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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5358

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5358 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.970 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.970 new)

7 Sec. 5.970. The Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program  
8 Fund. This Section is repealed on December 31, 2027.

9 Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
10 amended by adding Section 65.120 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 947/65.120 new)

12 Sec. 65.120. Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program Fund.

13 (a) Subject to appropriation, beginning with awards for  
14 the 2023-2024 academic year, the Commission shall establish

1 the Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program and receive and  
2 consider applications for grant assistance under this Section.  
3 The purpose of the Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program is to  
4 provide financial assistance to individuals that are accepted  
5 to enroll in a truck driver training program at a public  
6 community college that prepares a student to obtain a Class A  
7 commercial driver's license in the State.

8 (b) An applicant is eligible for a grant under this  
9 Section if the Commission finds that the applicant:

10 (1) is a resident of this State;

11 (2) has been accepted to enroll in a truck driver  
12 training program at a public community college that  
13 prepares a student to obtain a Class A commercial driver's  
14 license in the State;

15 (3) is a high school graduate or has earned a high  
16 school equivalency degree;

17 (4) meets all other admissions criteria for the truck  
18 driver training program or course at the community college  
19 in which the applicant is enrolled; and

20 (5) files a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

21 (c) Applicants who are determined to be eligible for  
22 assistance under this Section shall receive, subject to  
23 appropriation, a grant sufficient to pay for the tuition and  
24 fees for a truck driver training program at a public community  
25 college. All grant payments shall be paid directly to the  
26 community college at which the applicant is enrolled. However,

1 any returning or current students must not have an outstanding  
2 balance with the community college and must have satisfactory  
3 academic performance as determined by the community college.

4 (d) A grant awarded under this Section may not be renewed  
5 and may not exceed \$5,000 per award per recipient.

6 (e) Any person who has accepted a grant under this Section  
7 must, within one year after completing a truck driver training  
8 program at a public community college, begin working as a  
9 licensed truck driver employed in this State and continue to  
10 work as a licensed truck driver in the State for at least one  
11 year.

12 (f) The Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program Fund is  
13 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All money in  
14 this Fund may be used, subject to appropriation, by the  
15 Commission for operational expenses associated with the  
16 administration of the Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program  
17 and for the payment of costs associated with providing grants  
18 to eligible community colleges in accordance with the Illinois  
19 Trucking Grant Pilot Program.

20 The Fund may also receive grants, awards, endowments, or  
21 like proceeds and, if appropriate, other funds made available  
22 through contracts with governmental, public, and private  
23 agencies or persons.

24 (g) The Commission shall make all necessary and proper  
25 rules not inconsistent with this Section for its effective  
26 implementation.

1 (h) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2027.".