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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3567

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3567 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the
5 General Assembly that nothing in this Act reduces or eliminates
6 the funding of Monetary Award Program grants by the Illinois
7 Student Assistance Commission for first-time applicants who
8 are not freshmen of an institution of higher learning.

9 Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
10 amended by changing Section 35 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 947/35)

12 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

13 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider
14 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject
15 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is

1 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission
2 finds that the applicant:

3 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or
4 permanent resident of the United States; and

5 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be
6 deterred by financial considerations from completing an
7 educational program at the qualified institution of his or
8 her choice.

9 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
10 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
11 the applicant:

12 (1) has remained a student in good standing;

13 (2) remains a resident of this State; and

14 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
15 warrant assistance.

16 (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and
17 necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant
18 amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of
19 the following amounts:

20 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
21 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
22 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
23 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
24 academic year;

25 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters
26 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the

1 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

2 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be
3 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
4 resources.

5 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for
6 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)
7 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
8 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
9 this subsection (c).

10 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section
11 include the customary charge for instruction and use of
12 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged
13 for specified purposes, which are required generally of
14 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the
15 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees
16 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent
17 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The
18 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this
19 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of
20 tuition and other necessary fees.

21 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving
22 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary
23 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a
24 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit
25 hours of award payments.

26 (d-5) Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, a grant

1 awarded under this Section to a first-time, full-time freshman
2 of a public institution of higher learning shall be prioritized
3 for renewal until the grant recipient completes a baccalaureate
4 degree or the equivalent of 135 credit hours if the recipient
5 otherwise meets the renewal requirements under this Section and
6 remains enrolled at a public institution of higher learning
7 until the degree or credit hours are completed.

8 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
9 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with
10 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission
11 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent
12 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

13 (e-5) The General Assembly finds and declares that it is an
14 important purpose of the Monetary Award Program to facilitate
15 access to college both for students who pursue postsecondary
16 education immediately following high school and for those who
17 pursue postsecondary education later in life, particularly
18 Illinoisans who are dislocated workers with financial need and
19 who are seeking to improve their economic position through
20 education. For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, the
21 Commission shall give additional and specific consideration to
22 the needs of dislocated workers with the intent of allowing
23 applicants who are dislocated workers an opportunity to secure
24 financial assistance even if applying later than the general
25 pool of applicants. The Commission's consideration shall
26 include, in determining the number of grants to be offered, an

1 estimate of the resources needed to serve dislocated workers
2 who apply after the Commission initially suspends award
3 announcements for the upcoming regular academic year, but prior
4 to the beginning of that academic year. For the purposes of
5 this subsection (e-5), a dislocated worker is defined as in the
6 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

7 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit
8 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited
9 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended
10 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program
11 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary
12 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current
13 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

14 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is
15 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students
16 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program
17 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.
18 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance
19 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,
20 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of
21 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary
22 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

23 (g) Until July 1, 2019, the ~~The~~ Commission shall determine
24 the eligibility of and make grants to applicants enrolled at
25 qualified for-profit institutions in accordance with the
26 criteria set forth in this Section. The eligibility of

1 applicants enrolled at such for-profit institutions shall be
2 limited as follows:

3 (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to
4 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer
5 students who have attained an associate degree.

6 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to
7 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have
8 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a
9 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and
10 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

11 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
12 eligible students.

13 (h) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the
14 Commission may not make any grants under this Section to an
15 applicant enrolled at a for-profit institution; except that
16 until July 1, 2023, the Commission may award a grant renewal to
17 an applicant enrolled at a for-profit institution if he or she
18 otherwise meets the renewal requirements under this Section.

19 (i) The Commission may adopt rules to implement this
20 Section.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-477, eff. 9-8-17.)

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