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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5358

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5358 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.970 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.970 new)

7 Sec. 5.970. The Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program  
8 Fund. This Section is repealed on December 31, 2027.

9 Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
10 amended by adding Section 65.120 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 947/65.120 new)

12 Sec. 65.120. Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program Fund.

13 (a) Subject to appropriation, beginning with awards for  
14 the 2023-2024 academic year, the Commission shall establish

1 the Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program and receive and  
2 consider applications for grant assistance under this Section.  
3 The purpose of the Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program is to  
4 provide financial assistance to individuals that are accepted  
5 to enroll in a truck driver training program at a public  
6 community college that prepares a student to obtain a Class A  
7 commercial driver's license in the State.

8 (b) An applicant is eligible for a grant under this  
9 Section if the Commission finds that the applicant:

10 (1) is a resident of this State;

11 (2) has been accepted to enroll in a truck driver  
12 training program at a public community college that  
13 prepares a student to obtain a Class A commercial driver's  
14 license in the State;

15 (3) is a high school graduate or has earned a high  
16 school equivalency degree; and

17 (4) meets all other admissions criteria for the truck  
18 driver training program or course at the community college  
19 in which the applicant is enrolled.

20 (c) Applicants who are determined to be eligible for  
21 assistance under this Section shall receive, subject to  
22 appropriation, a grant sufficient to pay for the tuition and  
23 fees for a truck driver training program at a public community  
24 college. All grant payments shall be paid directly to the  
25 community college at which the applicant is enrolled.

26 (d) A grant awarded under this Section may not be renewed

1 and may not exceed \$5,000 per award per recipient.

2 (e) Any person who has accepted a grant under this Section  
3 must, within one year after completing a truck driver training  
4 program at a public community college, begin working as a  
5 licensed truck driver employed in this State and continue to  
6 work as a licensed truck driver in this State for at least one  
7 year.

8 (f) If a recipient of a grant awarded under this Section  
9 fails to fulfill the work obligation set forth in subsection  
10 (e) of this Section, the Commission shall require the  
11 recipient to repay the amount of the grant received, prorated  
12 according to the fraction of the work obligation not  
13 completed, at a rate of interest equal to 5%, and, if  
14 applicable, reasonable collection fees. The Commission is  
15 authorized to establish rules relating to its collection  
16 activities for the repayment of grants under this Section. All  
17 repayments collected under this Section shall be forwarded to  
18 the State Comptroller for deposit into the State's General  
19 Revenue Fund.

20 (g) The Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program Fund is  
21 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All money in  
22 this Fund may be used, subject to appropriation, by the  
23 Commission for operational expenses associated with the  
24 administration of the Illinois Trucking Grant Pilot Program  
25 and for the payment of costs associated with providing grants  
26 to eligible community colleges in accordance with the Illinois

1 Trucking Grant Pilot Program.

2 The Fund may also receive grants, awards, endowments, or  
3 like proceeds and, if appropriate, other funds made available  
4 through contracts with governmental, public, and private  
5 agencies or persons.

6 (h) The Commission shall make all necessary and proper  
7 rules not inconsistent with this Section for its effective  
8 implementation.

9 (i) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2027."