



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB4652

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/8

from Ch. 23, par. 5008

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. In provisions concerning scholarships and fee waivers, provides that each year the Department of Children and Family Services shall select a minimum of 53 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of veterans) to receive scholarships and fee waivers which will enable them to attend and complete their post-secondary education at a community college, university, or college (rather than may select from among the youth under care, youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under care who have been adopted or are in a guardianship placement, a maximum of 48 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of veterans) who have earned a high school diploma from a public school district or a recognized nonpublic school or a certificate of general education development (GED), or who have met the State criteria for high school graduation). Provides that youth shall be selected from among the youth for whom the Department has court-ordered legal responsibility, youth in the KinGap program, youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or youth formerly under care who have been adopted; and that recipients must have earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution, a General Education Development certificate or diploma, or have met the State criteria for high school graduation before the start of the school year for which they are applying for the scholarship and waiver. Provides that scholarships and fee waivers shall be available to students for at least 5 years, provided they are continuing to work toward graduation; and that unused scholarship dollars and fee waivers shall be reallocated to new recipients. Contains provisions concerning the selection committee and Department reports on measures of success.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/8) (from Ch. 23, par. 5008)

7 Sec. 8. Scholarships and fee waivers. Each year the
8 Department shall select a minimum of 53 students (at least 4 of
9 whom shall be children of veterans) to receive scholarships and
10 fee waivers which will enable them to attend and complete their
11 post-secondary education at a community college, university,
12 or college. Youth shall be selected from among the youth for
13 whom the Department has court-ordered legal responsibility,
14 youth in the KinGap program, may select from among the youth
15 under care, youth who aged out of care at age 18 or older, or
16 youth formerly under care who have been adopted. Recipients
17 must or are in a guardianship placement, a maximum of 48
18 students (at least 4 of whom shall be children of veterans) who
19 have earned a high school diploma from an accredited
20 institution, a General Education Development certificate or
21 diploma, or have met the State criteria for high school
22 graduation before the start of the school year for which they
23 are applying for the scholarship and waiver. a public school

1 ~~district or a recognized nonpublic school or a certificate of~~
2 ~~general education development (GED), or who have met the State~~
3 ~~criteria for high school graduation ; the youth selected shall~~
4 ~~be eligible for scholarships and fee waivers which will entitle~~
5 ~~them to 4 consecutive years of community college, university,~~
6 ~~or college education. Scholarships and fee waivers shall be~~
7 ~~available to students for at least 5 years, provided they are~~
8 ~~continuing to work toward graduation. Unused scholarship~~
9 ~~dollars and fee waivers shall be reallocated to new recipients.~~
10 ~~No later than January 1, 2015, the Department shall promulgate~~
11 ~~rules identifying the criteria for "continuing to work toward~~
12 ~~graduation", and for reallocating unused scholarships and fee~~
13 ~~wavers. Selection shall be made on the basis of several~~
14 ~~factors, including, but not limited to, scholastic record,~~
15 aptitude, and general interest in higher education. The
16 ~~selection committee shall include at least 2 individuals~~
17 ~~formerly under the care of the Department who have completed~~
18 ~~their post-secondary education.~~ In accordance with this Act,
19 tuition scholarships and fee waivers shall be available to such
20 students at any university or college maintained by the State
21 of Illinois. The Department shall provide maintenance and
22 school expenses, except tuition and fees, during the academic
23 years to supplement the students' earnings or other resources
24 so long as they consistently maintain scholastic records which
25 are acceptable to their schools and to the Department. Students
26 may attend other colleges and universities, if scholarships are

1 awarded them, and receive the same benefits for maintenance and
2 other expenses as those students attending any Illinois State
3 community college, university, or college under this Section.
4 Beginning with recipients receiving scholarships and waivers
5 in August 2014, the Department shall collect data and report
6 annually to the General Assembly on measures of success
7 including (i) the number of youth applying for and receiving
8 scholarships, (ii) the percentage of scholarship recipients
9 who complete their college or university degree within 5 years,
10 (iii) the average length of time it takes for scholarship
11 recipients to complete their college or university degree, (iv)
12 the reasons that scholarship recipients are discharged or fail
13 to complete their college or university degree, (v) youths'
14 outcomes 5 years and 10 years after being awarded the
15 scholarships, and (vi) budget allocations for maintenance and
16 school expenses incurred by the Department.

17 (Source: P.A. 97-799, eff. 7-13-12.)