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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2691

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2691, AS AMENDED,  
3 with reference to page and line numbers of House Amendment No.  
4 1, as follows:

5 on page 4, immediately below line 3, by inserting the  
6 following:

7 "Section 90. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
8 amended by changing Section 35 as follows:

9 (110 ILCS 947/35)

10 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12           (3) is in a financial situation that continues to  
13 warrant assistance.

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

18           (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year  
19 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal  
20 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser  
21 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an  
22 academic year;

23           (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters  
24 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the  
25 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

26           (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be

1 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial  
2 resources.

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

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

19 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving  
20 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary  
21 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a  
22 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit  
23 hours of award payments. If a student receives the equivalent  
24 of 65 semester credit hours of award payments without yet  
25 attaining standing as a junior year student, the student's  
26 institution must provide the student a disclosure statement

1 that notifies the student of his or her remaining hours under  
2 the program and offers the student an appointment with the  
3 institution's financial aid office or an academic advisor for  
4 further guidance and information.

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

19 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to  
20 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with  
21 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission  
22 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent  
23 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

24 (e-5) The General Assembly finds and declares that it is an  
25 important purpose of the Monetary Award Program to facilitate  
26 access to college both for students who pursue postsecondary

1 education immediately following high school and for those who  
2 pursue postsecondary education later in life, particularly  
3 Illinoisans who are dislocated workers with financial need and  
4 who are seeking to improve their economic position through  
5 education. For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, the  
6 Commission shall give additional and specific consideration to  
7 the needs of dislocated workers with the intent of allowing  
8 applicants who are dislocated workers an opportunity to secure  
9 financial assistance even if applying later than the general  
10 pool of applicants. The Commission's consideration shall  
11 include, in determining the number of grants to be offered, an  
12 estimate of the resources needed to serve dislocated workers  
13 who apply after the Commission initially suspends award  
14 announcements for the upcoming regular academic year, but prior  
15 to the beginning of that academic year. For the purposes of  
16 this subsection (e-5), a dislocated worker is defined as in the  
17 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

18 (f) (Blank).

19 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and  
20 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit  
21 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this  
22 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such  
23 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

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

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

6           (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all  
7           eligible students.

8           (h) The Commission may adopt rules to implement this  
9           Section.

10          (Source: P.A. 100-477, eff. 9-8-17; 100-621, eff. 7-20-18;  
11          100-823, eff. 8-13-18; revised 10-10-18.)".