

# HB3978



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB3978

Introduced 2/21/2023, by Rep. Lakesia Collins

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/65.120 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that beginning January 1, 2024 and each year thereafter, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall receive and consider applications for grant assistance for those intending or already in a psychiatric residency program. Sets forth requirements to receive a grant. Provides for rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 65.120 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.120 new)

7 Sec. 65.120. Psychiatric residency scholarships.

8 (a) Beginning January 1, 2024 and each year thereafter,  
9 the Commission shall receive and consider applications for  
10 grant assistance under this Section. An applicant is eligible  
11 for a grant under this Section if the Commission finds that the  
12 applicant:

13 (1) is a resident of this State and a United States  
14 citizen or eligible noncitizen;

15 (2) enters or plans to enter a residency for  
16 accredited psychiatric programs.

17 (b) Applicants who are determined to be eligible for  
18 assistance under this Section shall receive, subject to  
19 appropriation, a renewable grant amount determined by the  
20 Commission. The Commission shall prioritize grants to  
21 applicants whose residency will expand access to psychiatric  
22 services for underserved populations.

23 (c) The Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to

1 implement this Section on or before January 1, 2024.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.