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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 744

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 744 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Section 65.100 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.100)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on October 1, 2024)

8 Sec. 65.100. AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program.

9 (a) The General Assembly makes all of the following
10 findings:

11 (1) Both access and affordability are important
12 aspects of the Illinois Public Agenda for College and
13 Career Success report.

14 (2) This State is in the top quartile with respect to
15 the percentage of family income needed to pay for college.

16 (3) Research suggests that as loan amounts increase,

1 rather than an increase in grant amounts, the probability
2 of college attendance decreases.

3 (4) There is further research indicating that
4 socioeconomic status may affect the willingness of
5 students to use loans to attend college.

6 (5) Strategic use of tuition discounting can decrease
7 the amount of loans that students must use to pay for
8 tuition.

9 (6) A modest, individually tailored tuition discount
10 can make the difference in a student choosing to attend
11 college and enhance college access for low-income and
12 middle-income families.

13 (7) Even if the federally calculated financial need for
14 college attendance is met, the federally determined
15 Expected Family Contribution can still be a daunting
16 amount.

17 (8) This State is the second largest exporter of
18 students in the country.

19 (9) When talented Illinois students attend
20 universities in this State, the State and those
21 universities benefit.

22 (10) State universities in other states have adopted
23 pricing and incentives that allow many Illinois residents
24 to pay less to attend an out-of-state university than to
25 remain in this State for college.

26 (11) Supporting Illinois student attendance at

1 Illinois public universities can assist in State efforts to
2 maintain and educate a highly trained workforce.

3 (12) Modest tuition discounts that are individually
4 targeted and tailored can result in enhanced revenue for
5 public universities.

6 (13) By increasing a public university's capacity to
7 strategically use tuition discounting, the public
8 university will be capable of creating enhanced tuition
9 revenue by increasing enrollment yields.

10 (b) In this Section:

11 "Eligible applicant" means a student from any high school
12 in this State, whether or not recognized by the State Board of
13 Education, who is engaged in a program of study that in due
14 course will be completed by the end of the school year and who
15 meets all of the qualifications and requirements under this
16 Section.

17 "Tuition and other necessary fees" includes the customary
18 charge for instruction and use of facilities in general and the
19 additional fixed fees charged for specified purposes that are
20 required generally of non-grant recipients for each academic
21 period for which the grant applicant actually enrolls, but does
22 not include fees payable only once or breakage fees and other
23 contingent deposits that are refundable in whole or in part.
24 The Commission may adopt, by rule not inconsistent with this
25 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of
26 tuition and other necessary fees.

1 (c) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, each public
2 university may establish a merit-based scholarship pilot
3 program known as the AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program. Each year,
4 the Commission shall receive and consider applications from
5 public universities under this Section. Subject to
6 appropriation and any tuition waiver limitation established by
7 the Board of Higher Education, a public university campus may
8 award a grant to a student under this Section if it finds that
9 the applicant meets all of the following criteria:

10 (1) He or she is a resident of this State and a citizen
11 or eligible noncitizen of the United States.

12 (2) He or she files a Free Application for Federal
13 Student Aid and demonstrates financial need with a
14 household income no greater than 6 times the poverty
15 guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by
16 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the
17 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

18 (3) He or she meets the minimum cumulative grade point
19 average or ACT or SAT college admissions test score, as
20 determined by the public university campus.

21 (4) He or she is enrolled in a public university as an
22 undergraduate student on a full-time basis.

23 (5) He or she has not yet received a baccalaureate
24 degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit hours.

25 (6) He or she is not incarcerated.

26 (7) He or she is not in default on any student loan or

1 does not owe a refund or repayment on any State or federal
2 grant or scholarship.

3 (8) Any other reasonable criteria, as determined by the
4 public university campus.

5 (d) Each public university campus shall determine grant
6 renewal criteria consistent with the requirements under this
7 Section.

8 (e) Each participating public university campus shall post
9 on its Internet website criteria and eligibility requirements
10 for receiving awards that use funds under this Section that
11 include a range in the sizes of these individual awards. The
12 criteria and amounts must also be reported to the Commission
13 and the Board of Higher Education, who shall post the
14 information on their respective Internet websites.

15 (f) After enactment of an appropriation for this Program,
16 the Commission shall determine an allocation of funds to each
17 public university in an amount proportionate to the number of
18 undergraduate students who are residents of this State and
19 citizens or eligible noncitizens of the United States and who
20 were enrolled at each public university campus in the previous
21 academic year. All applications must be made to the Commission
22 on or before a date determined by the Commission and on forms
23 that the Commission shall provide to each public university
24 campus. The form of the application and the information
25 required shall be determined by the Commission and shall
26 include, without limitation, the total public university

1 campus funds used to match funds received from the Commission
2 in the previous academic year under this Section, if any, the
3 total enrollment of undergraduate students who are residents of
4 this State from the previous academic year, and any supporting
5 documents as the Commission deems necessary. Each public
6 university campus shall match the amount of funds received by
7 the Commission with financial aid for eligible students.

8 A public university campus is not required to claim its
9 entire allocation. The Commission shall make available to all
10 public universities, on a date determined by the Commission,
11 any unclaimed funds and the funds must be made available to
12 those public university campuses in the proportion determined
13 under this subsection (f), excluding from the calculation those
14 public university campuses not claiming their full
15 allocations.

16 Each public university campus may determine the award
17 amounts for eligible students on an individual or broad basis,
18 but, subject to renewal eligibility, each renewed award may not
19 be less than the amount awarded to the eligible student in his
20 or her first year attending the public university campus.
21 Notwithstanding this limitation, a renewal grant may be reduced
22 due to changes in the student's cost of attendance, including,
23 but not limited to, if a student reduces the number of credit
24 hours in which he or she is enrolled, but remains a full-time
25 student, or switches to a course of study with a lower tuition
26 rate.

1 An eligible applicant awarded grant assistance under this
2 Section is eligible to receive other financial aid. Total grant
3 aid to the student from all sources may not exceed the total
4 cost of attendance at the public university campus.

5 (g) All money allocated to a public university campus under
6 this Section may be used only for financial aid purposes for
7 students attending the public university campus during the
8 academic year, not including summer terms. Notwithstanding any
9 other provision of law to the contrary, any funds received by a
10 public university campus under this Section that are not
11 granted to students in the academic year for which the funds
12 are received may be retained by the public university campus
13 for expenditure on students participating in the Program or
14 students eligible to participate in the Program.

15 (h) Each public university campus that establishes a
16 Program under this Section must annually report to the
17 Commission, on or before a date determined by the Commission,
18 the number of undergraduate students enrolled at that campus
19 who are residents of this State.

20 (i) Each public university campus must report to the
21 Commission the total non-loan financial aid amount given by the
22 public university campus to undergraduate students in the
23 2017-2018 academic year, not including the summer term ~~in~~
24 ~~fiscal year 2018~~. To be eligible to receive funds under the
25 Program, a public university campus may not decrease the total
26 amount of non-loan financial aid it gives to ~~for~~ undergraduate

1 students, not including any funds received from the Commission
2 under this Section or any funds used to match grant awards
3 under this Section, to an amount lower than the reported amount
4 for the 2017-2018 academic year, not including the summer term
5 ~~total non loan financial aid amount given by the public~~
6 ~~university campus to undergraduate students in fiscal year~~
7 ~~2018, not including any funds received from the Commission~~
8 ~~under this Section or any funds used to match grant awards~~
9 ~~under this Section.~~

10 (j) On or before a date determined by the Commission, each
11 public university campus that participates in the Program under
12 this Section shall annually submit a report to the Commission
13 with all of the following information:

14 (1) The Program's impact on tuition revenue and
15 enrollment goals and increase in access and affordability
16 at the public university campus.

17 (2) Total funds received by the public university
18 campus under the Program.

19 (3) Total non-loan financial aid awarded to
20 undergraduate students attending the public university
21 campus.

22 (4) Total amount of funds matched by the public
23 university campus.

24 (5) Total amount of claimed and unexpended funds
25 retained by the public university campus.

26 (6) The percentage of total financial aid distributed

1 under the Program by the public university campus.

2 (7) The total number of students receiving grants from
3 the public university campus under the Program and those
4 students' grade level, race, gender, income level, family
5 size, Monetary Award Program eligibility, Pell Grant
6 eligibility, and zip code of residence and the amount of
7 each grant award. This information shall include unit
8 record data on those students regarding variables
9 associated with the parameters of the public university's
10 Program, including, but not limited to, a student's ACT or
11 SAT college admissions test score, high school or
12 university cumulative grade point average, or program of
13 study.

14 On or before October 1, 2020 and annually on or before
15 October 1 thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report with
16 the findings under this subsection (j) and any other
17 information regarding the AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program to (i)
18 the Governor, (ii) the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
19 (iii) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, (iv)
20 the President of the Senate, and (v) the Minority Leader of the
21 Senate. The reports to the General Assembly shall be filed with
22 the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of
23 the Senate in electronic form only, in the manner that the
24 Clerk and the Secretary shall direct. The Commission's report
25 may not disaggregate data to a level that may disclose
26 personally identifying information of individual students.

1 The sharing and reporting of student data under this
2 subsection (j) must be in accordance with the requirements
3 under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of
4 1974 and the Illinois School Student Records Act. All parties
5 must preserve the confidentiality of the information as
6 required by law. The names of the grant recipients under this
7 Section are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of
8 Information Act.

9 Public university campuses that fail to submit a report
10 under this subsection (j) or that fail to adhere to any other
11 requirements under this Section may not be eligible for
12 distribution of funds under the Program for the next academic
13 year, but may be eligible for distribution of funds for each
14 academic year thereafter.

15 (k) The Commission shall adopt rules to implement this
16 Section.

17 (l) This Section is repealed on October 1, 2024.

18 (Source: P.A. 100-587, eff. 6-4-18; 100-1015, eff. 8-21-18;
19 100-1183, eff. 4-4-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 1,
21 2020."