



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0243

by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-83 new
110 ILCS 947/65.95 new

Amends the School Code. Creates the police training academy job training program. Requires any school district with a high school to establish a partnership with a local police department, county sheriff, or police training academy to establish a jobs training program for high school students. Provides that the program shall be open to all students regardless of academic history, but that school districts may impose requirements to maintain successful participation in the program. Requires the State Board of Education to track students participating in the programs. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Creates the police training academy job training scholarship program. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall receive applications for scholarships from any applicant that has successfully completed the police training academy job training program and been accepted to any public institution of higher learning in the State. Provides that applicants who are determined to be eligible for the scholarship shall receive, subject to appropriation, a renewable scholarship to be applied to tuition and mandatory fees and paid directly to the public institution of higher learning at which the applicant is enrolled. Allows the Commission to establish by rule academic requirements to maintain access to the scholarship. Grants students who have received a scholarship access to any needed noncredit remedial courses in order to ensure academic success, as well as access to a student retention program offered by the public institution, including, but not limited to, CHANCE programs. Allows the Commission to make all necessary and proper rules needed for the program.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 School Code is amended by adding Section
5 22-83 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-83 new)

7 Sec. 22-83. Police training academy job training program.

8 (a) Any school district with a high school shall establish
9 a partnership with a local police department, county sheriff,
10 or police training academy to establish a jobs training program
11 for high school students. The jobs training program shall be
12 open to all students, regardless of prior academic history.
13 However, school districts may impose requirements to maintain
14 successful participation in the program after beginning the
15 program.

16 (b) The State Board of Education shall track participation
17 and the success of students participating in the jobs training
18 program established under this Section and annually publish a
19 report on its website examining the program and its success.

20 Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
21 amended by adding Section 65.95 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 947/65.95 new)

2 Sec. 65.95. Police training academy job training
3 scholarship program.

4 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive applications
5 for scholarships under this Section. An applicant is eligible
6 for a scholarship under this Section if the Commission finds
7 that the applicant has successfully completed the police
8 training academy job training program established under
9 Section 22-83 of the School Code and been accepted to a public
10 institution of higher learning in the State.

11 (b) Applicants who are determined to be eligible for
12 assistance under this Section shall receive, subject to
13 appropriation, a renewable scholarship to be applied to tuition
14 and mandatory fees and paid directly to the public institution
15 of higher learning at which the applicant is enrolled. However,
16 the total amount of assistance awarded by the Commission under
17 this Section to an individual in any fiscal year, when added to
18 other financial assistance awarded by the Commission to that
19 individual for that fiscal year, must not exceed the cost of
20 attendance at the institution of higher learning at which the
21 student is enrolled.

22 (c) A scholarship awarded under this Section may be renewed
23 for a total of up to 4 years of full-time enrollment. The
24 Commission may by rule set the academic requirements necessary
25 to maintain participation in the program.

26 (d) Students granted a scholarship under this Section shall

1 be granted access to any needed noncredit remedial courses in
2 order to ensure academic success at the public institution of
3 higher learning. Students granted a scholarship under this
4 Section shall also be admitted to a student retention program
5 offered by the public institution of higher learning,
6 including, but not limited to, any CHANCE program the public
7 institution may have established.

8 (e) The Commission shall make all necessary and proper
9 rules not inconsistent with this Section for its effective
10 implementation.