

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 465

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 465 on page 7,  
3 immediately below line 5, by inserting the following:

4 "Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 65.40 and adding Section 65.75  
6 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 947/65.40)

8 Sec. 65.40. General provisions; leaves of absence.

9 (a) The scholarships issued under Sections ~~Section~~ 65.15  
10 and 65.75 may be used at the University of Illinois, Southern  
11 Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern  
12 Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois  
13 State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern  
14 Illinois University, and Western Illinois University. Unless  
15 otherwise indicated, the scholarships shall exempt the holder  
16 from the payment of tuition and other necessary fees as  
17 defined in Section 35 of this Act.

18 Any student who has been or shall be awarded a  
19 scholarship shall be reimbursed by the appropriate university  
20 or community college for any charges which he or she has paid  
21 and for which exemption is granted under this Section, if  
22 application for such reimbursement is made within 2 months

1 following the school term for which the charges were paid.

2 The holder of a scholarship shall be subject to all  
3 examinations, rules and requirements of the university or  
4 community college in which he or she is enrolled except as  
5 herein directed.

6 This Section does not prohibit the Board of Trustees of  
7 the University of Illinois, the Board of Trustees of Southern  
8 Illinois University, the Board of Trustees of Chicago State  
9 University, the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois  
10 University, the Board of Trustees of Governors State  
11 University, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State  
12 University, the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois  
13 University, the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois  
14 University, and the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois  
15 University for the institutions under their respective  
16 jurisdictions from granting other scholarships.

17 (b) Any student enrolled in a university to which he or  
18 she is holding a scholarship issued under Section 65.15 or  
19 65.75 who satisfies the president of the university or  
20 someone designated by the president that the student requires  
21 leave of absence for the purpose of earning funds to defray  
22 his or her expenses while in attendance or on account of  
23 illness or military service may be granted such leave and  
24 allowed a period of not to exceed 6 years in which to  
25 complete his or her course at the university. Time spent in  
26 the armed forces shall not be part of the 6 years.

27 (Source: P.A. 91-496, eff. 8-13-99.)

28 (110 ILCS 947/65.75 new)

29 Sec. 65.75. The Opportunity Scholarship Program.

30 (a) Each year, the Commission shall receive and consider  
31 applications for scholarship assistance under this Section  
32 and award scholarships, to be known as Opportunity  
33 Scholarships, to eligible applicants. Six scholarships per

1 legislative district shall be awarded to residents of each  
2 legislative district. The Commission may adopt any rules  
3 necessary to implement and administer this Section.

4 (b) An applicant is eligible for a scholarship under  
5 this Section if he or she meets all of the following  
6 requirements:

7 (1) The applicant is a resident of the legislative  
8 district for which he or she is applying for a  
9 scholarship and is registered to vote in that legislative  
10 district (if he or she is a citizen of the United States  
11 and is at least 18 years of age).

12 (2) The applicant is eligible for Monetary Award  
13 Program grant assistance under Section 35 of this Act.  
14 However, for any given legislative district, if there are  
15 not a sufficient number of applicants who meet the  
16 eligibility requirements for Monetary Award Program grant  
17 assistance, then the Commission shall determine  
18 eligibility under this subdivision (2) based on need and  
19 merit criteria that the Commission shall set by rule.

20 (3) The applicant meets the academic achievement  
21 criteria set by the Commission by rule.

22 (c) All applications for scholarship assistance under  
23 this Section shall be made to the Commission in a form as set  
24 forth by the Commission. The form of application and the  
25 information required to be set forth in the application shall  
26 be determined by the Commission. The Commission shall require  
27 applicants for scholarship assistance under this Section to  
28 submit with their applications any supporting documents that  
29 the Commission deems necessary, including a notarized  
30 statement from the applicant that the applicant is a resident  
31 of the legislative district for which he or she is applying  
32 for a scholarship and is registered to vote in that  
33 legislative district (if he or she is a citizen of the United  
34 States and at least 18 year of age).

1       (d) Section 65.40 of this Act governs scholarships  
2       issued under this Section. A scholarship awarded under this  
3       Section shall be good for a period of not more than 2  
4       semesters or 3 quarters while enrolled for residence credit.  
5       The maximum number of academic terms for which a recipient  
6       may receive scholarship assistance under this Section is 8  
7       semesters or 12 quarters of undergraduate study or the number  
8       of semesters or quarters of graduate study that the  
9       Commission determines."