4 be necessary, is appropriated from the Golden Apple Scholars
5 of Illinois Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
6 for the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program, as provided
7 by law.

8 Section 115. The following named sums, or so much thereof
9 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the
10 Illinois Student Assistance Commission from the Student Loan
11 Operating Fund for its ordinary and contingent expenses:

12 For Personal Services.....13,538,600
13 For State Contributions to State
14 Employees Retirement System.....7,312,600
15 For State Contributions to
16 Social Security.....1,029,000
17 For State Contributions for
18 Employees Group Insurance.....5,436,800
19 For Contractual Services.....8,374,300
20 For Travel.....311,000
21 For Commodities.....282,200
22 For Printing.....501,000
23 For Equipment.....540,000
24 For Telecommunication Services.....1,377,200

1	For Operation of Auto Equipment.....	38,400
2	For Refunds.....	<u>4,500,000</u>
3	Total	\$43,241,100

4 Section 120. The sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as
5 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Illinois Student
6 Assistance Commission from the Student Loan Operating Fund for
7 costs associated with the Illinois Designated Account Purchase
8 Program.

9 Section 125. The following named sum, or so much thereof
10 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Federal
11 Congressional Teacher Scholarship Program Fund to the Illinois
12 Student Assistance Commission for the following purpose:

13	For transferring repayment funds collected	
14	under the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship	
15	Program to the U.S. Treasury	100,000

16 Section 130. The sum of \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as
17 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Federal Student
18 Incentive Trust Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance
19 Commission for allowable uses of federal grant funds related
20 to college access, outreach, and training, including but not
21 limited to funds received under the federal Gaining Early
22 Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program.

1 Section 135. The sum of \$300,000, or so much thereof as may
2 be necessary, is appropriated from the Federal Student
3 Incentive Trust Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance
4 Commission for the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment
5 Program.

6 Section 140. The sum of \$4,000,000, or so much thereof as
7 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Nursing Dedicated
8 and Professional Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance
9 Commission for expenses related to the Nursing Education
10 Scholarship Law.

11 Section 145. The sum of \$1,100,000, or so much thereof as
12 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Energy Transition
13 Assistance Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
14 for costs associated with providing grants to eligible
15 individuals, for costs pursuant to the Energy Transition Act.

16 Section 150. The sum of \$5,000,000, or so much thereof as
17 may be necessary, is appropriated from the UNCF Scholarship
18 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to grant
19 scholarships to public university and college students for the
20 United Negro College Fund scholarship program.

21 Section 155. The sum of \$5,000,000, or so much thereof as
22 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois DREAM Fund

1 to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to assist in
2 funding scholarships and other statutory responsibilities of
3 the Illinois DREAM Fund Commission.

4 Section 160. The sum of \$350,000, or so much thereof as may
5 be necessary is appropriated from the Illinois Student
6 Assistance Commission Contracts and Grants Fund to the
7 Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the costs
8 associated with the Human Services Loan Repayment program.

9 Section 165. The sum of \$6,000,000, or so much thereof as
10 may be necessary, is appropriated to the Illinois Student
11 Assistance Commission from the Student Loan Operating Fund for
12 ordinary and contingent expenses of operating the Monetary
13 Award Program.

14 Section 170. The sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may
15 be necessary is appropriated from the Education Assistance
16 Fund to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for costs
17 associated with the Human Services Loan Repayment program.

18 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
19 2026.