

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 Public Higher Education Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 15 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 167/15 new)

7 Sec. 15. Transcript evaluation fee waivers.

8 (a) In this Section, "refugee" means a person who has  
9 entered the United States on a refugee status from Iraq or  
10 Afghanistan.

11 (b) Beginning January 1, 2025, each public institution of  
12 higher education shall pay on behalf of a refugee or reimburse  
13 a refugee for payment of any transcript evaluation fees that  
14 are required by the public institution of higher education to  
15 be paid during the admission process.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.