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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1167

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1167 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 65.105 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.105 new)

7 Sec. 65.105. Adult vocational community college  
8 scholarship.

9 (a) The Commission shall, subject to appropriation,  
10 establish and administer an adult vocational community college  
11 scholarship program.

12 (b) Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, the  
13 Commission shall, each year, receive and consider applications  
14 for scholarships under this Section. An applicant is eligible  
15 for a scholarship under this Section if the Commission finds  
16 that the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

1           (1) He or she is over the age of 30.

2           (2) He or she has been unemployed and is actively  
3 searching for employment, including being enrolled on the  
4 Department of Employment Security's job-search website for  
5 at least 6 months prior to the date the application is  
6 submitted by the applicant.

7           (3) He or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at  
8 his or her local community college organized under the  
9 Public Community College Act.

10           (4) He or she can identify the specific training  
11 certificate, credential, or associate degree that he or she  
12 is seeking to obtain; the career that the certificate,  
13 credential, or degree will help create; and how long it  
14 will take the applicant to reach this goal.

15           Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship under this  
16 Section if they can demonstrate continual progress, in terms of  
17 grades and attendance, toward the desired certificate,  
18 credential, or degree.

19           (c) The scholarship shall be sufficient to cover the cost  
20 of tuition and fees to attend the community college, but in no  
21 event shall the scholarship exceed \$2,000 per scholarship  
22 recipient per academic year.

23           The total amount of a scholarship awarded by the Commission  
24 under this Section to an individual in any given fiscal year,  
25 when added to other financial assistance awarded to that  
26 individual for that year, shall not exceed the cost of

1 attendance at the community college at which the student is  
2 enrolled.

3 (d) All applications for scholarships to be awarded under  
4 this Section shall be made to the Commission in a form as set  
5 forth by the Commission. The form of application and the  
6 information required to be set forth in the application shall  
7 be determined by the Commission, and the Commission shall  
8 require eligible applicants to submit with their applications  
9 such supporting documents as the Commission deems necessary.

10 (e) Subject to a separate appropriation made for such  
11 purposes, payment of any scholarships awarded under this  
12 Section shall be determined by the Commission. All scholarship  
13 funds distributed in accordance with this Section shall be paid  
14 to the community college on behalf of the recipients.  
15 Scholarship funds are applicable toward 2 semesters of  
16 enrollment within an academic year. Up to 2% of the  
17 appropriation for this scholarship program may be used by the  
18 Commission for the costs of administering the scholarship  
19 program.

20 (f) The Commission shall adopt all necessary and proper  
21 rules not inconsistent with this Section for its effective  
22 implementation.

23 Section 10. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by  
24 changing Section 1900 as follows:

1 (820 ILCS 405/1900) (from Ch. 48, par. 640)

2 Sec. 1900. Disclosure of information.

3 A. Except as provided in this Section, information obtained  
4 from any individual or employing unit during the administration  
5 of this Act shall:

6 1. be confidential,

7 2. not be published or open to public inspection,

8 3. not be used in any court in any pending action or  
9 proceeding,

10 4. not be admissible in evidence in any action or  
11 proceeding other than one arising out of this Act.

12 B. No finding, determination, decision, ruling or order  
13 (including any finding of fact, statement or conclusion made  
14 therein) issued pursuant to this Act shall be admissible or  
15 used in evidence in any action other than one arising out of  
16 this Act, nor shall it be binding or conclusive except as  
17 provided in this Act, nor shall it constitute res judicata,  
18 regardless of whether the actions were between the same or  
19 related parties or involved the same facts.

20 C. Any officer or employee of this State, any officer or  
21 employee of any entity authorized to obtain information  
22 pursuant to this Section, and any agent of this State or of  
23 such entity who, except with authority of the Director under  
24 this Section, shall disclose information shall be guilty of a  
25 Class B misdemeanor and shall be disqualified from holding any  
26 appointment or employment by the State.

1           D. An individual or his duly authorized agent may be  
2 supplied with information from records only to the extent  
3 necessary for the proper presentation of his claim for benefits  
4 or with his existing or prospective rights to benefits.  
5 Discretion to disclose this information belongs solely to the  
6 Director and is not subject to a release or waiver by the  
7 individual. Notwithstanding any other provision to the  
8 contrary, an individual or his or her duly authorized agent may  
9 be supplied with a statement of the amount of benefits paid to  
10 the individual during the 18 months preceding the date of his  
11 or her request.

12           E. An employing unit may be furnished with information,  
13 only if deemed by the Director as necessary to enable it to  
14 fully discharge its obligations or safeguard its rights under  
15 the Act. Discretion to disclose this information belongs solely  
16 to the Director and is not subject to a release or waiver by  
17 the employing unit.

18           F. The Director may furnish any information that he may  
19 deem proper to any public officer or public agency of this or  
20 any other State or of the federal government dealing with:

- 21           1. the administration of relief,
- 22           2. public assistance,
- 23           3. unemployment compensation,
- 24           4. a system of public employment offices,
- 25           5. wages and hours of employment, or
- 26           6. a public works program.

1           The Director may make available to the Illinois Workers'  
2 Compensation Commission information regarding employers for  
3 the purpose of verifying the insurance coverage required under  
4 the Workers' Compensation Act and Workers' Occupational  
5 Diseases Act.

6           G. The Director may disclose information submitted by the  
7 State or any of its political subdivisions, municipal  
8 corporations, instrumentalities, or school or community  
9 college districts, except for information which specifically  
10 identifies an individual claimant.

11           H. The Director shall disclose only that information  
12 required to be disclosed under Section 303 of the Social  
13 Security Act, as amended, including:

14                 1. any information required to be given the United  
15 States Department of Labor under Section 303(a)(6); and

16                 2. the making available upon request to any agency of  
17 the United States charged with the administration of public  
18 works or assistance through public employment, the name,  
19 address, ordinary occupation and employment status of each  
20 recipient of unemployment compensation, and a statement of  
21 such recipient's right to further compensation under such  
22 law as required by Section 303(a)(7); and

23                 3. records to make available to the Railroad Retirement  
24 Board as required by Section 303(c)(1); and

25                 4. information that will assure reasonable cooperation  
26 with every agency of the United States charged with the

1 administration of any unemployment compensation law as  
2 required by Section 303(c)(2); and

3 5. information upon request and on a reimbursable basis  
4 to the United States Department of Agriculture and to any  
5 State food stamp agency concerning any information  
6 required to be furnished by Section 303(d); and

7 6. any wage information upon request and on a  
8 reimbursable basis to any State or local child support  
9 enforcement agency required by Section 303(e); and

10 7. any information required under the income  
11 eligibility and verification system as required by Section  
12 303(f); and

13 8. information that might be useful in locating an  
14 absent parent or that parent's employer, establishing  
15 paternity or establishing, modifying, or enforcing child  
16 support orders for the purpose of a child support  
17 enforcement program under Title IV of the Social Security  
18 Act upon the request of and on a reimbursable basis to the  
19 public agency administering the Federal Parent Locator  
20 Service as required by Section 303(h); and

21 9. information, upon request, to representatives of  
22 any federal, State or local governmental public housing  
23 agency with respect to individuals who have signed the  
24 appropriate consent form approved by the Secretary of  
25 Housing and Urban Development and who are applying for or  
26 participating in any housing assistance program

1           administered by the United States Department of Housing and  
2           Urban Development as required by Section 303(i).

3           I. The Director, upon the request of a public agency of  
4           Illinois, of the federal government or of any other state  
5           charged with the investigation or enforcement of Section 10-5  
6           of the Criminal Code of 2012 (or a similar federal law or  
7           similar law of another State), may furnish the public agency  
8           information regarding the individual specified in the request  
9           as to:

10           1. the current or most recent home address of the  
11           individual, and

12           2. the names and addresses of the individual's  
13           employers.

14           J. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to interfere  
15           with the disclosure of certain records as provided for in  
16           Section 1706 or with the right to make available to the  
17           Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the  
18           Treasury, or the Department of Revenue of the State of  
19           Illinois, information obtained under this Act.

20           K. The Department shall make available to the Illinois  
21           Student Assistance Commission, upon request, information in  
22           the possession of the Department that may be necessary or  
23           useful to the Commission in the collection of defaulted or  
24           delinquent student loans which the Commission administers.

25           L. The Department shall make available to the State  
26           Employees' Retirement System, the State Universities



1 Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System of the State  
2 of Illinois, and the Department of Central Management Services,  
3 Risk Management Division, upon request, information in the  
4 possession of the Department that may be necessary or useful to  
5 the System or the Risk Management Division for the purpose of  
6 determining whether any recipient of a disability benefit from  
7 the System or a workers' compensation benefit from the Risk  
8 Management Division is gainfully employed.

9 M. This Section shall be applicable to the information  
10 obtained in the administration of the State employment service,  
11 except that the Director may publish or release general labor  
12 market information and may furnish information that he may deem  
13 proper to an individual, public officer or public agency of  
14 this or any other State or the federal government (in addition  
15 to those public officers or public agencies specified in this  
16 Section) as he prescribes by Rule.

17 N. The Director may require such safeguards as he deems  
18 proper to insure that information disclosed pursuant to this  
19 Section is used only for the purposes set forth in this  
20 Section.

21 O. Nothing in this Section prohibits communication with an  
22 individual or entity through unencrypted e-mail or other  
23 unencrypted electronic means as long as the communication does  
24 not contain the individual's or entity's name in combination  
25 with any one or more of the individual's or entity's social  
26 security number; driver's license or State identification

1 number; credit or debit card number; or any required security  
2 code, access code, or password that would permit access to  
3 further information pertaining to the individual or entity.

4 P. (Blank).

5 Q. The Director shall make available to an elected federal  
6 official the name and address of an individual or entity that  
7 is located within the jurisdiction from which the official was  
8 elected and that, for the most recently completed calendar  
9 year, has reported to the Department as paying wages to  
10 workers, where the information will be used in connection with  
11 the official duties of the official and the official requests  
12 the information in writing, specifying the purposes for which  
13 it will be used. For purposes of this subsection, the use of  
14 information in connection with the official duties of an  
15 official does not include use of the information in connection  
16 with the solicitation of contributions or expenditures, in  
17 money or in kind, to or on behalf of a candidate for public or  
18 political office or a political party or with respect to a  
19 public question, as defined in Section 1-3 of the Election  
20 Code, or in connection with any commercial solicitation. Any  
21 elected federal official who, in submitting a request for  
22 information covered by this subsection, knowingly makes a false  
23 statement or fails to disclose a material fact, with the intent  
24 to obtain the information for a purpose not authorized by this  
25 subsection, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

26 R. The Director may provide to any State or local child

1 support agency, upon request and on a reimbursable basis,  
2 information that might be useful in locating an absent parent  
3 or that parent's employer, establishing paternity, or  
4 establishing, modifying, or enforcing child support orders.

5 S. The Department shall make available to a State's  
6 Attorney of this State or a State's Attorney's investigator,  
7 upon request, the current address or, if the current address is  
8 unavailable, current employer information, if available, of a  
9 victim of a felony or a witness to a felony or a person against  
10 whom an arrest warrant is outstanding.

11 T. The Director shall make available to the Department of  
12 State Police, a county sheriff's office, or a municipal police  
13 department, upon request, any information concerning the  
14 current address and place of employment or former places of  
15 employment of a person who is required to register as a sex  
16 offender under the Sex Offender Registration Act that may be  
17 useful in enforcing the registration provisions of that Act.

18 U. The Director shall make information available to the  
19 Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department  
20 of Human Services for the purpose of determining eligibility  
21 for public benefit programs authorized under the Illinois  
22 Public Aid Code and related statutes administered by those  
23 departments, for verifying sources and amounts of income, and  
24 for other purposes directly connected with the administration  
25 of those programs.

26 V. The Director shall make information available to the

1 State Board of Elections as may be required by an agreement the  
2 State Board of Elections has entered into with a multi-state  
3 voter registration list maintenance system.

4 W. The Director shall make information available to the  
5 State Treasurer's office and the Department of Revenue for the  
6 purpose of facilitating compliance with the Illinois Secure  
7 Choice Savings Program Act, including employer contact  
8 information for employers with 25 or more employees and any  
9 other information the Director deems appropriate that is  
10 directly related to the administration of this program.

11 X. The Director shall make information available, upon  
12 request, to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the  
13 purpose of determining eligibility for the adult vocational  
14 community college scholarship program under Section 65.105 of  
15 the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 99-571, eff. 7-15-16; 99-933, eff. 1-27-17;  
17 100-484, eff. 9-8-17.)".