

1 AN ACT concerning higher education appropriations.

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

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 13.5 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/13.5 new)

7 Sec. 13.5. Limitation on appropriations for higher  
8 education.

9 (a) Unless it complies with this Section, a purported  
10 appropriation of State funds for higher education is not a  
11 valid appropriation. No State funds may be expended for  
12 higher education unless the appropriation complies with this  
13 Section.

14 (b) Each appropriation for higher education must be by a  
15 separate line item appropriation. No expenditure for higher  
16 education may be funded through a lump sum appropriation.

17 (c) An appropriation for higher education means an  
18 appropriation to or for the benefit of a State-supported  
19 institution of higher learning for infrastructure  
20 improvements or operating expenses. "Infrastructure  
21 improvements" include without limitation capital  
22 improvements, capital projects, planning, construction,  
23 reconstruction, equipment, utilities, vehicles, and all  
24 associated costs. "State-supported institution of higher  
25 learning" means the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois  
26 University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois  
27 University, Governors State University, Illinois State  
28 University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern  
29 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and the  
30 public community colleges subject to the Public Community  
31 College Act.

1       (d) The purpose of this Section is to require full and  
2       complete disclosure during the appropriation process of State  
3       expenditures for higher education. This Section shall be  
4       liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

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