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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2095

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2095 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 45 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/45)

7 Sec. 45. Illinois National Guard and Naval Militia grant
8 program.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "State controlled university or community college" means
11 those institutions under the administration of the Chicago
12 State University Board of Trustees, the Eastern Illinois
13 University Board of Trustees, the Governors State University
14 Board of Trustees, the Illinois State University Board of
15 Trustees, the Northeastern Illinois University Board of
16 Trustees, the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees,

1 the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, Southern
2 Illinois University Board of Trustees, University of Illinois
3 Board of Trustees, or the Illinois Community College Board.

4 "Tuition and fees" shall not include expenses for any
5 sectarian or denominational instruction, the construction or
6 maintenance of sectarian or denominational facilities, or any
7 other sectarian or denominational purposes or activity.

8 "Fees" means matriculation, graduation, activity, term, or
9 incidental fees. Exemption shall not be granted from any other
10 fees, including book rental, service, laboratory, supply, and
11 union building fees, hospital and medical insurance fees, and
12 any fees established for the operation and maintenance of
13 buildings, the income of which is pledged to the payment of
14 interest and principal on bonds issued by the governing board
15 of any university or community college.

16 (b) Any person who has served at least one year in the
17 Illinois National Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia and who
18 possesses all necessary entrance requirements shall, upon
19 application and proper proof, be awarded a grant to the
20 State-controlled university or community college of his or her
21 choice, consisting of exemption from tuition and fees for not
22 more than the equivalent of 4 years of full-time enrollment,
23 including summer terms, in relation to his or her course of
24 study at that State controlled university or community college
25 while he or she is a member of the Illinois National Guard or
26 the Illinois Naval Militia. Beginning with the 2013-2014

1 academic year, any person who has served over 10 years in the
2 Illinois National Guard shall be awarded an additional grant
3 to the State-controlled university or community college of his
4 or her choice, consisting of an exemption from tuition and
5 fees for not more than the equivalent of an additional 2 years
6 of full-time enrollment, including summer terms. Except as
7 otherwise provided in this Section, if the recipient of any
8 grant awarded under this Section ceases to be a member of the
9 Illinois National Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia while
10 enrolled in a course of study under that grant, the grant shall
11 be terminated as of the date membership in the Illinois
12 National Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia ended, and the
13 recipient shall be permitted to complete the school term in
14 which he or she is then enrolled only upon payment of tuition
15 and other fees allocable to the part of the term then
16 remaining. If the recipient of a grant awarded under this
17 Section ceases to be a member of the Illinois National Guard or
18 the Illinois Naval Militia ~~while enrolled in a course of study~~
19 ~~under that grant~~ but (i) has served in the Illinois National
20 Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia for at least 5 years and
21 (ii) has served a cumulative total of at least 6 months of
22 active duty, then that recipient shall continue to be eligible
23 for a grant for 2 years ~~one year~~ after membership in the
24 Illinois National Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia ended,
25 provided that the recipient has not already received the
26 exemption from tuition and fees for the equivalent of 4 years

1 of full-time enrollment, including summer terms, under this
2 Section. If the recipient of the grant fails to complete his or
3 her military service obligations or requirements for
4 satisfactory participation, the Department of Military Affairs
5 shall require the recipient to repay the amount of the grant
6 received, prorated according to the fraction of the service
7 obligation not completed, and, if applicable, reasonable
8 collection fees. The Department of Military Affairs may adopt
9 rules relating to its collection activities for repayment of
10 the grant under this Section. Unsatisfactory participation
11 shall be defined by rules adopted by the Department of
12 Military Affairs. Repayments shall be deposited in the
13 National Guard and Naval Militia Grant Fund. The National
14 Guard and Naval Militia Grant Fund is created as a special fund
15 in the State treasury. All money in the National Guard and
16 Naval Militia Grant Fund shall be used, subject to
17 appropriation, by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
18 for the purposes of this Section.

19 A grant awarded under this Section shall be considered an
20 entitlement which the State-controlled university or community
21 college in which the holder is enrolled shall honor without
22 any condition other than the holder's maintenance of minimum
23 grade levels and a satisfactory student loan repayment record
24 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 20 of this Act.

25 (c) Subject to a separate appropriation for such purposes,
26 the Commission may reimburse the State-controlled university

1 or community college for grants authorized by this Section.
2 (Source: P.A. 98-314, eff. 8-12-13.)".