

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 Illinois Consortium for Educational  
5 Opportunity Act is amended by changing the title of the Act and  
6 Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 and by adding  
7 Section 11.5 as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 930/Act title)

9 An Act to create the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty  
10 in Illinois Program ~~Illinois Consortium for Educational~~  
11 ~~Opportunity~~.

12 (110 ILCS 930/1) (from Ch. 144, par. 2301)

13 Sec. 1. Short Title. This Act ~~shall be known and~~ may be  
14 cited as the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois  
15 ~~Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity~~ Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 84-785.)

17 (110 ILCS 930/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 2302)

18 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the  
19 context otherwise requires:

20 ~~(a) "Board" means the Board of Higher Education.~~

21 ~~(b) "Institution of higher education" means a publicly or~~  
22 ~~privately operated educational institution located within~~  
23 ~~Illinois: (1) which offers instruction leading toward or~~  
24 ~~prerequisite to an academic or professional degree beyond the~~  
25 ~~baccalaureate degree, excluding theological schools, and (2)~~  
26 ~~which requires that in order to obtain such degree the student~~  
27 ~~satisfactorily completes appropriate courses of class,~~  
28 ~~laboratory or research study in residence under a faculty whose~~  
29 ~~members hold appropriate academic degrees, and (3) which meets~~  
30 ~~the standards of approval established by the Board of Higher~~

1 ~~Education.~~

2 ~~(c) "Consortium Board" means the representatives of the~~  
3 ~~institutions of higher education participating in the~~  
4 ~~Consortium established under this Act.~~

5 "DFI" ~~(d) "ICEOP"~~ means the Diversifying Higher Education  
6 Faculty in Illinois Program ~~Illinois Consortium for~~  
7 ~~Educational Opportunity program~~ of financial assistance to  
8 minorities who are traditionally underrepresented as  
9 participants in postsecondary education. The program shall  
10 assist them in pursuing a graduate or professional degree and  
11 shall also assist program graduates to find employment at an  
12 Illinois institution of higher education, including a  
13 community college, in a faculty or staff position.

14 "Program Board" means the entity created to administer the  
15 grant program authorized by this Act.

16 "Qualified institution of higher education" means a  
17 qualifying publicly or privately operated educational  
18 institution located within Illinois (i) that offers  
19 instruction leading toward or prerequisite to an academic or  
20 professional degree beyond the baccalaureate degree, excluding  
21 theological schools, and (ii) that is authorized to operate in  
22 the State of Illinois.

23 ~~(e) "Racial minority" means a person who is a citizen of~~  
24 ~~the United States or a lawful permanent resident alien of the~~  
25 ~~United States and who is:~~

26 (1) Black (a person having origins in any of the black  
27 racial groups in Africa);

28 (2) Hispanic (a person of Spanish or Portuguese culture  
29 with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the  
30 Caribbean Islands, regardless of race);

31 (3) Asian American (a person having origins in any of  
32 the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the  
33 Indian Subcontinent or the Pacific Islands); or

34 (4) American Indian or Alaskan Native (a person having  
35 origins in any of the original peoples of North America).

36 (Source: P.A. 84-785.)

1 (110 ILCS 930/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 2303)

2 Sec. 3. Composition of the Program Consortium Board. The  
3 Program Board shall be comprised of 21 members and shall be  
4 appointed by the Board of Higher Education. Persons appointed  
5 to the Program Board shall include, but need not be limited to,  
6 individuals who are in leadership positions in institutions of  
7 higher education, including community colleges. Illinois  
8 institutions that grant doctoral degrees must have  
9 representation on the Program Board. ~~Consortium Board shall~~  
10 ~~include one representative from each of the institutions of~~  
11 ~~higher education participating in the Consortium.~~

12 ~~The method of selection shall be determined by each~~  
13 ~~institution of higher education.~~

14 The Board shall assure, ~~by additional appointments to the~~  
15 ~~Consortium Board, if necessary,~~ that racial minorities who are  
16 traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education  
17 programs and activities are members of the Program Consortium  
18 Board.

19 (Source: P.A. 84-785.)

20 (110 ILCS 930/4) (from Ch. 144, par. 2304)

21 Sec. 4. Responsibilities of the Program Consortium Board.  
22 The Program Consortium Board shall be responsible for:

23 (a) Establishing policy for administration of the DFI  
24 ~~ICEOP~~ grant program authorized under this Act, including  
25 criteria to promote placement of grant recipients.

26 (b) Reviewing and approving applications for  
27 participation in the DFI ~~ICEOP~~ grant program.

28 (c) Establishing subcommittees or panels as necessary  
29 to review applications and promote student placement.

30 (d) Reporting annually to the Board on program outcomes  
31 and results, including lists of new and continuing  
32 scholarship award recipients by institution, level, and  
33 field of study; lists of recipients retained in the program  
34 from the previous year; lists of placements of most recent

1 program graduates; a description of institutional efforts  
2 to place program graduates; and a description of policy and  
3 administrative actions designed to increase placement of  
4 grant recipients.

5 (Source: P.A. 84-785.)

6 (110 ILCS 930/6) (from Ch. 144, par. 2306)

7 Sec. 6. DFI ~~ICEOP~~ grants. A program of financial assistance  
8 is established to implement the policy of encouraging minority  
9 students to enroll and complete academic programs at the  
10 postbaccalaureate level and to enhance the diversity of faculty  
11 and staff of Illinois institutions of higher education. The  
12 Board of Higher Education shall provide administrative  
13 assistance for the Program Consortium Board and shall  
14 distribute funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this  
15 purpose in accordance with decisions made by the Program  
16 ~~Consortium~~ Board.

17 (Source: P.A. 84-785.)

18 (110 ILCS 930/7) (from Ch. 144, par. 2307)

19 Sec. 7. Eligibility for DFI ~~ICEOP~~ grants. An individual is  
20 eligible for an award under the provisions of this Act when the  
21 Program Consortium Board finds:

22 (a) That the individual is a resident of this State and  
23 a citizen or lawful permanent resident alien of the United  
24 States;

25 (b) That the individual is a member of a racial  
26 minority as defined under the terms of this Act;

27 (c) That the individual has earned any educational  
28 diploma at an institution of education located in this  
29 State, or is a resident of the State for no less than three  
30 years prior to applying for the grant, and the individual  
31 must hold a baccalaureate degree from an institution of  
32 higher learning;

33 (d) That the individual's financial resources are such  
34 that, in the absence of a DFI ~~an ICEOP~~ grant, the

1 individual will be prevented from pursuing a graduate or  
2 professional degree at a qualified institution of higher  
3 education of his or her choice;

4 (e) That the individual has above average academic  
5 ability to pursue a graduate or professional degree; and

6 (f) That the individual meets other qualifications  
7 which shall be established by the Program Consortium Board.

8 Grant funds shall be awarded only to those persons pursuing  
9 a graduate or professional degree program at a qualified  
10 institution of higher education.

11 The ~~Consortium~~ Board shall by rule promulgate, pursuant to  
12 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, precise standards  
13 to be used by the Program Board to determine whether a program  
14 applicant has above average academic ability to pursue a  
15 graduate or professional degree.

16 (Source: P.A. 85-1337.)

17 (110 ILCS 930/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 2308)

18 Sec. 8. Application. The Program Consortium Board shall  
19 design the application for the DFI ~~ICEOP~~ award and determine  
20 the timetable for submission of the application.

21 (Source: P.A. 84-785.)

22 (110 ILCS 930/9) (from Ch. 144, par. 2309)

23 Sec. 9. Terms of award. After a person has been accepted  
24 into the DFI ~~ICEOP~~, the individual shall be eligible for an  
25 annual award which may ~~shall~~ be renewable for up to an  
26 additional 3 years provided that he or she makes satisfactory  
27 progress toward completing his or her degree. The Program  
28 ~~Consortium~~ Board shall determine the award amount annually.

29 (Source: P.A. 92-45, eff. 7-1-02.)

30 (110 ILCS 930/10) (from Ch. 144, par. 2310)

31 Sec. 10. Conditions of award. Conditions for acceptance of  
32 a DFI ~~an ICEOP~~ award are that the recipient shall agree to: (1)  
33 accept a teaching or nonteaching full-time appointment at an

1 Illinois institution of higher education; or (2) ~~accept a~~  
2 ~~position at one of the higher education governing boards for~~  
3 ~~the period equal to the number of years that he or she was a~~  
4 ~~participant in the ICEOP; or (3)~~ accept a position as an  
5 employee of this State in an administrative,  
6 educational-related ~~education related~~ position for the period  
7 equal to the number of years that he or she was a participant  
8 in the DFI ~~ICEOP~~.

9 (Source: P.A. 85-727.)

10 (110 ILCS 930/11) (from Ch. 144, par. 2311)

11 Sec. 11. Penalty for failure to fulfill the conditions of a a  
12 DFI ~~an ICEOP~~ award. If the obligation of the award is not met,  
13 repayment of the funds awarded may be required according to  
14 procedures ~~rules~~ developed by the Program Consortium Board.

15 (Source: P.A. 84-785.)

16 (110 ILCS 930/11.5 new)

17 Sec. 11.5. Continuing participants. Program participants  
18 admitted under the provisions of the former Illinois Minority  
19 Graduate Incentive Program/Illinois Consortium for Educational  
20 Opportunity Program prior to January 1, 2004 shall be governed  
21 by the statutory provisions and rules governing the program at  
22 the time of their admission.

23 (110 ILCS 930/5 rep.)

24 Section 10. The Illinois Consortium for Educational  
25 Opportunity Act is amended by repealing Section 5.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
27 2004.