

AN ACT concerning higher education.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Act.

Section 5. Definition. "Post-secondary educational institution" means an Illinois public or private college or university offering degrees and instruction above the high school level. This term does not include any public or private college or university that does not provide on-campus housing for its students in dormitories or equivalent facilities that are owned, operated, or maintained by the public or private college or university. This term does not include (i) any public or private junior or community college or (ii) any institution offering degrees and instruction that uses correspondence as its primary mode of student instruction.

Section 10. Fire sprinkler systems required. Subject to the establishment of a fire sprinkler dormitory revolving loan program under Section 15 of this Act, fire sprinkler systems are required in the dormitories of all post-secondary educational institutions by 2013. This includes current structures as well as newly constructed dormitories.

Section 15. Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Revolving Loan Program. The Illinois Finance Authority and the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall jointly administer a fire sprinkler dormitory revolving loan program. The program shall provide low-interest loans for the installation of fire sprinkler systems in college dormitories by post-secondary educational institutions. The loan funds, subject to appropriation, shall be paid out of the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Revolving Loan

Fund, a special fund in the State treasury. The Fund shall consist of any moneys transferred into or appropriated to the Fund as well as all repayments of loans made under this Section. The Fund shall be used for loans to post-secondary educational institutions for costs associated with the installation of fire sprinkler systems in dormitories and for no other purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

Section 25. Rules. The Illinois Finance Authority and the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules to administer the revolving loan program.

Section 30. The State Finance Act is amended by adding Section 5.625 as follows:

(30 ILCS 105/5.625 new)

Sec. 5.625. The Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Revolving Loan Fund.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2005.