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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3138

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3138 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is
5 amended by changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/8) (from Ch. 23, par. 5008)

7 Sec. 8. Scholarships and fee waivers; tuition waiver.

8 (a) Each year the Department shall select a minimum of 53
9 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of veterans) to
10 receive scholarships and fee waivers which will enable them to
11 attend and complete their post-secondary education at a
12 community college, university, or college. Youth shall be
13 selected from among the youth for whom the Department has
14 court-ordered legal responsibility, youth who aged out of care
15 at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under care who have been
16 adopted or who have been placed in private guardianship.

1 Recipients must have earned a high school diploma from an
2 accredited institution or a State of Illinois High School
3 Diploma or have met the State criteria for high school
4 graduation before the start of the school year for which they
5 are applying for the scholarship and waiver. Scholarships and
6 fee waivers shall be available to students for at least 5
7 years, provided they are continuing to work toward graduation
8 and completion of a certificate or degree program. Unused
9 scholarship dollars and fee waivers shall be reallocated to
10 new recipients. No later than January 1, 2015, the Department
11 shall promulgate rules identifying the criteria for
12 "continuing to work toward graduation" and for reallocating
13 unused scholarships and fee waivers. Selection shall be made
14 on the basis of several factors, including, but not limited
15 to, scholastic record, aptitude, and general interest in
16 higher education. The selection committee shall include at
17 least 2 individuals formerly under the care of the Department
18 who have completed their post-secondary education. In
19 accordance with this Act, tuition scholarships and fee waivers
20 shall be available to such students at any university or
21 college maintained by the State of Illinois. The Department
22 shall provide maintenance and school expenses, except tuition
23 and fees, during the academic years to supplement the
24 students' earnings or other resources so long as they
25 consistently maintain scholastic records which are acceptable
26 to their schools and to the Department. Students may attend

1 other colleges and universities, if scholarships are awarded
2 to them, and receive the same benefits for maintenance and
3 other expenses as those students attending any Illinois State
4 community college, university, or college under this Section.
5 Beginning with recipients receiving scholarships and waivers
6 in August 2014, the Department shall collect data and report
7 annually to the General Assembly on measures of success,
8 including (i) the number of youth applying for and receiving
9 scholarships or waivers, (ii) the percentage of scholarship or
10 waiver recipients who complete their college or university
11 degree within 5 years, (iii) the average length of time it
12 takes for scholarship or waiver recipients to complete their
13 college or university degree, (iv) the reasons that
14 scholarship or waiver recipients are discharged or fail to
15 complete their college or university degree, (v) when
16 available, youths' outcomes 5 years and 10 years after being
17 awarded the scholarships or waivers, and (vi) budget
18 allocations for maintenance and school expenses incurred by
19 the Department.

20 (b) Youth shall receive a tuition and fee waiver to assist
21 them in attending and completing their post-secondary
22 education at any community college, university, or college
23 maintained by the State of Illinois if they are youth for whom
24 the Department has court-ordered legal responsibility, youth
25 who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly
26 under care who have been adopted and were the subject of an

1 adoption assistance agreement or who have been placed in
2 private guardianship and were the subject of a subsidized
3 guardianship agreement.

4 To receive a waiver under this subsection, an applicant
5 must:

6 (1) have earned a high school diploma from an
7 accredited institution or a State of Illinois High School
8 Diploma or have met the State criteria for high school
9 graduation before the start of the school year for which
10 the applicant is applying for the waiver;

11 (2) enroll in a qualifying post-secondary education
12 before the applicant reaches the age of 26; and

13 (3) apply for federal and State grant assistance by
14 completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

15 The community college or public university that an
16 applicant attends must waive any tuition and fee amounts that
17 exceed the amounts paid to the applicant under the ~~federal~~
18 ~~Pell Grant Program or the~~ State's Monetary Award Program.

19 Tuition and fee waivers shall be available to a student
20 for at least the first 5 years the student is enrolled in a
21 community college, university, or college maintained by the
22 State of Illinois so long as the student continues to work
23 toward graduation and completion of a certificate or degree
24 program. ~~makes satisfactory progress toward completing the~~
25 ~~student's degree.~~ The age requirement and 5-year cap on
26 tuition and fee waivers under this subsection shall be waived

1 and eligibility for tuition and fee waivers shall be extended
2 for any applicant or student who the Department determines was
3 unable to enroll in a qualifying post-secondary school or
4 complete an academic term because the applicant or student:
5 (i) was called into active duty with the United States Armed
6 Forces; (ii) was deployed for service in the United States
7 Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; or (iii) volunteered
8 in the Peace Corps or the AmeriCorps. The Department shall
9 extend eligibility for a qualifying applicant or student by
10 the total number of months or years during which the applicant
11 or student served on active duty with the United States Armed
12 Forces, was deployed for service in the United States Public
13 Health Service Commissioned Corps, or volunteered in the Peace
14 Corps or the AmeriCorps. The number of months an applicant or
15 student served on active duty with the United States Armed
16 Forces shall be rounded up to the next higher year to determine
17 the maximum length of time to extend eligibility for the
18 applicant or student.

19 The Department may provide the student with a stipend to
20 cover maintenance and school expenses, except tuition and
21 fees, during the academic years to supplement the student's
22 earnings or other resources so long as the student
23 consistently maintains scholastic records which are acceptable
24 to the student's school and to the Department.

25 The Department shall develop outreach programs to ensure
26 that youths who qualify for the tuition and fee waivers under

1 this subsection who are high school students in grades 9
2 through 12 or who are enrolled in a high school equivalency
3 testing program are aware of the availability of the tuition
4 and fee waivers.

5 (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall provide
6 eligible youth an apprenticeship stipend to cover those costs
7 associated with entering and sustaining through completion an
8 apprenticeship, including, but not limited to fees, tuition
9 for classes, work clothes, rain gear, boots, and
10 occupation-specific tools. The following youth may be eligible
11 for the apprenticeship stipend provided under this subsection:
12 youth for whom the Department has court-ordered legal
13 responsibility; youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older;
14 or youth formerly under care who have been adopted and were the
15 subject of an adoption assistance agreement or who have been
16 placed in private guardianship and were the subject of a
17 subsidized guardianship agreement.

18 To receive a stipend under this subsection, an applicant
19 must:

20 (1) be enrolled in an apprenticeship training program
21 approved or recognized by the Illinois Department of
22 Employment Security or an apprenticeship program approved
23 by the United States Department of Labor;

24 (2) not be a recipient of a scholarship or fee waiver
25 under subsection (a) or (b); and

26 (3) be under the age of 26 before enrolling in a

1 qualified apprenticeship program.

2 Apprenticeship stipends shall be available to an eligible
3 youth for a maximum of 5 years after the youth enrolls in a
4 qualifying apprenticeship program so long as the youth makes
5 satisfactory progress toward completing the youth's
6 apprenticeship. The age requirement and 5-year cap on the
7 apprenticeship stipend provided under this subsection shall be
8 extended for any applicant who the Department determines was
9 unable to enroll in a qualifying apprenticeship program
10 because the applicant: (i) was called into active duty with
11 the United States Armed Forces; (ii) was deployed for service
12 in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps;
13 or (iii) volunteered in the Peace Corps or the AmeriCorps. The
14 Department shall extend eligibility for a qualifying applicant
15 by the total number of months or years during which the
16 applicant served on active duty with the United States Armed
17 Forces, was deployed for service in the United States Public
18 Health Service Commissioned Corps, or volunteered in the Peace
19 Corps or the AmeriCorps. The number of months an applicant
20 served on active duty with the United States Armed Forces
21 shall be rounded up to the next higher year to determine the
22 maximum length of time to extend eligibility for the
23 applicant.

24 The Department shall develop outreach programs to ensure
25 that youths who qualify for the apprenticeship stipends under
26 this subsection who are high school students in grades 9

1 through 12 or who are enrolled in a high school equivalency
2 testing program are aware of the availability of the
3 apprenticeship stipend.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-1100, eff. 1-1-23; 103-22, eff. 8-8-23;
5 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.".