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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2927

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2927, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 1. Legislative intent. It is the intent of this  
6 Act to increase enrollment at public 4-year universities in  
7 this State by providing those universities with the option for  
8 additional funding through a new, merit-based and means-tested  
9 matching scholarship for Illinois students. It is also the  
10 intent of this Act that any public university participating in  
11 this program should, in its best efforts, attempt to delegate  
12 scholarship funds amongst a racially diverse range of students  
13 and not use a student's race, color, religion, sex (including  
14 gender identity, sexual orientation, or pregnancy), national  
15 origin, age, disability, or genetic information to disqualify  
16 him or her from receiving funds under the program.

1 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
2 amended by changing Section 10 and adding Section 65.100 as  
3 follows:

4 (110 ILCS 947/10)

5 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act, and except to the extent  
6 that any of the following words or phrases is specifically  
7 qualified by its context:

8 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance  
9 Commission created by this Act.

10 "Enrollment" means the establishment and maintenance of an  
11 individual's status as a student in an institution of higher  
12 learning, regardless of the terms used at the institution to  
13 describe that status.

14 "Approved high school" means any public high school located  
15 in this State; and any high school, located in this State or  
16 elsewhere (whether designated as a high school, secondary  
17 school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise) which in the  
18 judgment of the State Superintendent of Education provides a  
19 course of instruction at the secondary level and maintains  
20 standards of instruction substantially equivalent to those of  
21 the public high schools located in this State.

22 "Institution of higher learning", "qualified institution",  
23 or "institution" means an educational organization located in  
24 this State which

25 (1) provides at least an organized 2 year program of

1           collegiate grade in the liberal arts or sciences, or both,  
2           directly applicable toward the attainment of a  
3           baccalaureate degree or a program in health education  
4           directly applicable toward the attainment of a  
5           certificate, diploma, or an associate degree;

6           (2) either is

7                   (A) operated by this State, or

8                   (B) operated publicly or privately, not for  
9           profit, or

10                  (C) operated for profit, provided such for profit  
11           organization

12                   (i) offers degree programs which have been  
13                   approved by the Board of Higher Education for a  
14                   minimum of 3 years under the Academic Degree Act,  
15                   and

16                   (ii) enrolls a majority of its students in such  
17                   degree programs, and

18                   (iii) maintains an accredited status with the  
19                   Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of  
20                   the North Central Association of Colleges and  
21                   Schools;

22           (3) in the judgment of the Commission meets standards  
23           substantially equivalent to those of comparable  
24           institutions operated by this State; and

25           (4) if so required by the Commission, uses the State as  
26           its primary guarantor of student loans made under the

1 federal Higher Education Act of 1965.

2 For otherwise eligible educational organizations which provide  
3 academic programs for incarcerated students, the terms  
4 "institution of higher learning", "qualified institutions",  
5 and "institution" shall specifically exclude academic programs  
6 for incarcerated students.

7 "Academic Year" means a 12 month period of time, normally  
8 but not exclusively, from September 1 of any year through  
9 August 31 of the ensuing year.

10 "Full-time student" means any undergraduate student  
11 enrolled in 12 or more semester or quarter hours of credit  
12 courses in any given semester or quarter or in the equivalent  
13 number of units of registration as determined by the  
14 Commission.

15 "Part-time student" means any undergraduate student, other  
16 than a full-time student, enrolled in 6 or more semester or  
17 quarter hours of credit courses in any given semester or  
18 quarter or in the equivalent number of units of registration as  
19 determined by the Commission. Beginning with fiscal year 1999,  
20 the Commission may, on a program by program basis, expand this  
21 definition of "part-time student" to include students who  
22 enroll in less than 6 semester or quarter hours of credit  
23 courses in any given semester or quarter.

24 "Public university" means any public 4-year university in  
25 this State.

26 "Public university campus" means any campus under the

1 governance or supervision of a public university.

2 (Source: P.A. 90-122, eff. 7-17-97; 91-250, eff. 7-22-99.)

3 (110 ILCS 947/65.100 new)

4 Sec. 65.100. AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program.

5 (a) The General Assembly makes all of the following  
6 findings:

7 (1) Both access and affordability are important  
8 aspects of the Illinois Public Agenda for College and  
9 Career Success report.

10 (2) This State is in the top quartile with respect to  
11 the percentage of family income needed to pay for college.

12 (3) Research suggests that as loan amounts increase,  
13 rather than an increase in grant amounts, the probability  
14 of college attendance decreases.

15 (4) There is further research indicating that  
16 socioeconomic status may affect the willingness of  
17 students to use loans to attend college.

18 (5) Strategic use of tuition discounting can decrease  
19 the amount of loans that students must use to pay for  
20 tuition.

21 (6) A modest, individually tailored tuition discount  
22 can make the difference in a student choosing to attend  
23 college and enhance college access for low-income and  
24 middle-income families.

25 (7) Even if the federally calculated financial need for

1 college attendance is met, the federally determined  
2 Expected Family Contribution can still be a daunting  
3 amount.

4 (8) This State is the second largest exporter of  
5 students in the country.

6 (9) When talented Illinois students attend  
7 universities in this State, the State and those  
8 universities benefit.

9 (10) State universities in other states have adopted  
10 pricing and incentives that allow many Illinois residents  
11 to pay less to attend an out-of-state university than to  
12 remain in this State for college.

13 (11) Supporting Illinois student attendance at  
14 Illinois public universities can assist in State efforts to  
15 maintain and educate a highly trained workforce.

16 (12) Modest tuition discounts that are individually  
17 targeted and tailored can result in enhanced revenue for  
18 public universities.

19 (13) By increasing a public university's capacity to  
20 strategically use tuition discounting, the public  
21 university will be capable of creating enhanced tuition  
22 revenue by increasing enrollment yields.

23 (b) In this Section:

24 "Eligible applicant" means a student from any high school  
25 in this State, whether or not recognized by the State Board of  
26 Education, who is engaged in a program of study that in due

1 course will be completed by the end of the school year and who  
2 meets all of the qualifications and requirements under this  
3 Section.

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

14 (c) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, each public  
15 university may establish a merit-based scholarship pilot  
16 program known as the AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program. Each year,  
17 the Commission shall receive and consider applications from  
18 public universities under this Section. Subject to  
19 appropriation and any tuition waiver limitation established by  
20 the Board of Higher Education, a public university campus may  
21 award a grant to a student under this Section if it finds that  
22 the applicant meets all of the following criteria:

23 (1) He or she is a resident of this State and a citizen  
24 or eligible noncitizen of the United States.

25 (2) He or she files a Free Application for Federal  
26 Student Aid and demonstrates financial need with a

1 household income no greater than 6 times the poverty  
2 guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by  
3 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the  
4 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

5 (3) He or she meets the minimum cumulative grade point  
6 average or ACT or SAT college admissions test score, as  
7 determined by the public university campus.

8 (4) He or she is enrolled in a public university as an  
9 undergraduate student on a full-time basis.

10 (5) He or she has not yet received a baccalaureate  
11 degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit hours.

12 (6) He or she is not incarcerated.

13 (7) He or she is not in default on any student loan or  
14 does not owe a refund or repayment on any State or federal  
15 grant or scholarship.

16 (8) Any other reasonable criteria, as determined by the  
17 public university campus.

18 (d) Each public university campus shall determine grant  
19 renewal criteria consistent with the requirements under this  
20 Section.

21 (e) Each participating public university campus shall post  
22 on its Internet website criteria and eligibility requirements  
23 for receiving awards that use funds under this Section that  
24 includes a range in the sizes of these individual awards. The  
25 criteria and amounts must also be reported to the Commission  
26 and the Board of Higher Education, who shall post the



1 information on their respective Internet websites.

2 (f) After enactment of an appropriation for this Program,  
3 the Commission shall determine an allocation of funds to each  
4 public university in an amount proportionate to the number of  
5 undergraduate students who are residents of this State and  
6 citizens or eligible noncitizens of the United States and who  
7 were enrolled at each public university campus in the previous  
8 academic year. All applications must be made to the Commission  
9 on or before a date determined by the Commission and on forms  
10 that the Commission shall provide to each public university  
11 campus. The form of the application and the information  
12 required shall be determined by the Commission and shall  
13 include, without limitation, the total public university  
14 campus funds used to match funds received from the Commission  
15 in the previous academic year under this Section, if any, the  
16 total enrollment of undergraduate students who are residents of  
17 this State from the previous academic year, and any supporting  
18 documents as the Commission deems necessary. Each public  
19 university campus shall match the amount of funds received by  
20 the Commission with financial aid for eligible students.

21 A public university campus is not required to claim its  
22 entire allocation. The Commission shall make available to all  
23 public universities, on a date determined by the Commission,  
24 any unclaimed funds and the funds must be made available to  
25 those public university campuses in the proportion determined  
26 under this subsection (f), excluding from the calculation those

1 public university campuses not claiming their full  
2 allocations.

3 Each public university campus may determine the award  
4 amounts for eligible students on an individual or broad basis,  
5 but, subject to renewal eligibility, each renewed award may not  
6 be less than the amount awarded to the eligible student in his  
7 or her first year attending the public university campus.  
8 Notwithstanding this limitation, a renewal grant may be reduced  
9 due to changes in the student's cost of attendance, including,  
10 but not limited to, if a student reduces the number of credit  
11 hours in which he or she is enrolled, but remains a full-time  
12 student, or switches to a course of study with a lower tuition  
13 rate.

14 An eligible applicant awarded grant assistance under this  
15 Section is eligible to receive other financial aid. Total grant  
16 aid to the student from all sources may not exceed the total  
17 cost of attendance at the public university campus.

18 (g) All money allocated to a public university campus under  
19 this Section may be used only for financial aid purposes for  
20 students attending the public university campus during the  
21 academic year, not including summer terms. Any funds received  
22 by a public university campus under this Section that are not  
23 granted to students in the academic year for which the funds  
24 are received must be refunded to the Commission before any new  
25 funds are received by the public university campus for the next  
26 academic year.

1       (h) Each public university campus that establishes a  
2 Program under this Section must annually report to the  
3 Commission, on or before a date determined by the Commission,  
4 the number of undergraduate students enrolled at that campus  
5 who are residents of this State.

6       (i) Each public university campus must report to the  
7 Commission the total non-loan financial aid amount given by the  
8 public university campus to undergraduate students in fiscal  
9 year 2018. To be eligible to receive funds under the Program, a  
10 public university campus may not decrease the total amount of  
11 non-loan financial aid for undergraduate students to an amount  
12 lower than the total non-loan financial aid amount given by the  
13 public university campus to undergraduate students in fiscal  
14 year 2018, not including any funds received from the Commission  
15 under this Section or any funds used to match grant awards  
16 under this Section.

17       (j) On or before a date determined by the Commission, each  
18 public university campus that participates in the Program under  
19 this Section shall annually submit a report to the Commission  
20 with all of the following information:

21           (1) The Program's impact on tuition revenue and  
22 enrollment goals and increase in access and affordability  
23 at the public university campus.

24           (2) Total funds received by the public university  
25 campus under the Program.

26           (3) Total non-loan financial aid awarded to

1 undergraduate students attending the public university  
2 campus.

3 (4) Total amount of funds matched by the public  
4 university campus.

5 (5) Total amount of funds refunded to the Commission by  
6 the public university campus.

7 (6) The percentage of total financial aid distributed  
8 under the Program by the public university campus.

9 (7) The total number of students receiving grants from  
10 the public university campus under the Program and those  
11 students' grade level, race, gender, income level, family  
12 size, Monetary Award Program eligibility, Pell Grant  
13 eligibility, and zip code of residence and the amount of  
14 each grant award. This information shall include unit  
15 record data on those students regarding variables  
16 associated with the parameters of the public university's  
17 Program, including, but not limited to, a student's ACT or  
18 SAT college admissions test score, high school or  
19 university cumulative grade point average, or program of  
20 study.

21 On or before October 1, 2020 and annually on or before  
22 October 1 thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report with  
23 the findings under this subsection (j) and any other  
24 information regarding the AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program to (i)  
25 the Governor, (ii) the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
26 (iii) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, (iv)

1 the President of the Senate, and (v) the Minority Leader of the  
2 Senate. The reports to the General Assembly shall be filed with  
3 the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of  
4 the Senate in electronic form only, in the manner that the  
5 Clerk and the Secretary shall direct. The Commission's report  
6 may not disaggregate data to a level that may disclose  
7 personally identifying information of individual students.

8 The sharing and reporting of student data under this  
9 subsection (j) must be in accordance with the requirements  
10 under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of  
11 1974 and the Illinois School Student Records Act. All parties  
12 must preserve the confidentiality of the information as  
13 required by law. The names of the grant recipients under this  
14 Section are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of  
15 Information Act.

16 Public university campuses that fail to submit a report  
17 under this subsection (j) or that fail to adhere to any other  
18 requirements under this Section may not be eligible for  
19 distribution of funds under the Program for the next academic  
20 year, but may be eligible for distribution of funds for each  
21 academic year thereafter.

22 (k) The Commission shall adopt rules to implement this  
23 Section.

24 (l) This Section is repealed on October 1, 2024.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.".