

1 AN ACT concerning higher 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  
5 is 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  
13 operated by the State of Illinois; one representative of the  
14 private institutions of higher learning located in the State;  
15 one representative of the public community colleges located  
16 in the State; one representative of the public high schools  
17 located in the State; 5 citizens of the State chosen for  
18 their knowledge of and interest in higher education, but not  
19 employed by, professionally affiliated with, or members of  
20 the governing boards of any institution of higher learning  
21 located in the State, and one student member selected from  
22 nominations submitted to the Governor by multi-campus student  
23 organizations, including but not limited to, the Illinois  
24 Student Association, the Organization of Community College  
25 Students, the recognized advisory committee of students of  
26 the Board of Higher Education, and the recognized advisory  
27 committee of students of the Federation of Independent  
28 Illinois Colleges and Universities. The Governor shall  
29 designate one member, other than the student member, as  
30 chairman. Each member of the Commission, including the  
31 student member, shall serve without compensation, but shall

1 be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in performing  
2 his or her duties under this Act. Subject to a requirement  
3 that Commission members in office on the effective date of  
4 this amendatory Act of 1995 may serve the full term to which  
5 they were appointed, the appointment of Commission members to  
6 terms that commence on or after that effective date shall be  
7 made in a manner that gives effect at the earliest possible  
8 time to the change that is required by this amendatory Act in  
9 the representative composition of the Commission's  
10 membership.

11 (b) The term of office of each member, other than the  
12 student member, is 6 years from July 1 of the year of  
13 appointment, and until his successor is appointed and  
14 qualified. If a member's tenure of office, other than that  
15 of the student member, is terminated for any reason before  
16 his or her term has expired, the Governor shall fill the  
17 vacancy by the appointment of a person who has the same  
18 representative status as the person whose term has been so  
19 terminated, and the new appointee shall hold office only for  
20 the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed  
21 and qualified. The term of the student member shall be for 2  
22 years from July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If the tenure  
23 of the student member is terminated for any reason, the  
24 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as heretofore  
25 provided for a regular term of office appointment of the  
26 student member. The new student appointee shall hold office  
27 only for the remainder of that term. No student member may  
28 receive a scholarship or grant pursuant to this Act during  
29 his or her term of office with the Commission.

30 (c) In accordance with the provisions of the State  
31 Universities Civil Service Act, the Commission shall employ a  
32 professionally qualified person as the Executive Director of  
33 the Commission, and such other employees as may be necessary  
34 to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

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

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