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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5020

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5020 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the  
5 General Assembly that nothing in this Act reduces or eliminates  
6 the funding of Monetary Award Program grants by the Illinois  
7 Student Assistance Commission for first-time applicants who  
8 are not freshmen of an institution of higher learning.

9 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
10 amended by changing Section 35 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 947/35)

12 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

13 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider  
14 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject  
15 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is

1 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission  
2 finds that the applicant:

3 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or  
4 permanent resident of the United States; and

5 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be  
6 deterred by financial considerations from completing an  
7 educational program at the qualified institution of his or  
8 her choice.

9 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the  
10 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that  
11 the applicant:

12 (1) has remained a student in good standing;

13 (2) remains a resident of this State; and

14 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to  
15 warrant assistance.

16 (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and  
17 necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant  
18 amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of  
19 the following amounts:

20 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year  
21 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal  
22 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser  
23 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an  
24 academic year;

25 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters  
26 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the

1 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

2 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be  
3 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial  
4 resources.

5 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for  
6 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)  
7 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made  
8 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of  
9 this subsection (c).

10 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section  
11 include the customary charge for instruction and use of  
12 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged  
13 for specified purposes, which are required generally of  
14 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the  
15 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees  
16 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent  
17 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The  
18 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this  
19 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of  
20 tuition and other necessary fees.

21 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving  
22 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary  
23 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a  
24 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit  
25 hours of award payments.

26 (d-5) In this subsection (d-5), "renewing applicant" means

1 a student attending a public institution of higher learning who  
2 received a Monetary Award Program grant during the prior  
3 academic year. Beginning with the processing of applications  
4 for the 2020-2021 academic year, the Commission shall annually  
5 publish a priority deadline date for renewing applicants.  
6 Subject to appropriation, a renewing applicant who files by the  
7 published priority deadline date shall receive a grant if he or  
8 she continues to meet the eligibility requirements under this  
9 Section. A renewing applicant's failure to apply by the  
10 priority deadline date established under this subsection (d-5)  
11 shall not disqualify him or her from receiving a grant if  
12 sufficient funding is available to provide awards after that  
13 date.

14 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to  
15 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with  
16 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission  
17 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent  
18 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

19 (e-5) The General Assembly finds and declares that it is an  
20 important purpose of the Monetary Award Program to facilitate  
21 access to college both for students who pursue postsecondary  
22 education immediately following high school and for those who  
23 pursue postsecondary education later in life, particularly  
24 Illinoisans who are dislocated workers with financial need and  
25 who are seeking to improve their economic position through  
26 education. For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, the

1 Commission shall give additional and specific consideration to  
2 the needs of dislocated workers with the intent of allowing  
3 applicants who are dislocated workers an opportunity to secure  
4 financial assistance even if applying later than the general  
5 pool of applicants. The Commission's consideration shall  
6 include, in determining the number of grants to be offered, an  
7 estimate of the resources needed to serve dislocated workers  
8 who apply after the Commission initially suspends award  
9 announcements for the upcoming regular academic year, but prior  
10 to the beginning of that academic year. For the purposes of  
11 this subsection (e-5), a dislocated worker is defined as in the  
12 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

13 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit  
14 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited  
15 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended  
16 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program  
17 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary  
18 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current  
19 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

20 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is  
21 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students  
22 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program  
23 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.  
24 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance  
25 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,  
26 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of

1 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary  
2 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

3 (g) Until July 1, 2019, the ~~The~~ Commission shall determine  
4 the eligibility of and make grants to applicants enrolled at  
5 qualified for-profit institutions in accordance with the  
6 criteria set forth in this Section. The eligibility of  
7 applicants enrolled at such for-profit institutions shall be  
8 limited as follows:

9 (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to  
10 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer  
11 students who have attained an associate degree.

12 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to  
13 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have  
14 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a  
15 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and  
16 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

17 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all  
18 eligible students.

19 (h) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the  
20 Commission may not make any grants under this Section to an  
21 applicant enrolled at a for-profit institution; except that  
22 until July 1, 2023, the Commission may award a grant renewal to  
23 an applicant enrolled at a for-profit institution if he or she  
24 otherwise meets the renewal requirements under this Section.

25 (i) The Commission may adopt rules to implement this  
26 Section.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-477, eff. 9-8-17.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.".