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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 661

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 661 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 65.110 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.110 new)

7 Sec. 65.110. Post-Master of Social Work School Social Work  
8 Professional Educator License scholarship.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, beginning with awards for  
10 the 2022-2023 academic year, the Commission shall award  
11 annually up to 250 Post-Master of Social Work School Social  
12 Work Professional Educator License scholarships to a person  
13 who:

14 (1) holds a valid Illinois-licensed clinical social  
15 work license or social work license;

16 (2) has obtained a master's degree in social work from

1 an approved program;

2 (3) is a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen;

3 and

4 (4) submits an application to the Commission for such  
5 scholarship and agrees to take courses to obtain an  
6 Illinois Professional Educator License with an endorsement  
7 in School Social Work.

8 (b) Scholarships awarded under this Section shall be  
9 issued pursuant to rules adopted by the Commission. In  
10 awarding scholarships, the Commission shall give priority to  
11 those applicants who are members of a racial minority. In this  
12 subsection (b), "racial minority" means a person who is a  
13 citizen of the United States or a lawful permanent resident  
14 alien of the United States and who is:

15 (1) Black (a person having origins in any of the black  
16 racial groups in Africa);

17 (2) Hispanic (a person of Spanish or Portuguese  
18 culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America,  
19 or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race);

20 (3) Asian American (a person having origins in any of  
21 the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the  
22 Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); or

23 (4) American Indian or Alaskan Native (a person having  
24 origins in any of the original peoples of North America).

25 (c) Each scholarship shall be applied to the payment of  
26 tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Illinois,

1 Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University,  
2 Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University,  
3 Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University,  
4 Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University.

5 Each scholarship may be applied to pay tuition and mandatory  
6 fees required to obtain an Illinois Professional Educator  
7 License with an endorsement in School Social Work.

8 (d) The Commission shall make tuition and fee payments  
9 directly to the qualified institution of higher learning that  
10 the applicant attends.

11 (e) Any person who has accepted a scholarship under this  
12 Section must, within one year after graduation or termination  
13 of enrollment in a Post-Master of Social Work Professional  
14 Education License with an endorsement in School Social Work  
15 program, begin working as a school social worker at a public or  
16 nonpublic not-for-profit preschool, elementary school, or  
17 secondary school located in this State for at least 2 of the 5  
18 years immediately following that graduation or termination,  
19 excluding, however, from the computation of that 5-year  
20 period: (i) any time up to 3 years spent in the military  
21 service, whether such service occurs before or after the  
22 person graduates; (ii) the time that person is a person with a  
23 temporary total disability for a period of time not to exceed 3  
24 years, as established by the sworn affidavit of a qualified  
25 physician; and (iii) the time that person is seeking and  
26 unable to find full-time employment as a school social worker

1 at a State public, private, or parochial school.

2           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
3 1, 2022."