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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3306

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3306 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Section 35 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/35)

7 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

8 (a) The Commission shall, twice a ~~each~~ year, receive and
9 consider applications for grant assistance under this Section.
10 The first application period for grants for the next academic
11 year shall be open to all eligible students who are applying
12 for a grant. The second application period for grants for the
13 next academic year shall occur no earlier than July 15. The
14 second application period for grants for the next academic year
15 shall be open only to:

16 (i) public community college students; or

1 (ii) public university students who missed the first
2 application deadline for good cause shown, as defined by
3 the Commission.

4 The Commission shall apportion grant funds between persons who
5 applied during the first application period and person who
6 applied during the second application period, in such manner as
7 the Commission shall determine.

8 Subject to a separate appropriation for the ~~such~~ purposes
9 of this Section, an applicant is eligible for a grant under
10 this Section when the Commission finds that the applicant:

11 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or
12 permanent resident of the United States; and

13 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be
14 deterred by financial considerations from completing an
15 educational program at the qualified institution of his or
16 her choice.

17 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
18 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
19 the applicant:

20 (1) has remained a student in good standing;

21 (2) remains a resident of this State; and

22 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
23 warrant assistance.

24 (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and
25 necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant
26 amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of

1 the following amounts:

2 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
3 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
4 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
5 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
6 academic year;

7 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters
8 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the
9 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

10 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be
11 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
12 resources.

13 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for
14 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)
15 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
16 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
17 this subsection (c).

18 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section
19 include the customary charge for instruction and use of
20 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged
21 for specified purposes, which are required generally of
22 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the
23 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees
24 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent
25 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The
26 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this

1 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of
2 tuition and other necessary fees.

3 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving
4 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary
5 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a
6 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit
7 hours of award payments.

8 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
9 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with
10 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission
11 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent
12 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

13 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit
14 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited
15 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended
16 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program
17 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary
18 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current
19 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

20 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is
21 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students
22 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program
23 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.
24 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance
25 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,
26 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of

1 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary
2 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

3 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and
4 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit
5 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this
6 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such
7 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

8 (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to
9 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer
10 students who have attained an associate degree.

11 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to
12 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have
13 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a
14 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and
15 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

16 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
17 eligible students.

18 (Source: P.A. 95-917, eff. 8-26-08.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law."