

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 changing Sections 55 and 60 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/55)

7 Sec. 55. Police officer or fire officer survivor grant.  
8 Grants shall be provided for any spouse, natural child, legally  
9 adopted child, or child in the legal custody of police officers  
10 and fire officers who are killed or who become a person with a  
11 permanent disability with 90% to 100% disability in the line of  
12 duty while employed by, or in the voluntary service of, this  
13 State or any local public entity in this State. Beneficiaries  
14 need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in  
15 order to receive this grant. With respect to disabled police  
16 and fire officers, children need not to be born, legally  
17 adopted, or in the legal custody of the officer before the  
18 disability occurred in order to receive this grant.  
19 Beneficiaries are entitled to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of  
20 full payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any  
21 State-sponsored Illinois institution of higher learning for  
22 either full or part-time study, or the equivalent of 8  
23 semesters or 12 quarters of payment of tuition and mandatory

1 fees at the rate established by the Commission for private  
2 institutions in the State of Illinois, provided the recipient  
3 is maintaining satisfactory academic progress. This benefit  
4 may be used for undergraduate or graduate study. The benefits  
5 of this Section shall be administered by and paid out of funds  
6 available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide  
7 applicant without the requirement of demonstrating financial  
8 need to qualify for those benefits.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

10 (110 ILCS 947/60)

11 Sec. 60. Grants for dependents of Department of Corrections  
12 employees who are killed or who become a person with a  
13 permanent disability in the line of duty. Any spouse, natural  
14 child, legally adopted child, or child in the legal custody of  
15 an employee of the Department of Corrections who is assigned to  
16 a security position with the Department with responsibility for  
17 inmates of any correctional institution under the jurisdiction  
18 of the Department and who is killed or who becomes a person  
19 with a permanent disability with 90% to 100% disability in the  
20 line of duty is entitled to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full  
21 payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any State-supported  
22 Illinois institution of higher learning for either full or  
23 part-time study, or the equivalent of 8 semesters or 12  
24 quarters of payment of tuition and mandatory fees at the rate  
25 established by the Commission for private institutions in the

1 State of Illinois, provided the recipient is maintaining  
2 satisfactory academic progress. This benefit may be used for  
3 undergraduate or graduate study. Beneficiaries need not be  
4 Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to  
5 receive this grant. With respect to disabled employees of the  
6 Department of Corrections, children need not to be born,  
7 legally adopted, or in the legal custody of the employee before  
8 the disability occurred in order to receive this grant. The  
9 benefits of this Section shall be administered by and paid out  
10 of funds available to the Commission and shall accrue to the  
11 bona fide applicant without the requirement of demonstrating  
12 financial need to qualify for those benefits.

13 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law.