

# HB3371



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB3371

by Rep. Nicholas K. Smith

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/65.105 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates a prior academic and work experience scholarship program. Provides that, beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall, each year, receive and consider applications for scholarships under the program. Provides that an applicant is eligible for a scholarship if the Commission finds that the applicant (i) is attending an institution of higher learning that has a student population of no more than 10,000 students, (ii) has previously enrolled in at least 3 different institutions of higher learning, and (iii) has at least 3 years of work experience beginning from the date he or she graduated from high school. Requires the Commission to adopt rules.

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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 65.105 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.105 new)

7 Sec. 65.105. Prior academic and work experience  
8 scholarship program.

9 (a) Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, the  
10 Commission shall, each year, receive and consider applications  
11 for scholarships under this Section. An applicant is eligible  
12 for a scholarship under this Section if the Commission finds  
13 that the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

14 (1) He or she is attending an institution of higher  
15 learning that has a student population of no more than  
16 10,000 students.

17 (2) He or she has previously enrolled in at least 3  
18 different institutions of higher learning.

19 (3) He or she has at least 3 years of work experience  
20 beginning from the date he or she graduated from high  
21 school.

22 (b) All applications for assistance under this Section must  
23 be made to the Commission on forms that the Commission shall

1 provide. The Commission shall determine the form of application  
2 and the information required to be set forth in the  
3 application, and the Commission shall require qualified  
4 applicants to submit with their applications any supporting  
5 documents that the Commission deems necessary.

6 (c) Applicants who are determined to be eligible for  
7 assistance under this Section shall receive, subject to  
8 appropriation, a renewable scholarship to be applied to tuition  
9 and mandatory fees and paid directly to the institution of  
10 higher learning at which the applicant is enrolled. However,  
11 the total amount of assistance awarded by the Commission under  
12 this Section to an individual in any fiscal year, when added to  
13 other financial assistance awarded by the Commission to that  
14 individual for that fiscal year, must not exceed the cost of  
15 attendance at the institution of higher learning at which the  
16 student is enrolled. The Commission may by rule set the  
17 academic requirements necessary to maintain participation in  
18 the program.

19 (d) The Commission must adopt rules to implement this  
20 Section.