

HB4671



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/3/2026, by Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 735/10-30

Amends the Energy Community Reinvestment Act. In provisions concerning the Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition Scholarship, provides that a student may receive a scholarship under those provisions for a period that is equivalent to 4 years of full-time enrollment, including summer terms (currently, one calendar year of full-time enrollment, including summer terms). Provides that the displaced energy worker must have lost his or her employment while a resident of Illinois to be eligible for the scholarship program. Effective July 1, 2026.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Energy Community Reinvestment Act is
5 amended by changing Section 10-30 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 735/10-30)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on September 15, 2045)

8 Sec. 10-30. Displaced Energy Worker Dependent Transition
9 Scholarship.

10 (a) Subject to appropriation, the benefits of this Section
11 shall be administered by and paid for out of funds made
12 available to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

13 (b) Any natural child, legally adopted child, or stepchild
14 of an eligible displaced energy worker who possesses all
15 necessary entrance requirements shall, upon application and
16 proper proof, be awarded a transition scholarship ~~consisting~~
17 ~~of the equivalent of one calendar year of full time~~
18 ~~enrollment, including summer terms,~~ to the State-supported
19 Illinois institution of higher learning of his or her choice.
20 A student may receive assistance under this Section for a
21 period that is equivalent to 4 years of full-time enrollment,
22 including summer terms.

23 (c) As used in this Section, "eligible displaced energy

1 worker" means an energy worker who, while a resident of
2 Illinois, has lost employment due to the reduced operation or
3 closure of a fossil fuel power plant or coal mine located in
4 this State.

5 (d) Full-time enrollment means 12 or more semester hours
6 of courses per semester, or 12 or more quarter hours of courses
7 per quarter, or the equivalent thereof per term. Scholarships
8 utilized by dependents enrolled in less than full-time study
9 shall be computed in the proportion which the number of hours
10 so carried bears to full-time enrollment.

11 (e) Scholarships awarded under this Section may be used by
12 a child without regard to his or her age or current state of
13 residence. The holder of a Scholarship awarded under this
14 Section shall be subject to all examinations and academic
15 standards, including the maintenance of minimum grade levels,
16 that are applicable generally to other enrolled students at
17 the Illinois institution of higher learning where the
18 scholarship is being used.

19 (f) An applicant is eligible for a scholarship under this
20 Section when the Commission finds the applicant:

21 (1) is the natural child, legally adopted child, or
22 stepchild of an eligible displaced energy worker; and

23 (2) in the absence of transition scholarship
24 assistance, will be deterred by financial considerations
25 from completing an educational program at the
26 State-supported Illinois institution of higher learning of

1 his or her choice.

2 (g) Funds may be made available from the Energy Transition
3 Assistance Fund to the Commission to provide these grants.

4 (h) The scholarship shall only cover tuition and fees at
5 the rates offered to students residing within the State or in
6 the district, but the scholarship amount awarded to a student
7 in a single year shall not exceed the cost equivalent of one
8 calendar year of full-time enrollment, including summer terms,
9 at the University of Illinois. The Commission shall determine
10 the grant amount for each student.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-662, eff. 9-15-21.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
13 2026.