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HB5409

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/224 35 ILCS 40/40 35 ILCS 40/65

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act and the Invest in Kids Act. Provides that the Invest in Kids credit applies permanently (currently, the credit applies for taxable years ending before January 1, 2023). Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by changing Section 224 as follows: 5

(35 ILCS 5/224) 6

7 Sec. 224. Invest in Kids credit.

8 (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and ending before January 1, 2023, each taxpayer for whom a tax 9 credit has been awarded by the Department under the Invest in 10 Kids Act is entitled to a credit against the tax imposed under 11 subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of this Act in an amount 12 equal to the amount awarded under the Invest in Kids Act. 13

14 (b) shareholders of subchapter For partners, S corporations, and owners of limited liability companies, if the 15 liability company is treated as a partnership for purposes of 16 federal and State income taxation, the credit under this 17 shall be determined in accordance 18 Section with the determination of income and distributive share of income under 19 20 Sections 702 and 704 and subchapter S of the Internal Revenue 21 Code.

22 (c) The credit may not be carried back and may not reduce the taxpayer's liability to less than zero. If the amount of 23

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the credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the excess may be carried forward and applied to the tax liability of the 5 taxable years following the excess credit year. The tax credit shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax liability. If there are credits for more than one year that are available to offset the liability, the earlier credit shall be applied first.

8 (d) A tax credit awarded by the Department under the Invest 9 in Kids Act may not be claimed for any qualified contribution 10 for which the taxpayer claims a federal income tax deduction.

11(e) This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section12250.

13 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)

Section 10. The Invest in Kids Act is amended by changing Sections 40 and 65 as follows:

16 (35 ILCS 40/40)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

18 Sec. 40. Scholarship granting organization 19 responsibilities.

(a) Before granting a scholarship for an academic year, all
 scholarship granting organizations shall assess and document
 each student's eligibility for the academic year.

(b) A scholarship granting organization shall grant
 scholarships only to eligible students.

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(c) A scholarship granting organization shall allow an
 eligible student to attend any qualified school of the
 student's choosing, subject to the availability of funds.

4 (d) In granting scholarships, a scholarship granting
5 organization shall give priority to the following priority
6 groups:

7 (1) eligible students who received a scholarship from a
8 scholarship granting organization during the previous
9 school year;

10 (2) eligible students who are members of a household 11 whose previous year's total annual income does not exceed 12 185% of the federal poverty level;

13 (3) eligible students who reside within a focus14 district; and

15 (4) eligible students who are siblings of students16 currently receiving a scholarship.

17 (d-5) A scholarship granting organization shall begin granting scholarships no later than February 1 preceding the 18 school year for which the scholarship is sought. The priority 19 20 groups identified in subsection (d) of this Section shall be eligible to receive scholarships on a first-come, first-served 21 22 basis until the April 1 immediately preceding the school year 23 which the scholarship is sought. Applications for for scholarships for eligible students meeting the qualifications 24 25 of one or more priority groups that are received before April 1 26 must be either approved or denied within 10 business days after

receipt. Beginning April 1, all eligible students shall be
 eligible to receive scholarships without regard to the priority
 groups identified in subsection (d) of this Section.

4 (e) Except as provided in subsection (e-5) of this Section,
5 scholarships shall not exceed the lesser of (i) the statewide
6 average operational expense per student among public schools or
7 (ii) the necessary costs and fees for attendance at the
8 qualified school. Scholarships shall be prorated as follows:

9 (1) for eligible students whose household income is 10 less than 185% of the federal poverty level, the 11 scholarship shall be 100% of the amount determined pursuant 12 to this subsection (e) and subsection (e-5) of this 13 Section;

14 (2) for eligible students whose household income is
15 185% or more of the federal poverty level but less than
16 250% of the federal poverty level, the average of
17 scholarships shall be 75% of the amount determined pursuant
18 to this subsection (e) and subsection (e-5) of this
19 Section; and

(3) for eligible students whose household income is
21 250% or more of the federal poverty level, the average of
22 scholarships shall be 50% of the amount determined pursuant
23 to this subsection (e) and subsection (e-5) of this
24 Section.

25 (e-5) The statewide average operational expense per 26 student among public schools shall be multiplied by the

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1 following factors:

2 (1) for students determined eligible to receive
3 services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities
4 Education Act, 2;

5 (2) for students who are English learners, as defined 6 in subsection (d) of Section 14C-2 of the School Code, 1.2; 7 and

8 (3) for students who are gifted and talented children,
9 as defined in Section 14A-20 of the School Code, 1.1.

10 (f) A scholarship granting organization shall distribute 11 scholarship payments to the participating school where the 12 student is enrolled.

13 Each For the 2018-2019 school year through the (q) 14 2021-2022 school year, each scholarship granting organization 15 shall expend no less than 75% of the qualified contributions 16 received during the calendar year in which the qualified 17 contributions were received. No more than 25% of the qualified contributions may be carried forward to the following calendar 18 19 year.

(h) <u>(Blank).</u> For the 2022-2023 school year, each scholarship granting organization shall expend all qualified contributions received during the calendar year in which the qualified contributions were received. No qualified contributions may be carried forward to the following calendar year.

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(i) A scholarship granting organization shall allow an

eligible student to transfer a scholarship during a school year
 to any other participating school of the custodian's choice.
 Such scholarships shall be prorated.

With the prior approval of the Department, 4 (i) а 5 scholarship granting organization may transfer funds to another scholarship granting organization if additional funds 6 7 are required to meet scholarship demands at the receiving scholarship granting organization. All transferred funds must 8 9 deposited by the receiving scholarship be granting 10 organization into its scholarship accounts. All transferred 11 amounts received by any scholarship granting organization must 12 be separately disclosed to the Department.

13 (k) If the approval of a scholarship granting organization 14 is revoked as provided in Section 20 of this Act or the 15 scholarship granting organization is dissolved, all remaining 16 qualified contributions of the scholarship granting 17 organization shall be transferred to another scholarship granting organization. All transferred funds must be deposited 18 by the receiving scholarship granting organization into its 19 20 scholarship accounts.

(1) Scholarship granting organizations shall make
 reasonable efforts to advertise the availability of
 scholarships to eligible students.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)

25 (35 ILCS 40/65)

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(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)
 Sec. 65. Credit period; repeal.

3 (a) A taxpayer may take a credit under this Act for tax
4 years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and ending before
5 January 1, 2023. A taxpayer may not take a credit pursuant to
6 this Act for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

7 (b) This Act is <u>exempt from the provisions of Section 250</u>
8 <u>of the Illinois Income Tax Act</u> repealed on January 1, 2024.

9 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)

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