

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 15 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/15)

7 Sec. 15. Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

8 (a) There is established the Illinois Student Assistance  
9 Commission, consisting of 10 persons to be appointed by the  
10 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
11 membership of the Commission shall consist of one  
12 representative of the institutions of higher learning operated  
13 by the State; one representative of the private institutions of  
14 higher learning located in the State; one representative of the  
15 public community colleges located in the State; one  
16 representative of the public high schools located in the State;  
17 5 citizens of the State chosen for their knowledge of and  
18 interest in higher education, but not employed by,  
19 professionally affiliated with, or members of the governing  
20 boards of any institution of higher learning located in the  
21 State, and one student member selected from nominations  
22 submitted to the Governor by multi-campus student  
23 organizations, including but not limited to, the recognized

1 advisory committee of students of the Illinois Community  
2 College Board ~~Illinois Student Association, the Organization~~  
3 ~~of Community College Students,~~ the recognized advisory  
4 committee of students of the Board of Higher Education, and the  
5 recognized advisory committee of students of the Federation of  
6 Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities. The Governor  
7 shall designate one member, other than the student member, as  
8 chairman. Each member of the Commission, including the student  
9 member, shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
10 reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in performing his  
11 or her duties under this Act. Subject to a requirement that  
12 Commission members in office on the effective date of this  
13 amendatory Act of 1995 may serve the full term to which they  
14 were appointed, the appointment of Commission members to terms  
15 that commence on or after that effective date shall be made in  
16 a manner that gives effect at the earliest possible time to the  
17 change that is required by this amendatory Act in the  
18 representative composition of the Commission's membership.

19 (b) The term of office of each member, other than the  
20 student member, is 6 years from July 1 of the year of  
21 appointment, and until his successor is appointed and  
22 qualified. If a member's tenure of office, other than that of  
23 the student member, is terminated for any reason before his or  
24 her term has expired, the Governor shall fill the vacancy by  
25 the appointment of a person who has the same representative  
26 status as the person whose term has been so terminated, and the

1 new appointee shall hold office only for the remainder of that  
2 term and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The term  
3 of the student member shall be for 2 years from July 1 of each  
4 odd-numbered year. If the tenure of the student member is  
5 terminated for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled in the  
6 same manner as heretofore provided for a regular term of office  
7 appointment of the student member. The new student appointee  
8 shall hold office only for the remainder of that term. A  
9 student appointee's status on the Commission may not be  
10 considered in determining his or her eligibility for programs  
11 administered by the Commission ~~No student member may receive a~~  
12 ~~scholarship or grant pursuant to this Act during his or her~~  
13 ~~term of office with the Commission.~~

14 (c) In accordance with the provisions of the State  
15 Universities Civil Service Act, the Commission shall employ a  
16 professionally qualified person as the Executive Director of  
17 the Commission, and such other employees as may be necessary to  
18 effectuate the purposes of this Act.

19 (d) The Commission shall meet at least once in each fiscal  
20 year, and may meet at other times which the Chairman may  
21 designate by giving at least 10 days' written notice to each  
22 member.

23 (Source: P.A. 89-419, eff. 6-1-96.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.