



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1353

Introduced 2/9/2011, by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/30-9

from Ch. 122, par. 30-9

Amends the School Code. With respect to nominees for General Assembly scholarships, prohibits a nominee from being a relative of the member of the General Assembly making the nomination; defines relative. Provides that each member of the General Assembly shall (instead of may) delegate to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission the authority to nominate persons for General Assembly scholarships that the member would otherwise be entitled to award. Provides that the member shall make recommendations to the Commission concerning candidates for the scholarships and may inform the Commission in writing of the criteria that he or she wishes the Commission to apply in nominating candidates. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 School Code is amended by changing Section
5 30-9 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/30-9) (from Ch. 122, par. 30-9)

7 Sec. 30-9. General Assembly scholarship; conditions of
8 admission; award by competitive examination.

9 (a) In this Section, "relative" means a person related to
10 an individual as father, mother, son, daughter, brother,
11 sister, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, first cousin,
12 nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother,
13 grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law,
14 son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law,
15 stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother,
16 stepsister, half brother, or half sister and includes the
17 father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother of the
18 individual's spouse and the individual's fiance or fiancée.

19 (b) Each member of the General Assembly may nominate
20 annually 2 persons of school age and otherwise eligible, from
21 his district; each shall receive a certificate of scholarship
22 in any State supported university designated by the member. Any
23 member of the General Assembly in making nominations under this

1 Section may designate that his nominee be granted a 4 year
2 scholarship or may instead designate 2 or 4 nominees for that
3 particular scholarship, each to receive a 2 year or a one year
4 scholarship, respectively. A nominee must not be a relative of
5 the member making the nomination. The nominee, if a graduate of
6 a school accredited by the University to which nominated, shall
7 be admitted to the university on the same conditions as to
8 educational qualifications as are other graduates of
9 accredited schools. If the nominee is not a graduate of a
10 school accredited by the university to which nominated, he
11 must, before being entitled to the benefits of the scholarship,
12 pass an examination given by the superintendent of schools of
13 the county where he resides at the time stated in Section 30-7
14 for the competitive examination. The president of each
15 university shall prescribe the rules governing the examination
16 for scholarship to his university.

17 (c) A member of the General Assembly may award the
18 scholarship by competitive examination conducted under like
19 rules as prescribed in Section 30-7 even though one or more of
20 the applicants are graduates of schools accredited by the
21 university.

22 (d) This subsection (d) applies until the effective date of
23 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly. A member of
24 the General Assembly may delegate to the Illinois Student
25 Assistance Commission the authority to nominate persons for
26 General Assembly scholarships which that member would

1 otherwise be entitled to award, or may direct the Commission to
2 evaluate and make recommendations to the member concerning
3 candidates for such scholarships. In the event a member
4 delegates his nominating authority or directs the Commission to
5 evaluate and make recommendations concerning candidates for
6 General Assembly scholarships, the member shall inform the
7 Commission in writing of the criteria which he wishes the
8 Commission to apply in nominating or recommending candidates.
9 Those criteria may include some or all of the criteria provided
10 in Section 25 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. A
11 delegation of authority under this subsection (d) paragraph may
12 be revoked at any time by the member.

13 (e) This subsection (e) applies beginning on the effective
14 date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly. Each
15 member of the General Assembly shall delegate to the Illinois
16 Student Assistance Commission the authority to nominate
17 persons for General Assembly scholarships that the member would
18 otherwise be entitled to award. The member shall make
19 recommendations to the Commission concerning candidates for
20 the scholarships. The member may inform the Commission in
21 writing of the criteria that he or she wishes the Commission to
22 apply in nominating candidates. The criteria may include some
23 or all of the criteria provided in Section 25 of the Higher
24 Education Student Assistance Act.

25 (f) Failure of a member of the General Assembly to make a
26 nomination in any year shall not cause that scholarship to

1 lapse, but the member may make a nomination for such
2 scholarship at any time thereafter before the expiration of his
3 term, and the person so nominated shall be entitled to the same
4 benefits as holders of other scholarships provided herein. Any
5 such scholarship for which a member has made no nomination
6 prior to the expiration of the term for which he was elected
7 shall lapse upon the expiration of that term.

8 (Source: P.A. 93-349, eff. 7-24-03.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.