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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2466

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2466 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (110 ILCS 947/10)

7 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act, and except to the  
8 extent that any of the following words or phrases is  
9 specifically qualified by its context:

10 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance  
11 Commission created by this Act.

12 "Enrollment" means the establishment and maintenance of an  
13 individual's status as a student in an institution of higher  
14 learning, regardless of the terms used at the institution to  
15 describe that status.

16 "Approved high school" means any public high school

1 located in this State; and any high school, located in this  
2 State or elsewhere (whether designated as a high school,  
3 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
4 which in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education  
5 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and  
6 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to  
7 those of the public high schools located in this State.

8 "Institution of higher learning", "qualified institution",  
9 or "institution" means an educational organization located in  
10 this State which

11 (1) provides at least an organized 2 year program of  
12 collegiate grade in the liberal arts or sciences, or both,  
13 directly applicable toward the attainment of a  
14 baccalaureate degree or a program in health education  
15 directly applicable toward the attainment of a  
16 certificate, diploma, or an associate degree;

17 (2) either is

18 (A) operated by this State, or

19 (B) operated publicly or privately, not for  
20 profit, or

21 (C) operated for profit, provided such for profit  
22 organization

23 (i) offers degree programs which have been  
24 approved by the Board of Higher Education for a  
25 minimum of 3 years under the Academic Degree Act,  
26 and

1 (ii) enrolls a majority of its students in  
2 such degree programs, and

3 (iii) maintains an accredited status with the  
4 Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of  
5 the North Central Association of Colleges and  
6 Schools;

7 (3) in the judgment of the Commission meets standards  
8 substantially equivalent to those of comparable  
9 institutions operated by this State; and

10 (4) if so required by the Commission, uses the State  
11 as its primary guarantor of student loans made under the  
12 federal Higher Education Act of 1965.

13 For otherwise eligible educational organizations which provide  
14 academic programs for incarcerated students, the terms  
15 "institution of higher learning", "qualified institutions",  
16 and "institution" shall specifically exclude academic programs  
17 for incarcerated students except for students participating in  
18 the monetary award program established under Section 35 of  
19 this Act.

20 "Academic year" means a 12 month period of time, normally  
21 but not exclusively, from September 1 of any year through  
22 August 31 of the ensuing year.

23 "Full-time student" means any undergraduate student  
24 enrolled in 12 or more semester or quarter hours of credit  
25 courses in any given semester or quarter or in the equivalent  
26 number of units of registration as determined by the

1 Commission.

2 "Part-time student" means any undergraduate student, other  
3 than a full-time student, enrolled in 6 or more semester or  
4 quarter hours of credit courses in any given semester or  
5 quarter or in the equivalent number of units of registration  
6 as determined by the Commission. Beginning with fiscal year  
7 1999, the Commission may, on a program by program basis,  
8 expand this definition of "part-time student" to include  
9 students who enroll in less than 6 semester or quarter hours of  
10 credit courses in any given semester or quarter.

11 "Public university" means any public 4-year university in  
12 this State.

13 "Public university campus" means any campus under the  
14 governance or supervision of a public university.

15 (Source: P.A. 100-587, eff. 6-4-18; 100-1015, eff. 8-21-18.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
17 2026.".