

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.