



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/35

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Under the monetary award program, provides for the awarding of grants to students enrolled in dual credit coursework pursuant to a partnership agreement between a school district and a community college district. Provides that a grant may be applied only to the costs of tuition and other necessary fees charged for the coursework and the student must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 35 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/35)

7 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

8 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider  
9 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject  
10 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is  
11 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission  
12 finds that the applicant:

13 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or  
14 permanent resident of the United States;

15 (2) is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in  
16 a qualified institution for the purpose of obtaining a  
17 degree, certificate, or other credential offered by the  
18 institution, as applicable; and

19 (3) in the absence of grant assistance, will be  
20 deterred by financial considerations from completing an  
21 educational program at the qualified institution of his or  
22 her choice or from enrolling in dual credit coursework  
23 pursuant to Section 16 of the Dual Credit Quality Act.

1 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the  
2 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that  
3 the applicant:

4 (1) has remained a student in good standing;

5 (2) remains a resident of this State; and

6 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to  
7 warrant assistance.

8 (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and  
9 necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant  
10 amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest  
11 of the following amounts:

12 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year  
13 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, \$6,468 for fiscal year  
14 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year  
15 2022, and \$8,508 for fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year  
16 thereafter, or such lesser amount as the Commission finds  
17 to be available, during an academic year;

18 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters  
19 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the  
20 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

21 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be  
22 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial  
23 resources.

24 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for  
25 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)  
26 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made

1 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of  
2 this subsection (c).

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

14 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving  
15 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for  
16 monetary award program consideration under this Act after  
17 receiving a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135  
18 semester credit hours of award payments.

19 (d-5) In this subsection (d-5), "renewing applicant" means  
20 a student attending an institution of higher learning or  
21 enrolled in dual credit coursework pursuant to Section 16 of  
22 the Dual Credit Quality Act who received a Monetary Award  
23 Program grant during the prior academic year. Beginning with  
24 the processing of applications for the 2020-2021 academic  
25 year, the Commission shall annually publish a priority  
26 deadline date for renewing applicants. Subject to

1 appropriation, a renewing applicant who files by the published  
2 priority deadline date shall receive a grant if he or she  
3 continues to meet the eligibility requirements under this  
4 Section. A renewing applicant's failure to apply by the  
5 priority deadline date established under this subsection (d-5)  
6 shall not disqualify him or her from receiving a grant if  
7 sufficient funding is available to provide awards after that  
8 date.

9 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to  
10 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with  
11 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The  
12 Commission shall notify applicants that grant assistance is  
13 contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

14 (e-5) The General Assembly finds and declares that it is  
15 an important purpose of the Monetary Award Program to  
16 facilitate access to college both for students who pursue  
17 postsecondary education immediately following high school and  
18 for those who pursue postsecondary education later in life,  
19 particularly Illinoisans who are dislocated workers with  
20 financial need and who are seeking to improve their economic  
21 position through education. For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017  
22 academic years, the Commission shall give additional and  
23 specific consideration to the needs of dislocated workers with  
24 the intent of allowing applicants who are dislocated workers  
25 an opportunity to secure financial assistance even if applying  
26 later than the general pool of applicants. The Commission's

1 consideration shall include, in determining the number of  
2 grants to be offered, an estimate of the resources needed to  
3 serve dislocated workers who apply after the Commission  
4 initially suspends award announcements for the upcoming  
5 regular academic year, but prior to the beginning of that  
6 academic year. For the purposes of this subsection (e-5), a  
7 dislocated worker is defined as in the federal Workforce  
8 Innovation and Opportunity Act.

9 (f) (Blank).

10 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and  
11 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit  
12 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this  
13 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such  
14 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

15 (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to  
16 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer  
17 students who have attained an associate degree.

18 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to  
19 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have  
20 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a  
21 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and  
22 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

23 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all  
24 eligible students.

25 (g-5) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of  
26 and make grants to applicants enrolled in dual credit

1 coursework pursuant to Section 16 of the Dual Credit Quality  
2 Act, subject to the following requirements:

3 (1) A grant may be applied only to the costs of tuition  
4 and other necessary fees charged for the coursework.

5 (2) The applicant must complete and submit a Free  
6 Application for Federal Student Aid.

7 (h) The Commission may award a grant to an eligible  
8 applicant enrolled at an Illinois public institution of higher  
9 learning in a program that will culminate in the award of an  
10 occupational or career and technical certificate as that term  
11 is defined in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1501.301.

12 (i) The Commission may adopt rules to implement this  
13 Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-699, eff. 4-19-22.)

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