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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2867

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2867 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
13 of 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) No applicant, including those presently receiving
16 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for
17 monetary award program consideration under this Act after
18 receiving a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135
19 semester credit hours of award payments.

20 (d-5) In this subsection (d-5), "renewing applicant" means
21 a student attending an institution of higher learning who
22 received a Monetary Award Program grant during the prior
23 academic year. Beginning with the processing of applications
24 for the 2020-2021 academic year, the Commission shall annually
25 publish a priority deadline date for renewing applicants.
26 Subject to appropriation, a renewing applicant who files by

1 the published priority deadline date shall receive a grant if
2 he or she continues to meet the eligibility requirements under
3 this Section. A renewing applicant's failure to apply by the
4 priority deadline date established under this subsection (d-5)
5 shall not disqualify him or her from receiving a grant if
6 sufficient funding is available to provide awards after that
7 date.

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

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

1 grants to be offered, an estimate of the resources needed to
2 serve dislocated workers who apply after the Commission
3 initially suspends award announcements for the upcoming
4 regular academic year, but prior to the beginning of that
5 academic year. For the purposes of this subsection (e-5), a
6 dislocated worker is defined as in the federal Workforce
7 Innovation and Opportunity Act.

8 (f) (Blank).

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

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

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

22 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
23 eligible students.

24 (g-5) The Commission shall implement and administer a
25 3-year pilot program to offer a second application period
26 beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year to eligible

1 applicants under this Section. The purpose of the pilot
2 program is to provide eligible applicants who apply for grant
3 assistance later than the general pool of applicants under
4 this Section the opportunity to still receive a grant under
5 this Section.

6 For the duration of the pilot program, the second
7 application period for the award of grants under this Section
8 for the next academic year shall begin on July 1. The second
9 application period shall be open to any eligible applicant.

10 The Commission shall set aside 5% of the total annual
11 amount appropriated for grants under this Section for the
12 purpose of making grants under the pilot program to eligible
13 applicants who apply during the second application period.
14 Funds set aside for the purpose of making grants under the
15 pilot program shall be used solely for the payment of tuition
16 and other necessary fees.

17 (h) The Commission may adopt rules to implement this
18 Section.

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

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law."