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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. For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, 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.".