

1 AN ACT concerning higher education student assistance.

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 45 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/45)

7 Sec. 45. Illinois National Guard grant program.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "State-controlled ~~State---centrelled~~ university or
10 community college" means those institutions under the
11 administration of the Chicago State University Board of
12 Trustees, the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees,
13 the Governors State University Board of Trustees, the
14 Illinois State University Board of Trustees, the Northeastern
15 Illinois University Board of Trustees, the Northern Illinois
16 University Board of Trustees, the Western Illinois University
17 Board of Trustees, Southern Illinois University Board of
18 Trustees, University of Illinois Board of Trustees, or the
19 Illinois Community College Board.

20 "Tuition and fees" shall not include expenses for any
21 sectarian or denominational instruction, the construction or
22 maintenance of sectarian or denominational facilities, or any
23 other sectarian or denominational purposes or activity.

24 "Fees" means matriculation, graduation, activity, term,
25 or incidental fees. Exemption shall not be granted from any
26 other fees, including book rental, service, laboratory,
27 supply, and union building fees, hospital and medical
28 insurance fees, and any fees established for the operation
29 and maintenance of buildings, the income of which is pledged
30 to the payment of interest and principal on bonds issued by
31 the governing board of any university or community college.

1 (b) Any enlisted person or person having any one of the
2 ranks from a warrant officer through a field grade officer
3 any-company-grade-officer, including-warrant-officers, --First
4 and-Second-Lieutenants, and-Captains in the Illinois Army and
5 Air National Guard, who has served at least 6 months one-year
6 in the Illinois National Guard and who possesses all
7 necessary entrance requirements shall, upon application and
8 proper proof, be awarded a grant to the State-controlled
9 university or community college of his or her choice,
10 consisting of exemption from tuition and fees for not more
11 than the equivalent of 4 years of full-time enrollment in
12 relation to his or her course of study at that
13 State-controlled ~~State--controlled~~ university or community
14 college while he or she is a member of the Illinois National
15 Guard. If the recipient of any grant awarded under this
16 Section ceases to be a member of the Illinois National Guard
17 while enrolled in a course of study under that grant, the
18 grant shall be terminated as of the date membership in the
19 Illinois National Guard ended, and the recipient shall be
20 permitted to complete the school term in which he or she is
21 then enrolled only upon payment of tuition and other fees
22 allocable to the part of the term then remaining. If the
23 recipient of a grant fails to complete his or her military
24 service obligations or requirements for satisfactory
25 participation, the Department of Military Affairs shall
26 require the recipient to repay the amount of the grant
27 received, prorated according to the fraction of the service
28 obligation not completed, and, if applicable, reasonable
29 collection fees. The Department of Military Affairs is
30 authorized to establish rules relating to its collection
31 activities for repayment of a grant under this Section.
32 Unsatisfactory participation shall be defined in
33 administrative procedures published by the Department of
34 Military Affairs. All of these repayments shall be deposited

1 into the National Guard Grant Fund. The National Guard Grant
2 Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. All
3 money in the National Guard Grant Fund shall be used, subject
4 to appropriation, by the Department of Military Affairs for
5 the purposes of this Section.

6 A grant awarded under this Section shall be considered an
7 entitlement which a the State-controlled university or
8 community college in which a the holder is enrolled shall
9 honor without any condition other than the holder's
10 maintenance of minimum grade levels and a satisfactory
11 student loan repayment record pursuant to subsection (c) of
12 Section 20 of this Act.

13 (c) Subject to a separate appropriation for such
14 purposes, the Commission may reimburse a the State-controlled
15 university or community college for grants authorized by this
16 Section.

17 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96.)

18 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
19 Section 5.545 as follows:

20 (30 ILCS 105/5.545 new)

21 Sec. 5.545. The National Guard Grant Fund.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
23 January 1, 2002.