

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 State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Sections 5.878 and 6z-102 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.878 new)

7 Sec. 5.878. The Police Training Academy Job Training  
8 Program and Scholarship Fund.

9 (30 ILCS 105/6z-102 new)

10 Sec. 6z-102. The Police Training Academy Job Training  
11 Program and Scholarship Fund.

12 (a) A Police Training Academy Job Training Program and  
13 Scholarship Fund is created as a special fund in the State  
14 treasury and shall be used to support program and scholarship  
15 activities of the police training academy job training and  
16 scholarship programs established under Section 22-83 of the  
17 School Code and Section 65.95 of the Higher Education Student  
18 Assistance Act. Moneys from fees, gifts, grants, and donations  
19 received by the State Board of Education and Illinois Student  
20 Assistance Commission for purposes of supporting these  
21 programs and scholarships shall be deposited into the Police  
22 Training Academy Job Training Program and Scholarship Fund.

1       (b) The State Board of Education; the Illinois Student  
2       Assistance Commission; and participating counties, school  
3       districts, and law enforcement partners may seek federal,  
4       State, and private funds to support the police training academy  
5       job training and scholarship programs established under  
6       Section 22-83 of the School Code and Section 65.95 of the  
7       Higher Education Student Assistance Act.

8       Section 10. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
9       22-83 as follows:

10       (105 ILCS 5/22-83 new)

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

12       (a) In a county of 175,000 or more inhabitants, any school  
13       district with a high school may establish one or more  
14       partnerships with a local police department, county sheriff, or  
15       police training academy to establish a jobs training program  
16       for high school students. The school district shall establish  
17       its partnership or partnerships on behalf of all of the high  
18       schools in the district; no high school shall establish a  
19       partnership for this purpose separate from the school  
20       district's partnership under this Section. The jobs training  
21       program shall be open to all students, regardless of prior  
22       academic history. However, to encourage and maintain  
23       successful program participation and partnerships, the school  
24       districts and their partner agencies may impose specific

1 program requirements.

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

6 Section 15. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
7 amended by adding Section 65.95 as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 947/65.95 new)

9 Sec. 65.95. Police training academy job training  
10 scholarship program.

11 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive applications  
12 for scholarships under this Section. An applicant is eligible  
13 for a scholarship under this Section if the Commission finds  
14 that the applicant has successfully completed the police  
15 training academy job training program established under  
16 Section 22-83 of the School Code and been accepted to a public  
17 institution of higher learning in the State.

18 (b) Applicants who are determined to be eligible for  
19 assistance under this Section shall receive, subject to  
20 appropriation from the Police Training Academy Job Training  
21 Program and Scholarship Fund, a renewable scholarship to be  
22 applied to tuition and mandatory fees and paid directly to the  
23 public institution of higher learning at which the applicant is  
24 enrolled. However, the total amount of assistance awarded by

1 the Commission under this Section to an individual in any  
2 fiscal year, when added to other financial assistance awarded  
3 by the Commission to that individual for that fiscal year, must  
4 not exceed the cost of attendance at the institution of higher  
5 learning at which the student is enrolled.

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

10 (d) Students granted a scholarship under this Section shall  
11 be granted access to any needed noncredit remedial courses in  
12 order to ensure academic success at the public institution of  
13 higher learning. Students granted a scholarship under this  
14 Section shall also be admitted to a student retention program  
15 offered by the public institution of higher learning,  
16 including, but not limited to, any CHANCE program the public  
17 institution may have established.

18 (e) The Commission shall make all necessary and proper  
19 rules not inconsistent with this Section for its effective  
20 implementation.