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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2806

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2806 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.1030 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

7 Sec. 5.1030. The STEM Opportunity Scholarship Program
8 Fund.

9 Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
10 amended by adding Section 65.122 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 947/65.122 new)

12 Sec. 65.122. STEM Opportunity Scholarship Program.

13 (a) The STEM Opportunity Scholarship Program established
14 under this Section shall support the development of a highly

1 skilled workforce by expanding opportunities for individuals
2 pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, and
3 mathematics with a focus on increasing merit-based
4 opportunities for women in these fields.

5 (b) The Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall
6 establish, implement, and administer a STEM Opportunity
7 Scholarship Program, using funds appropriated from the STEM
8 Opportunity Scholarship Program Fund or another source
9 designated by the General Assembly, for the purpose of
10 offering scholarships to students pursuing degrees in the
11 fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at
12 public universities in this State.

13 (c) The Commission shall, on an annual basis, receive and
14 consider applications for scholarship assistance under the
15 Program. An applicant is eligible for a scholarship under the
16 Program if the Commission finds that the applicant meets all
17 of the following criteria:

18 (1) The applicant is a resident of this State.

19 (2) The applicant is enrolled in a public university
20 in this State on at least a part-time basis.

21 (d) When selecting scholarship recipients from amounts
22 available for eligible applicants, the Commission shall give
23 first preference to previous recipients of a scholarship under
24 the Program, as long as the recipient continues to meet the
25 eligibility requirements set forth in subsection (c) and
26 maintains satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the

1 public university at which the recipient is enrolled. In
2 considering new recipients, the Commission shall prioritize
3 funding for students with financial need, female applicants,
4 and applicants who meet other criteria as determined by the
5 Commission.

6 (e) The total amount of scholarship assistance awarded by
7 the Commission under this Section to an eligible applicant in
8 any given fiscal year, when added to other financial
9 assistance awarded to that individual for that year, may not
10 exceed the cost of attendance at the public university at
11 which the individual is enrolled. If the amount of financial
12 assistance to be awarded to a qualified student exceeds the
13 cost of attendance at the public university at which the
14 student is enrolled, the scholarship awarded under this
15 Section shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount by
16 which the combined financial assistance available to the
17 student exceeds the cost of attendance.

18 (f) The STEM Opportunity Scholarship Program Fund is
19 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All money in
20 the Fund shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the
21 Commission for the purposes of this Section.

22 (g) Funding for the Program is subject to appropriation.
23 Additional contributions from private entities, philanthropic
24 organizations, or federal grants may supplement the Program.

25 (h) The Commission shall make all necessary and proper
26 rules not inconsistent with this Section for its effective

1 implementation.".