## **102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

# State of Illinois

# 2021 and 2022

#### HB2865

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Jeff Keicher

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/9

from Ch. 144, par. 30

Amends the University of Illinois Act. With regard to scholarships for the children of veterans, provides that, beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, each county shall, as an alternative, be entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in the University for the benefit of the children of police officers or fire officers who were killed in the line of duty while employed by or in the voluntary service of this State or any local public entity in this State. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

HB2865

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AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by 5 changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/9) (from Ch. 144, par. 30)

Sec. 9. Scholarships for children of veterans, police
officers, or fire officers.

9 (a) For each of the following periods of hostilities, each entitled, annually, to 10 county shall be one honorary scholarship in the University, for the benefit of the children 11 of persons who served in the armed forces of the United States, 12 except that the total number of scholarships annually granted 13 14 to recipients from each county may not exceed 3: any time between September 16, 1940 and the termination of World War 15 16 II, any time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, any time during the Viet Nam 17 conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, any time 18 19 during the siege of Beirut and the Grenada Conflict between June 14, 1982 and December 15, 1983, or any time on or after 20 21 August 2, 1990 and until Congress or the President orders that persons in service are no longer eligible for the Southwest 22 Asia Service Medal, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation 23

Iraqi Freedom. Preference for scholarships shall be given to
 the children of persons who are deceased or to the children of
 persons who have a disability.

(b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, each 4 5 county shall, as an alternative, be entitled, annually, to one 6 honorary scholarship in the University for the benefit of the children of police officers or fire officers who were killed 7 8 in the line of duty while employed by or in the voluntary 9 service of this State or any local public entity in this State. 10 A county may award an honorary scholarship either under the 11 provisions of subsection (a) or under the provisions of this 12 subsection (b), but not under both provisions.

13 (c) Scholarships under this Section Such scholarships 14 shall be granted to such pupils as shall, upon public 15 examination, conducted as the board of trustees of the 16 University may determine, be decided to have attained the 17 greatest proficiency in the branches of learning usually taught in the secondary schools, and who shall be of good moral 18 19 character, and not less than 15 years of age. Such pupils, so selected, shall be entitled to receive, without charge for 20 tuition, instruction in any or all departments of the 21 22 University for a term of at least 4 consecutive years. Such 23 pupils shall conform, in all respects, to the rules and regulations of the University, established for the government 24 25 of the pupils in attendance.

26 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-377, eff. 8-17-15;

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1 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

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