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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 745/0.01	from Ch. 127, par. 1550
30 ILCS 745/1	from Ch. 127, par. 1551
30 ILCS 745/2	from Ch. 127, par. 1552
30 ILCS 745/3	from Ch. 127, par. 1553
30 ILCS 745/4	from Ch. 127, par. 1554
30 ILCS 745/5	from Ch. 127, par. 1555
30 ILCS 745/6	from Ch. 127, par. 1556
30 ILCS 745/7	from Ch. 127, par. 1557
30 ILCS 745/8	from Ch. 127, par. 1558

Amends the Public Radio and Television Grant Act. Changes the name of the Act to the Public Media Grant Act. Provides that public, educational, and government access channels are included in the grant program under the Act. Makes changes concerning the distribution of grants under the Act. Effective immediately.

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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 Public Radio and Television Grant Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 0.01, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8  
6 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 745/0.01) (from Ch. 127, par. 1550)

8 Sec. 0.01. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Public  
9 Media ~~Public Radio and Television~~ Grant Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-1324.)

11 (30 ILCS 745/1) (from Ch. 127, par. 1551)

12 Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the  
13 context otherwise requires:

14 "Illinois public radio station" or "radio station" means a  
15 non-commercial public radio broadcasting station licensed as  
16 such by the Federal Communications Commission, or authorized  
17 under a program test authority by the Federal Communications  
18 Commission, which operates from a community located in this  
19 State, and meets the minimum criteria for receipt of Community  
20 Service Grants set by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting;  
21 and

22 "Illinois public television station" or "television

1 station" means a non-commercial public television broadcasting  
2 station licensed as such by the Federal Communications  
3 Commission, or authorized under a program test authority by  
4 the Federal Communications Commission, which operates from a  
5 community located in this State, and meets the minimum  
6 criteria for receipt of Community Service Grants set by the  
7 Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

8 "Public, educational, and government access channel" or  
9 "PEG" means a cable-operated channel that provides community  
10 programming, such as coverage of hyper-local news, high school  
11 sports, and city council meetings.

12 "Eligible public media outlet ~~station~~" means a public,  
13 educational, and government access channel or public radio or  
14 television station as defined hereinabove which had been in  
15 full-time operation and has met the minimum grant criteria of  
16 the Corporation for Public Broadcasting before applying for a  
17 grant under this Act.

18 In the event the Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
19 should cease to exist, or its Community Service Grant program  
20 should terminate, or the eligibility criteria for grants under  
21 the Community Service Grant program shall be lowered, then the  
22 criteria for eligibility for such grants which were extant on  
23 the effective date of this Act shall prevail for purposes of  
24 this Act.

25 "Public media outlet" or "outlet", "Station" unless  
26 otherwise qualified, means any eligible PEG, radio station, or

1 television station.

2 "Actual operating cost" means the total sum expended for  
3 the operations and maintenance of an Illinois public radio or  
4 television station.

5 (Source: P.A. 88-494.)

6 (30 ILCS 745/2) (from Ch. 127, par. 1552)

7 Sec. 2. Certification process. Each eligible outlet  
8 ~~station~~ shall certify to the Illinois Arts Council, in such  
9 form and at such time as the Council shall require, its actual  
10 operating cost for the prior fiscal year. Upon acceptance by  
11 the Illinois Arts Council, such certification shall constitute  
12 the basis for grants provided under this Act.

13 (Source: P.A. 91-25, eff. 6-9-99.)

14 (30 ILCS 745/3) (from Ch. 127, par. 1553)

15 Sec. 3. Allocation of Funds. Funds appropriated under this  
16 Act shall be used for the purpose of making grants to public  
17 media outlets. ~~stations under this Act shall be divided into 2~~  
18 ~~grant pools, with 75% of such appropriated funds constituting~~  
19 ~~a grant pool for public television stations and 25% of such~~  
20 ~~appropriated funds constituting a grant pool for public radio~~  
21 ~~stations.~~

22 (Source: P.A. 84-1040.)

23 (30 ILCS 745/4) (from Ch. 127, par. 1554)

1           Sec. 4. Basic Grants. Each eligible outlet ~~station~~ shall  
2 receive an annual basic service grant in an amount equal to 30%  
3 of the grant pool ~~for which it is eligible~~ divided by the  
4 number of eligible outlets. ~~stations~~.

5           (Source: P.A. 84-1040.)

6           (30 ILCS 745/5) (from Ch. 127, par. 1555)

7           Sec. 5. Operating Grants. Each eligible outlet ~~station~~  
8 shall receive an annual operating support grant amounting to a  
9 pro-rata share of 70% of the grant pool ~~for which it is~~  
10 ~~eligible~~. This share shall bear the same ratio to 70% of the  
11 grant pool ~~from which it came~~ as the outlet's ~~station's~~ actual  
12 operating cost bore in the previous fiscal year to the  
13 aggregate of such actual operating cost for all eligible  
14 outlets ~~stations~~ for that year.

15           (Source: P.A. 84-1040.)

16           (30 ILCS 745/6) (from Ch. 127, par. 1556)

17           Sec. 6. Grant Limitations. Notwithstanding any other  
18 provision of this Act, no outlet ~~station~~ shall in any year be  
19 allocated funds under this Act in excess of one-half of its  
20 actual operating cost for the prior fiscal year. Those funds  
21 not obligated by virtue of this limitation shall be  
22 distributed to the remaining outlets ~~stations~~ in accordance  
23 with the provisions of Section 5 of this Act.

24           Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no outlet

1 ~~station~~ shall be allocated more than 60% of all funds in its  
2 grant pool. Those funds not obligated by virtue of this  
3 limitation shall be distributed to the remaining eligible  
4 outlets ~~stations~~ in accordance with the provisions of Section  
5 5 of this Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 84-1040.)

7 (30 ILCS 745/7) (from Ch. 127, par. 1557)

8 Sec. 7. Required Assurances. Each eligible outlet ~~station~~  
9 and, if applicable, its outlet ~~station~~ licensee shall certify  
10 to the Illinois Arts Council when applying for grant funds  
11 under this Act that any funds received pursuant to the  
12 provisions of this Act shall not supplant or cause to be  
13 reduced any other sources of funding for such outlets  
14 ~~stations~~, and will be used solely for the benefit of public  
15 media ~~a public broadcasting station~~ and not for general  
16 institutional overhead or parent organization expenses.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-25, eff. 6-9-99.)

18 (30 ILCS 745/8) (from Ch. 127, par. 1558)

19 Sec. 8. Illinois Public Broadcasting Council. There is  
20 hereby created a public corporation to be called the Illinois  
21 Public Broadcasting Council whose directors shall consist of  
22 one representative of each outlet ~~station~~ eligible to receive  
23 grants under this Act. This Corporation shall function under  
24 such bylaws as shall be written by its initial directors and

1 amended from time to time, provided, however, that such bylaws  
2 shall be in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of  
3 Illinois.

4 (Source: P.A. 84-1040.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law.