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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1455

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1455 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by adding Section 65.85 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.85 new)

7 Sec. 65.85. Higher education revolving loans.

8 (a) In this Section, "eligible student" means a student
9 enrolled at the undergraduate level at an institution of higher
10 learning who (i) if the student has not yet completed one term
11 at an institution of higher learning, had a 3.0 cumulative
12 grade point average or its equivalent after graduating from an
13 approved high school or (ii) if the student has completed at
14 least one term at an institution of higher learning, has a 3.0
15 post-secondary cumulative grade point average or its
16 equivalent. The student must also be an Illinois resident.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
2 Commission shall deem an individual an Illinois resident, until
3 the individual establishes a residence outside of this State,
4 if all of the following conditions are met:

5 (1) The individual resided with his or her parent or
6 guardian while attending a public or private high school in
7 this State.

8 (2) The individual graduated from a public or private
9 high school or received the equivalent of a high school
10 diploma in this State.

11 (3) The individual attended school in this State for at
12 least 3 years as of the date the individual graduated from
13 high school or received the equivalent of a high school
14 diploma.

15 (4) In the case of an individual who is not a citizen
16 or a permanent resident of the United States, the
17 individual provides the Commission with an affidavit
18 stating that the individual will file an application to
19 become a permanent resident of the United States at the
20 earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so.

21 (b) The Commission shall, subject to appropriation,
22 implement and administer a higher education revolving loan
23 program to provide loans to eligible students, as defined in
24 this Act and as determined by the Commission, for the costs of
25 attending an institution of higher learning in this State.
26 These loans must be offered at a low interest rate to be

1 determined by the Commission, taking into account in its
2 deliberations both program sustainability and affordability
3 for loan recipients.

4 (c) An individual may not receive loans under this Section
5 in excess of \$5,000 or the student's tuition and mandatory
6 fees, whichever is less, per academic year. Loan funds must be
7 paid directly to the institution of higher learning.

8 (d) The repayment period for a loan made under this Section
9 may not exceed 15 years. A person who receives a loan under
10 this Section shall begin repaying the loan beginning 6 months
11 after the person no longer attends an institution of higher
12 learning. The loan recipient shall repay at a minimum 5% of the
13 principal each year or the remaining balance of the loan.
14 Additionally, in each month, the loan recipient shall repay a
15 minimum of \$50 or the remaining balance of the loan.

16 (e) Any moneys transferred or appropriated for the purposes
17 of this Section, as well as all repayments of loans made under
18 this higher education revolving loan program and all interest
19 earned on moneys in the program, must be used by the Commission
20 only for making loans to Illinois students.

21 (f) The Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to
22 implement and administer this Section.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
24 2007."