

# HB2827



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/35

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Under the monetary award program, provides for the awarding of grants to students enrolled in dual credit coursework pursuant to a partnership agreement between a school district and a community college district. Provides that a grant may be applied only to the costs of tuition and other necessary fees charged for the coursework and the student must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 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  
17 educational program at the qualified institution of his or  
18 her choice or from enrolling in dual credit coursework  
19 pursuant to Section 16 of the Dual Credit Quality Act.

20 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the  
21 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that  
22 the applicant:

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

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

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

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

8           (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year  
9           2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal  
10          year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser  
11          amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an  
12          academic year;

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

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

19          Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for  
20          students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)  
21          must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made  
22          by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of  
23          this subsection (c).

24          "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section  
25          include the customary charge for instruction and use of  
26          facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged

1 for specified purposes, which are required generally of  
2 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the  
3 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees  
4 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent  
5 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The  
6 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this  
7 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of  
8 tuition and other necessary fees.

9 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving  
10 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for  
11 monetary award program consideration under this Act after  
12 receiving a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135  
13 semester credit hours of award payments.

14 (d-5) In this subsection (d-5), "renewing applicant" means  
15 a student attending an institution of higher learning or  
16 enrolled in dual credit coursework pursuant to Section 16 of  
17 the Dual Credit Quality Act who received a Monetary Award  
18 Program grant during the prior academic year. Beginning with  
19 the processing of applications for the 2020-2021 academic  
20 year, the Commission shall annually publish a priority  
21 deadline date for renewing applicants. Subject to  
22 appropriation, a renewing applicant who files by the published  
23 priority deadline date shall receive a grant if he or she  
24 continues to meet the eligibility requirements under this  
25 Section. A renewing applicant's failure to apply by the  
26 priority deadline date established under this subsection (d-5)

1 shall not disqualify him or her from receiving a grant if  
2 sufficient funding is available to provide awards after that  
3 date.

4 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to  
5 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with  
6 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The  
7 Commission shall notify applicants that grant assistance is  
8 contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

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

1 academic year. For the purposes of this subsection (e-5), a  
2 dislocated worker is defined as in the federal Workforce  
3 Innovation and Opportunity Act.

4 (f) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

20 (g-5) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of  
21 and make grants to applicants enrolled in dual credit  
22 coursework pursuant to Section 16 of the Dual Credit Quality  
23 Act, subject to the following requirements:

24 (1) A grant may be applied only to the costs of tuition  
25 and other necessary fees charged for the coursework.

26 (2) The applicant must complete and submit a Free

1           Application for Federal Student Aid.

2           (h) The Commission may adopt rules to implement this  
3 Section.

4           (Source: P.A. 100-477, eff. 9-8-17; 100-621, eff. 7-20-18;  
5 100-823, eff. 8-13-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

6           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.