

HB4543



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Introduced 1/31/2012, by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/10

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that for the purpose of meeting the definition of "qualified institution" as used in provisions concerning the Monetary Award Program, a for-profit educational organization is an educational organization located in this State if the organization's main campus is physically located in this State.

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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 Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/10)

7 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act, and except to the extent
8 that any of the following words or phrases is specifically
9 qualified by its context:

10 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance
11 Commission created by this Act.

12 "Enrollment" means the establishment and maintenance of an
13 individual's status as a student in an institution of higher
14 learning, regardless of the terms used at the institution to
15 describe that status.

16 "Approved high school" means any public high school located
17 in this State; and any high school, located in this State or
18 elsewhere (whether designated as a high school, secondary
19 school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise) which in the
20 judgment of the State Superintendent of Education provides a
21 course of instruction at the secondary level and maintains
22 standards of instruction substantially equivalent to those of
23 the public high schools located in this State.

1 "Institution of higher learning", "qualified institution",
2 or "institution" means an educational organization located in
3 this State which

4 (1) provides at least an organized 2 year program of
5 collegiate grade in the liberal arts or sciences, or both,
6 directly applicable toward the attainment of a
7 baccalaureate degree or a program in health education
8 directly applicable toward the attainment of a
9 certificate, diploma, or an associate degree;

10 (2) either is

11 (A) operated by this State, or

12 (B) operated publicly or privately, not for
13 profit, or

14 (C) operated for profit, provided such for profit
15 organization

16 (i) offers degree programs which have been
17 approved by the Board of Higher Education for a
18 minimum of 3 years under the Academic Degree Act,
19 and

20 (ii) enrolls a majority of its students in such
21 degree programs, and

22 (iii) maintains an accredited status with the
23 Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of
24 the North Central Association of Colleges and
25 Schools;

26 (3) in the judgment of the Commission meets standards

1 substantially equivalent to those of comparable
2 institutions operated by this State; and

3 (4) if so required by the Commission, uses the State as
4 its primary guarantor of student loans made under the
5 federal Higher Education Act of 1965.

6 For the purpose of meeting the definition of "qualified
7 institution" as used in Section 35 of this Act, a for-profit
8 educational organization is an educational organization
9 located in this State if the organization's main campus is
10 physically located in this State. For otherwise eligible
11 educational organizations which provide academic programs for
12 incarcerated students, the terms "institution of higher
13 learning", "qualified institutions", and "institution" shall
14 specifically exclude academic programs for incarcerated
15 students.

16 "Academic Year" means a 12 month period of time, normally
17 but not exclusively, from September 1 of any year through
18 August 31 of the ensuing year.

19 "Full-time student" means any undergraduate student
20 enrolled in 12 or more semester or quarter hours of credit
21 courses in any given semester or quarter or in the equivalent
22 number of units of registration as determined by the
23 Commission.

24 "Part-time student" means any undergraduate student, other
25 than a full-time student, enrolled in 6 or more semester or
26 quarter hours of credit courses in any given semester or

1 quarter or in the equivalent number of units of registration as
2 determined by the Commission. Beginning with fiscal year 1999,
3 the Commission may, on a program by program basis, expand this
4 definition of "part-time student" to include students who
5 enroll in less than 6 semester or quarter hours of credit
6 courses in any given semester or quarter.

7 (Source: P.A. 90-122, eff. 7-17-97; 91-250, eff. 7-22-99.)