

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Public Higher Education Act is amended by adding Section 15 as follows:

(110 ILCS 167/15 new)

Sec. 15. Transcript evaluation fee waivers.

(a) In this Section, "refugee" means a person who has entered the United States on a refugee status from Iraq or Afghanistan.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2025, each public institution of higher education shall pay on behalf of a refugee or reimburse a refugee for payment of any transcript evaluation fees that are required by the public institution of higher education to be paid during the admission process.

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