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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3306

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

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

7 (110 ILCS 947/35)

8 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

9 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider
10 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject
11 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is
12 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission
13 finds that the applicant:

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

16 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be

1 deterred by financial considerations from completing an
2 educational program at the qualified institution of his or
3 her choice.

4 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
5 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
6 the applicant:

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

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

9 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
10 warrant assistance.

11 (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and
12 necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant
13 amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of
14 the following amounts:

15 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
16 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
17 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
18 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
19 academic year;

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

23 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be
24 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
25 resources.

26 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for

1 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)
2 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
3 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
4 this subsection (c).

5 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section
6 include the customary charge for instruction and use of
7 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged
8 for specified purposes, which are required generally of
9 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the
10 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees
11 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent
12 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The
13 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this
14 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of
15 tuition and other necessary fees.

16 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving
17 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary
18 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a
19 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit
20 hours of award payments.

21 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
22 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with
23 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission
24 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent
25 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

26 (e-5) The General Assembly finds and declares that it is an

1 important purpose of the Monetary Award Program to facilitate
2 access to college both for students who pursue postsecondary
3 education immediately following high school and for those who
4 pursue postsecondary education later in life, particularly
5 Illinoisans who are dislocated workers with financial need and
6 who are seeking to improve their economic position through
7 education. Beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, the
8 Commission shall give additional and specific consideration to
9 the needs of dislocated workers with the intent of allowing
10 applicants who are dislocated workers an opportunity to secure
11 financial assistance even if applying later than the general
12 pool of applicants. The Commission's consideration shall
13 include, in determining the number of grants to be offered, an
14 estimate of the resources needed to serve dislocated workers
15 who apply after the Commission initially suspends award
16 announcements for the upcoming regular academic year, but prior
17 to the beginning of that academic year. For the purposes of
18 this subsection (e-5), a dislocated worker is defined as in the
19 federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

20 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit
21 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited
22 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended
23 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program
24 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary
25 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current
26 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

1 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is
2 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students
3 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program
4 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.
5 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance
6 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,
7 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of
8 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary
9 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

10 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and
11 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit
12 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this
13 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such
14 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

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

18 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to
19 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have
20 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a
21 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and
22 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

23 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
24 eligible students.

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

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".