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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 997/10
110 ILCS 997/15
110 ILCS 997/25
110 ILCS 997/30

Amends the Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program Act. Provides that a community-based human services agency may contract with, receive funding from, or be grant-funded by a State agency (instead of may contract with or be grant-funded by a State agency). Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, in awarding grants under the Act, may grant preference to applicants based on need or income levels. Removes the provision limiting the grant to an applicant for a cumulative maximum of 4 years. In provisions regarding the eligibility of an applicant, provides that the applicant shall have been a full-time employee for at least 24 consecutive months as a human services professional and the community-based human services agency shall currently have or have had a contract with, receive funding from, or be grant-funded by a State agency for the purpose of providing human services during the applicant's 24 consecutive month tenure (instead of shall have worked for at least 24 consecutive months as a full-time employee as a human services professional in a community-based human services agency that currently has or did have a contract with a State agency to provide human services during the duration of applicant's 24 consecutive month tenure). Effective July 1, 2023.

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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 Human Services Professional Loan Repayment
5 Program Act is amended by changing Sections 10, 15, 25, and 30
6 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 997/10)

8 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

9 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance
10 Commission.

11 "Professional" means an individual employed by a human
12 services agency that contracts with, receives funding from, or
13 is grant-funded by a State agency for the purposes of
14 providing direct or indirect services that ensure that
15 individuals have the essential elements to build and maintain
16 physical, emotional, and economic well-being at every phase of
17 life.

18 "Program" means the Human Services Professional Loan
19 Repayment Program.

20 "Qualified program" means a program that offers an
21 associate, bachelor's, or master's degree from an accredited
22 college or university.

23 "State agency" means the Department of Human Services, the

1 Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of
2 Juvenile Justice, the Department on Aging, and the Department
3 of Public Health.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23.)

5 (110 ILCS 997/15)

6 Sec. 15. Establishment of the Program. The Human Services
7 Professional Loan Repayment Program is created and shall be
8 administered by the Commission. Subject to appropriation, the
9 Program shall provide loan repayment assistance to eligible
10 professionals practicing in a community-based, human services
11 agency that contracts with, receives funding from, or is
12 grant-funded by a State agency.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23.)

14 (110 ILCS 997/25)

15 Sec. 25. Award; ~~maximum loan time;~~ maximum amount. The
16 Commission shall award a grant to ~~each~~ eligible applicants and
17 may grant preference to applicants based on need or income
18 levels ~~applicant for a cumulative maximum of 4 years.~~ The
19 recipient of a grant awarded by the Commission under this Act
20 must use the grant award for payments toward the recipient's
21 educational loans from a qualified program. The amount of the
22 grant shall not exceed: (i) \$25,000 per year for a master's
23 degree or higher; (ii) \$15,000 per year for a bachelor's
24 degree; (iii) \$3,000 per year for a professional with an

1 associate degree; and (iv) up to a \$5,000 per year add-on if
2 independently licensed as a licensed clinical social worker, a
3 licensed clinical professional counselor, a licensed
4 practitioner of the healing arts, a licensed marriage and
5 family therapist, a board-certified behavior analyst, or a
6 registered behavior technician.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23.)

8 (110 ILCS 997/30)

9 Sec. 30. Eligibility; work requirement.

10 (a) To be eligible to receive a grant under the Human
11 Services Professional Loan Repayment Program, the Commission
12 must find that the eligible professional satisfies all of the
13 following:

14 (1) The applicant is a resident of the State of
15 Illinois.

16 (2) The applicant has been a full-time employee ~~worked~~
17 for at least 24 consecutive months as a ~~full-time employee~~
18 ~~as a~~ human services professional, and the in a
19 community-based human services agency ~~that~~ currently has
20 or did have a contract with, receives funding from, or is
21 grant-funded by a State agency for the purpose of
22 providing ~~to provide~~ human services during the ~~duration of~~
23 applicant's 24 consecutive month tenure.

24 (3) The applicant is a borrower with an outstanding
25 balance due on an educational loan.

1 (4) The applicant has not defaulted on an educational
2 loan.

3 (5) The applicant must remain a full-time employee as
4 a human services professional in the same community-based
5 human services agency for at least 12 months after
6 receiving this grant.

7 (b) The Commission may grant preference to a previous
8 recipient of a grant under the Program, provided that the
9 recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements under
10 this Section.

11 (c) The Commission may grant preference to applications
12 based on need or income levels.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
15 2023.