

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) A member of the General Assembly may delegate to the  
23 Illinois Student Assistance Commission the authority to  
24 nominate persons for General Assembly scholarships which that  
25 member would otherwise be entitled to award, or may direct the  
26 Commission to evaluate and make recommendations to the member

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

11 (e) Failure of a member of the General Assembly to make a  
12 nomination in any year shall not cause that scholarship to  
13 lapse, but the member may make a nomination for such  
14 scholarship at any time thereafter before the expiration of his  
15 term, and the person so nominated shall be entitled to the same  
16 benefits as holders of other scholarships provided herein. Any  
17 such scholarship for which a member has made no nomination  
18 prior to the expiration of the term for which he was elected  
19 shall lapse upon the expiration of that term.

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

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.