

AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

(110 ILCS 979/10)

Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

"Illinois public university" means the University of Illinois, Illinois State University, Chicago State University, Governors State University, Southern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or Northeastern Illinois University.

"Illinois community college" means a public community college as defined in Section 1-2 of the Public Community College Act.

"Eligible institution" means an eligible educational institution as defined in Section 529 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any regulations thereunder ~~institution of higher learning, as defined in Section 10 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, whose students are eligible to receive benefits under Section 529(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as specified by the federal Small~~

~~Business Act of 1996 and subsequent amendments to this federal law.~~

"Illinois prepaid tuition contract" or "contract" means a contract entered into between the State and a Purchaser under Section 45 to provide for the higher education of a qualified beneficiary.

"Illinois prepaid tuition program" or "program" means the program created in Section 15.

"Purchaser" means a person who makes or has contracted to make payments under an Illinois prepaid tuition contract.

"Public institution of higher education" means an Illinois public university or Illinois community college.

"Nonpublic institution of higher education" means any eligible institution, other than a public institution of higher education.

"Qualified beneficiary" means (i) anyone who has been a resident of this State for at least 12 months prior to the date of the contract, or (ii) a nonresident, so long as the purchaser has been a resident of the State for at least 12 months prior to the date of the contract, or (iii) any person less than one year of age whose parent or legal guardian has been a resident of this State for at least 12 months prior to the date of the contract.

"Tuition" means the quarter or semester charges imposed on a qualified beneficiary to attend an eligible institution.

"Mandatory Fees" means those quarter or semester fees

imposed upon all students enrolled at an eligible institution.

"Registration Fees" means the charges derived by combining tuition and mandatory fees.

"Contract Unit" means 15 credit hours of instruction at an eligible institution.

"Panel" means the investment advisory panel created under Section 20.

"Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

(Source: P.A. 96-1282, eff. 7-26-10.)

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