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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 819

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 819 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, room and board costs, and purchases of
12 coursework materials, including all digital and non-digital
13 books, workbooks, and textbooks, required course software,
14 computer disks, website access, and electronically distributed
15 materials. The Commission shall determine the grant amount for
16 each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of the
17 following amounts:

18 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
19 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
20 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
21 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
22 academic year;

23 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters
24 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the
25 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

26 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be

1 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
2 resources.

3 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for
4 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)
5 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
6 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
7 this subsection (c).

8 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section
9 include the customary charge for instruction and use of
10 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged
11 for specified purposes, which are required generally of
12 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the
13 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees
14 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent
15 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The
16 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this
17 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of
18 tuition and other necessary fees.

19 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving
20 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for
21 monetary award program consideration under this Act after
22 receiving a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135
23 semester credit hours of award payments.

24 (d-5) In this subsection (d-5), "renewing applicant" means
25 a student attending an institution of higher learning who
26 received a Monetary Award Program grant during the prior

1 academic year. Beginning with the processing of applications
2 for the 2020-2021 academic year, the Commission shall annually
3 publish a priority deadline date for renewing applicants.
4 Subject to appropriation, a renewing applicant who files by
5 the published priority deadline date shall receive a grant if
6 he or she continues to meet the eligibility requirements under
7 this Section. A renewing applicant's failure to apply by the
8 priority deadline date established under this subsection (d-5)
9 shall not disqualify him or her from receiving a grant if
10 sufficient funding is available to provide awards after that
11 date.

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

17 (e-5) The General Assembly finds and declares that it is
18 an important purpose of the Monetary Award Program to
19 facilitate access to college both for students who pursue
20 postsecondary education immediately following high school and
21 for those who pursue postsecondary education later in life,
22 particularly Illinoisans who are dislocated workers with
23 financial need and who are seeking to improve their economic
24 position through education. For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017
25 academic years, the Commission shall give additional and
26 specific consideration to the needs of dislocated workers with

1 the intent of allowing applicants who are dislocated workers
2 an opportunity to secure financial assistance even if applying
3 later than the general pool of applicants. The Commission's
4 consideration shall include, in determining the number of
5 grants to be offered, an estimate of the resources needed to
6 serve dislocated workers who apply after the Commission
7 initially suspends award announcements for the upcoming
8 regular academic year, but prior to the beginning of that
9 academic year. For the purposes of this subsection (e-5), a
10 dislocated worker is defined as in the federal Workforce
11 Innovation and Opportunity Act.

12 (f) (Blank).

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

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

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

26 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all

1 eligible students.

2 (h) The Commission may adopt rules to implement this
3 Section.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-477, eff. 9-8-17; 100-621, eff. 7-20-18;
5 100-823, eff. 8-13-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
7 1, 2023.".