

HB3577



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3577

by Rep. Robert Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/65.90 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to receive and consider applications for grant assistance from persons enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a medical assistant program at an institution of higher learning that will lead to certification to work as a medical assistant in the Roseland Community Medical District. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection of recipients, the amount of a grant, applications for grant assistance, administration, and rulemaking.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 adding Section 65.90 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.90 new)

7 Sec. 65.90. Medical assistance grants.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, the
9 Commission shall, each year, receive and consider applications
10 for grant assistance under this Section. An applicant is
11 eligible for a grant under this Section if the Commission finds
12 that the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

13 (1) He or she is a United States citizen or eligible
14 noncitizen.

15 (2) He or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in
16 a medical assistant program at an institution that will
17 lead to certification to work as a medical assistant in the
18 Roseland Community Medical District.

19 (b) Recipients shall be selected from among applicants
20 qualified pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section based on
21 financial need, as determined by the Commission. Preference may
22 be given to previous recipients of assistance under this
23 Section, provided they continue to maintain eligibility and

1 maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the
2 institution at which they enroll.

3 (c) Each grant awarded under this Section shall be in an
4 amount sufficient to pay the tuition and fees of the
5 institution at which the recipient is enrolled.

6 (d) The total amount of grant assistance awarded by the
7 Commission under this Section to an individual in any given
8 fiscal year, when added to other financial assistance awarded
9 to that individual for that year, shall not exceed the cost of
10 attendance at the institution at which the student is enrolled.

11 (e) All applications for grant assistance to be awarded
12 under this Section shall be made to the Commission in a form as
13 set forth by the Commission. The form of application and the
14 information required to be set forth in the application shall
15 be determined by the Commission, and the Commission shall
16 require eligible applicants to submit with their applications
17 such supporting documents as the Commission deems necessary.

18 (f) Subject to a separate appropriation made for such
19 purposes, payment of any grants awarded under this Section
20 shall be determined by the Commission. All grant funds
21 distributed in accordance with this Section shall be paid to
22 the institution on behalf of the recipients. Grant funds are
23 applicable toward 2 semesters of enrollment within an academic
24 year.

25 (g) The Commission shall administer the grant program
26 established by this Section and shall make all necessary and

1 proper rules not inconsistent with this Section for its
2 effective implementation.