

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 Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by adding Section 65.75 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.75 new)

7 Sec. 65.75. Grant for a person raised by a grandparent.

8 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider
9 applications for grant assistance under this Section. An
10 applicant is eligible for a grant under this Section if the
11 Commission finds that the applicant:

12 (1) has been in the legal custody of his or her
13 grandparent and received public aid assistance under the
14 Illinois Public Aid Code for a period of at least the
15 consecutive 12 months preceding application for assistance
16 under this Section;

17 (2) has graduated from high school with a cumulative
18 grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its
19 equivalent;

20 (3) has been recommended for assistance under this
21 Section by the principal or other appropriate
22 administrative officer of his or her high school; and

23 (4) is enrolled in or plans to enroll in an institution
24 of higher learning in this State.

25 (b) Applicants who are determined to be eligible for
26 assistance under this Section shall receive, subject to
27 appropriation, a grant of \$1,000 to be applied to tuition and
28 mandatory fees and paid directly to the institution of higher
29 learning at which the applicant is enrolled. However, the total
30 amount of assistance awarded by the Commission under this
31 Section to an individual in any fiscal year, when added to
32 other financial assistance awarded by the Commission to that

1 individual for that fiscal year, must not exceed the cost of
2 attendance at the institution of higher learning at which the
3 student is enrolled.

4 (c) Applicants may receive assistance under this Section
5 only one time.

6 (d) The Commission shall make all necessary and proper
7 rules not inconsistent with this Section for its effective
8 implementation.