

SB2014



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Martin A. Sandoval

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/20

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the functions of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall be exercised without regard to an applicant's citizenship or immigration status (unless otherwise provided by statute).

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning 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 is
5 amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/20)

7 Sec. 20. Functions of Commission.

8 (a) The Commission, in accordance with this Act, shall
9 prepare and supervise the issuance of public information
10 concerning its provisions; prescribe the form and regulate the
11 submission of applications for assistance; provide for and
12 conduct, or cause to be conducted, all eligibility
13 determinations of applicants; award the appropriate financial
14 assistance; and, upon request by a member of the General
15 Assembly, nominate or evaluate and recommend for nomination
16 applicants for General Assembly scholarships in accordance
17 with criteria specified by the member under Section 30-9 of the
18 School Code.

19 (b) The Commission is authorized to participate in any
20 programs for monetary assistance to students and to receive,
21 hold, and disburse all such funds made available by any agency
22 or organization for the purpose or purposes for which they are
23 made available. The Commission is authorized to administer a

1 program of grant assistance as authorized by the Baccalaureate
2 Savings Act. The Commission is authorized to participate in any
3 programs established to improve student financial aid services
4 or the proficiency of persons engaged in student financial aid
5 services and to receive, hold, and disburse all funds made
6 available by any agency or organization for the purpose or
7 purposes for which they are made available subject to the
8 appropriations of the General Assembly.

9 (c) The Commission is authorized to deny a scholarship or a
10 grant to any person who has defaulted on a guaranteed student
11 loan and who is not maintaining a satisfactory repayment
12 record. If a person has a defaulted guaranteed student loan but
13 is otherwise eligible for assistance pursuant to Section 40,
14 the Commission shall award one term of assistance during which
15 a satisfactory repayment record must be established. If such a
16 repayment record is not established, additional assistance
17 shall be denied until a satisfactory repayment record is
18 established.

19 (d) The Commission is authorized to participate with
20 federal, state, county, local, and university law enforcement
21 agencies in cooperative efforts to detect and prosecute
22 incidents of fraud in student assistance programs.

23 (e) The Administrative Review Law shall apply to and govern
24 all proceedings for the judicial review of final administrative
25 decisions of the Commission.

26 (f) The Commission is authorized to make all necessary and

1 proper rules, not inconsistent with this Act, for the efficient
2 exercise of the foregoing functions.

3 (g) Unless otherwise provided by statute, the functions of
4 the Commission shall be exercised without regard to any
5 applicant's race, creed, sex, color, national origin, ~~or~~
6 ancestry, or citizenship or immigration status.

7 (h) The Commission is authorized to establish systems and
8 programs to encourage employers to match employee
9 contributions to prepaid programs of college savings by making
10 donations to the Commission for prepaid programs of college
11 savings to make higher education affordable for all residents
12 of the State and to receive, hold, and disburse all such funds
13 made available through those programs for the purposes for
14 which they are authorized by rule or by law.

15 (Source: P.A. 96-198, eff. 8-10-09.)