

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 SB3149

Introduced 1/12/2022, by Sen. Celina Villanueva

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/22 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to annually include information about the Child Care Assistance Program and the federal dependent care allowance in the language that schools are required to provide to students eligible for Monetary Award Program grants. Specifies the information that must be included. Provides that an institution of higher learning that participates in the Monetary Award Program shall provide, at a minimum, the information to all students who are enrolled, or who are accepted for enrollment and are intending to enroll, and who have been identified by the Commission as Monetary Award Program-eligible at the institution. Provides that an institution of higher learning shall also provide the information to any student identified by the institution of higher learning as a student with dependents. Provides that an institution of higher learning may designate a public benefits liaison or single point person to assist students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public benefits if eligible. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement the provisions on or before October 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is amended by adding Section 22 as follows:
- 6 (110 ILCS 947/22 new)
- Sec. 22. Child care resources eligibility notification;

  college students.
- 9 (a) To complement student financial assistance programs and to enhance their effectiveness for students with 10 dependents, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall 11 12 annually include information about the Child Care Assistance 13 Program and the federal dependent care allowance in the 14 language that institutions are required to provide to students eligible for Monetary Award Program grants. The language 15 shall, at a minimum, include information about program 16 eligibility and how to apply. The language shall also direct 17 students to the Department of Human Services for additional 18 19 information about the Child Care Assistance Program and to the 20 institution's financial aid office for additional information 21 about the federal dependent care allowance.
  - (b) An institution of higher learning that participates in the Monetary Award Program shall provide, at a minimum, the

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2 <u>enrolled</u>, or who are accepted for enrollment and are intending 3 to enroll, and who have been identified by the Commission as

notice described in subsection (a) to all students who are

- 4 Monetary Award Program-eligible at the institution. An
- 5 institution of higher learning shall also provide, at a
- 6 minimum, the notice described in subsection (a) to any student
- 7 <u>identified by the institution as a student with dependents.</u>
- 8 (c) An institution may provide additional information
- 9 <u>about benefits and resources the institution or community</u>
- 10 offers to the students identified in subsection (b). If
- 11 possible, the institution may designate a public benefits
- 12 liaison or single point person to assist students in taking
- the necessary steps to obtain public benefits if eligible.
- 14 (d) The Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to
- implement this Section on or before October 1, 2022.
- 16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 17 becoming law.