



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB3626

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/65.105 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates a legislative grant committee to receive and consider applications for grant assistance. Requires the committee to receive and consider nominations for grant assistance, with a total of 8 grants per representative district to be awarded each year. Provides that a nominee is eligible for a grant if the committee finds that the nominee meets certain qualifications, including that he or she is a resident of the representative district for which a grant is to be awarded and that he or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a public university in this State. Provides that legislative grants are good for a period of not more than one year while enrolled for residence credit, are applicable toward 2 semesters of enrollment within an academic year, and exempt the holder from the payment of tuition and fees. Sets forth provisions concerning application for a grant and renewals.

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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. Legislative grant program.

8 (a) A legislative grant committee is created to receive and
9 consider applications for grant assistance under this Section.

10 The committee shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Five members of the House of Representatives
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

13 (2) Five members of the House of Representatives
14 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House.

15 (3) Five members of the Senate appointed by the
16 President of the Senate.

17 (4) Five members of the Senate appointed by the
18 Minority Leader of the Senate.

19 Members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

20 The Commission shall provide administrative and other support
21 to the committee.

22 (b) Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, the
23 legislative grant committee shall, each year, receive and

1 consider nominations for grant assistance under this Section. A
2 total of 8 grants per representative district shall be awarded
3 each year. A nominee is eligible for a grant under this Section
4 if the committee finds that the nominee meets all of the
5 following qualifications:

6 (1) He or she is a United States citizen or eligible
7 noncitizen.

8 (2) He or she is a resident of the representative
9 district for which a grant is to be awarded.

10 (3) He or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at
11 a public university in this State.

12 (c) Recipients of legislative grants shall be selected from
13 among nominees who are qualified pursuant to subsection (b) and
14 who have filled out a grant application. All applications for
15 grant assistance to be awarded under this Section shall be made
16 to the legislative grant committee in a form as set forth by
17 the committee. The form of application and the information
18 required to be set forth in the application shall be determined
19 by the committee, and the committee shall require eligible
20 applicants to submit with their applications such supporting
21 documents as the committee deems necessary.

22 (d) A legislative grant is good for a period of not more
23 than one year while enrolled for residence credit. A recipient
24 of the grant is not required to pay any tuition or mandatory
25 fees while attending a State-controlled university in this
26 State for a period that is equivalent to one year of full-time

1 enrollment, including summer terms, and shall exempt the holder
2 from the payment of tuition or any matriculation, graduation,
3 activity, term, or incidental fee, except any portion of a
4 multipurpose fee that is used for a purpose for which exemption
5 is not granted under this Section. Exemption may not be granted
6 from any other fees, including book rental fees, service fees,
7 laboratory fees, supply fees, union building fees, hospital and
8 medical insurance fees, and any fees established for the
9 operation and maintenance of buildings, the income of which is
10 pledged to the payment of interest and principal on bonds
11 issued by the governing board of a university. Any student who
12 has been or is to be awarded a grant shall be reimbursed by the
13 appropriate university for any fees that he or she has paid and
14 for which exemption is granted under this Section if
15 application for such reimbursement is made within 2 months
16 following the academic term for which the fees were paid.

17 (e) Renewals may be given to previous recipients of
18 assistance under this Section, provided they continue to
19 maintain eligibility and maintain satisfactory academic
20 progress as determined by the university at which they enroll.
21 A recipient may receive up to 8 semesters of grant assistance
22 under this Section.