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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 190

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 190 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Higher Education Housing and Opportunities Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means
8 any publicly or privately operated university, college,
9 community college, business, technical, or vocational school,
10 or other educational institution offering degrees and
11 instruction beyond the secondary school level.

12 "Student experiencing homelessness" or "homeless student"
13 means an individual enrolled in an institution who lacks or is
14 at imminent risk of lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate
15 nighttime residence or whose parent or legal guardian is
16 unable or unwilling to provide shelter and care and includes a

1 homeless individual as defined under the federal
2 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. For the purposes of
3 this definition, the term "fixed, regular, and adequate
4 nighttime residence" does not include residence in an
5 institution of higher education's on-campus housing.

6 "Student in care" means any person, regardless of age, who
7 is or was under the care and legal custody of the Department of
8 Children and Family Services, including youth for whom the
9 Department has court-ordered legal responsibility, youth who
10 aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under
11 care who have been adopted and were the subject of an adoption
12 assistance agreement or who have been placed in private
13 guardianship and were the subject of a subsidized guardianship
14 agreement.

15 Section 10. Housing and Opportunities that are Useful for
16 Students' Excellence (HOUSE) liaison.

17 (a) In an effort to provide assistance to students
18 experiencing homelessness, each institution of higher
19 education shall designate at least one staff member to serve
20 as a liaison to assist homeless students enrolled at the
21 institution. The designated staff member may be employed in
22 the office of financial aid, in campus housing services, or in
23 any other appropriate office or department as determined by
24 the institution.

25 (b) The liaison designated under subsection (a) shall

1 offer assistance and resources to any homeless student or
2 student in care enrolled at the institution. The liaison shall
3 have all of the following responsibilities:

4 (1) To understand provisions pertaining to the
5 financial aid eligibility of homeless students, including
6 eligibility as an independent student under the federal
7 Higher Education Act of 1965.

8 (2) To identify services and resources that are
9 available to and appropriate for a homeless student.

10 (3) To assist a homeless student or student in care in
11 applying for and receiving federal and State financial aid
12 and available services.

13 (4) To track and monitor the graduation rate and
14 retention rate of homeless students and students in care
15 enrolled at the institution.

16 (5) To report annually to the Board of Higher
17 Education or the Illinois Community College Board, as
18 appropriate, the number of homeless students and students
19 in care enrolled at the institution. The report must
20 include the number of students who received assistance or
21 services through the liaison and the type of service or
22 assistance received by the student. If the information is
23 available, the report may describe the outcome for the
24 student as a result of the services or assistance he or she
25 received through the liaison.

26 (6) To act as an intermediary between a homeless

1 student or student in care and the office of financial
2 aid, student support services, and campus housing
3 services.

4 (7) To connect a homeless student or student in care
5 to a local continuum of care program.

6 (8) To publish on the institution's website
7 information about the services and resources available
8 through the institution's liaison, as well as contact
9 information for local, State, and federal services.

10 (9) To develop a plan to provide access to on-campus
11 housing or to suitable off-campus housing between academic
12 breaks to homeless students or students in care enrolled
13 at the institution.

14 (10) To train the institution's employees to identify
15 students experiencing homelessness and to refer those
16 students to the liaison.

17 At his or her discretion, the liaison may provide any
18 additional service he or she reasonably believes is within the
19 purview of the role of liaison.

20 (c) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois
21 Community College Board shall adopt rules, policies, and
22 procedures to implement and administer this Act. Each Board
23 must:

24 (1) provide access to a training program developed by
25 a homeless advocacy organization;

26 (2) require a liaison to receive training on an annual

1 basis;

2 (3) collaborate with the State Coordinator for
3 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education and the contact liaisons
4 designated under Section 11432(g) (1) (J) (ii) of Title 42 of
5 the United States Code to facilitate the efficient
6 transition of homeless students from secondary to
7 postsecondary education and provide homeless students and
8 students in care information about support services,
9 including financial aid, on-campus and off-campus housing,
10 food and meal plan programs, and counseling services, and
11 other resources and any other relevant information to
12 assist these students; and

13 (4) issue annual reports about students experiencing
14 homelessness and students in care enrolled at academic
15 institutions.

16 (d) After 3 academic years, if the data submitted to the
17 Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College
18 Board, as appropriate, indicates that the number of students
19 experiencing homelessness or the number of students in care
20 exceeds 2% or more of the student body of the institution, the
21 institution must create a position whose primary function is
22 to carry out the responsibilities of a liaison as described in
23 subsection (b).

24 (e) Each institution that provides on-campus housing for
25 students enrolled at the institution shall:

26 (1) grant priority for on-campus housing to students

1 experiencing homelessness and students in care who are
2 enrolled at the institution, including but not limited to,
3 access to on-campus housing that remains open during
4 academic breaks, and waive fees for the on-campus housing
5 during academic breaks;

6 (2) allow students experiencing homelessness and
7 students in care who are enrolled part-time at the
8 institution to access on-campus housing;

9 (3) provide information about the availability of
10 on-campus housing to students experiencing homelessness
11 and students in care; and

12 (4) provide information about the services and
13 assistance offered by the institution regarding
14 homelessness in financial aid packets and admission
15 packets and on the institution's website.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect August
17 1, 2022."