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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1809

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1809 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (110 ILCS 947/35)

7 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

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

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

15 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be
16 deterred by financial considerations from completing an

1 educational program at the qualified institution of his or
2 her choice.

3 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
4 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
5 the applicant:

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

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

8 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
9 warrant assistance.

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

14 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
15 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
16 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
17 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
18 academic year;

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

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

25 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for
26 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)

1 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
2 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
3 this subsection (c).

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

15 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, no ~~no~~
16 applicant, including those presently receiving scholarship
17 assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary award
18 program consideration under this Act after receiving a
19 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit
20 hours of award payments.

21 (d-3) Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year through
22 the 2024-2025 academic year, an applicant who is otherwise
23 eligible for grant assistance under this Section may receive
24 grant assistance for an additional academic year after
25 receiving a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135
26 semester credit hours if he or she (i) enrolls in a

1 State-approved educator preparation program and (ii) within 5
2 years after receiving a Professional Educator License, teaches
3 in this State for a minimum of 3 years. If at any time a person
4 fails to meet the requirements of this subsection, he or she
5 must repay the amount of additional assistance received to the
6 Commission, in a manner as determined by the Commission,
7 prorated according to the fraction of the teaching obligation
8 not completed. This subsection is inoperative on and after July
9 1, 2025.

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

24 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
25 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with
26 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission

1 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent
2 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

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

23 (f) (Blank).

24 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and
25 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit
26 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this

1 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such
2 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

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

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

11 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
12 eligible students.

13 (h) The Commission may adopt rules to implement this
14 Section.

15 (Source: P.A. 100-477, eff. 9-8-17; 100-621, eff. 7-20-18;
16 100-823, eff. 8-13-18; revised 10-10-18.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law."