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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 637

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 637 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 23 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/23 new)

7 Sec. 23. College Promise program.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Continuous enrollment" means a student has attended  
10 classes in the fall and spring semester of a single academic  
11 year; enrollment in summer semester or intersession terms is  
12 not required.

13 "School" means a private business and vocational school,  
14 as defined in Section 15 of the Private Business and  
15 Vocational Schools Act of 2012, that is not for profit.

16 "Student aid" means scholarships and grants, other than a

1 College Promise grant, awarded to a student from any source  
2 that does not require repayment; "student aid" does not  
3 include student loans and work-study awards.

4 (b) The Commission shall implement and administer a  
5 program, beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, to award  
6 College Promise grants to all degree or certificate seeking,  
7 eligible Illinois residents seeking an associate degree,  
8 certificate, or diploma from an institution of higher  
9 learning, including a public or private 4-year university,  
10 community college, or vocational or technical school. The  
11 following terms and conditions shall apply to the program:

12 (1) To be eligible for a grant, a student must be  
13 admitted to and enrolled full-time, as an Illinois  
14 resident, in an institution or a school in the fall term  
15 following graduation from an approved high school or after  
16 obtaining a high school equivalency certificate, provided  
17 that the student obtains the high school equivalency  
18 certificate prior to the student reaching 24 years of age.  
19 Exceptions to initial enrollment may be made for  
20 extenuating circumstances as provided in rules adopted by  
21 the Commission.

22 (2) Students applying for a grant shall complete the  
23 College Promise grant application in their initial year of  
24 enrollment. Students shall complete the Free Application  
25 for Federal Student Aid each academic year in which they  
26 seek to receive a grant.

1           (3) To continue to receive a grant, a student must  
2           maintain Illinois residency, as well as satisfactory  
3           academic progress as determined by rules adopted by the  
4           Commission.

5           (4) Grant recipients shall participate in mentoring  
6           and community service programs under rules adopted by the  
7           Commission.

8           (5) Each academic year, subject to appropriation, a  
9           grant shall be equal to the cost of tuition and mandatory  
10          fees at the institution or the school attended less all  
11          other student aid. Student aid shall be credited first to  
12          the student's tuition and mandatory fees.

13          (6) Notwithstanding paragraph (5) of this subsection  
14          (b), the amount of the grant at a public university, a  
15          private institution, or a school may not exceed the  
16          average cost of tuition and mandatory fees at public  
17          community colleges as determined by the Illinois Community  
18          College Board.

19          (7) A student awarded a grant who has an approved  
20          medical or personal leave of absence from an institution  
21          or a school may continue to receive the grant upon  
22          resuming the student's education at an institution or a  
23          school so long as the student continues to meet all  
24          applicable eligibility requirements under this Section and  
25          as adopted by the Commission. The total of all approved  
26          leaves of absence may not exceed 8 months.

1           (8) A student is eligible for a grant until the  
2           occurrence of the first of the following events:

3           (A) the student has earned a degree, certificate,  
4           or diploma; or

5           (B) the sum of the number of years the student has  
6           attended an institution or a school, exclusive of  
7           approved leaves of absence, equals 2.5 years from the  
8           date of the student's initial enrollment at an  
9           institution or a school.

10          (9) Except for a medical or personal leave of absence,  
11          as approved by an institution or a school, a student  
12          awarded a grant under this Section shall maintain  
13          continuous enrollment at an institution or a school.

14          (c) In awarding grants under this Section, the Commission  
15          shall, by rule, develop the selection and renewal criteria for  
16          students.

17           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
18           2023."