



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5462

Introduced 2/13/2026, by Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 997/10  
110 ILCS 997/25  
110 ILCS 997/30

Amends the Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program Act. Provides that a recipient may receive an award through the Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program for a maximum of 4 years. With regard to eligibility for the Program, requires, among other criteria, (i) an applicant to be a full-time employee for at least 24 consecutive months as a human services professional at the time of application, (ii) an applicant to remain a full-time employee as a human services professional in the same community-based human services agency for at least 12 months follow the initial application for (rather than after receiving) the grant, and (iii) an applicant seeking a renewal award to be employed by the same community-based human services agency at the time of application and to provide evidence of continuous employment for the 12 months preceding the application for renewal. Defines "human services agency". Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2026.

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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 Human Services Professional Loan Repayment  
5 Program Act is amended by changing Sections 10, 25, and 30 as  
6 follows:

7 (110 ILCS 997/10)

8 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

9 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance  
10 Commission.

11 "Human services agency" means a community-based human  
12 services organization that:

13 (1) provides services to varied populations pursuant  
14 to its mission;

15 (2) provides a range of in-kind benefits, direct cash  
16 assistance, or other direct or indirect services in  
17 various places and settings as required by individual and  
18 community needs; and

19 (3) contracts with, receives funding from, or is  
20 grant-funded by a State agency for the purposes of  
21 providing direct or indirect services that ensure that  
22 individuals have the essential elements to build and  
23 maintain physical, emotional, and economic well-being at

1           every phase of life.

2           "Professional" means an individual employed by a human  
3 services agency ~~that contracts with, receives funding from, or~~  
4 ~~is grant funded by a State agency for the purposes of~~  
5 ~~providing direct or indirect services that ensure that~~  
6 ~~individuals have the essential elements to build and maintain~~  
7 ~~physical, emotional, and economic well being at every phase of~~  
8 ~~life.~~

9           "Program" means the Human Services Professional Loan  
10 Repayment Program.

11           "Qualified program" means a program that offers an  
12 associate, bachelor's, or master's degree from an accredited  
13 college or university.

14           "State agency" means the Department of Human Services, the  
15 Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of  
16 Juvenile Justice, the Department on Aging, and the Department  
17 of Public Health.

18           (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23; 103-31, eff. 7-1-23.)

19           (110 ILCS 997/25)

20           Sec. 25. Award; maximum amount. The Commission shall award  
21 a grant to eligible applicants and may grant preference to  
22 applicants based on need or income levels or a measure that  
23 combines need or income levels. The recipient of a grant  
24 awarded by the Commission under this Act must use the grant  
25 award for payments toward the recipient's educational loans

1 from a qualified program. The amount of the grant shall not  
2 exceed: (i) \$25,000 per year for a master's degree or higher;  
3 (ii) \$15,000 per year for a bachelor's degree; (iii) \$3,000  
4 per year for a professional with an associate degree; and (iv)  
5 up to a \$5,000 per year add-on if independently licensed as a  
6 licensed clinical social worker, a licensed clinical  
7 professional counselor, a licensed practitioner of the healing  
8 arts, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a  
9 board-certified behavior analyst, or a registered behavior  
10 technician. A recipient may receive an award through this  
11 program for a maximum of 4 years.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23; 103-31, eff. 7-1-23.)

13 (110 ILCS 997/30)

14 Sec. 30. Eligibility; work requirement.

15 (a) To be eligible to receive a grant under the Human  
16 Services Professional Loan Repayment Program, the Commission  
17 must find that the eligible professional satisfies all of the  
18 following:

19 (1) The applicant is a resident of the State of  
20 Illinois.

21 (2) At the time of application, the ~~The~~ applicant has  
22 been a full-time employee for at least 24 consecutive  
23 months as a human services professional, and the  
24 community-based human services agency currently has or did  
25 have a contract with, receives funding from, or is

1 grant-funded by a State agency for the purpose of  
2 providing human services during the applicant's 24  
3 consecutive month tenure.

4 (3) The applicant is a borrower with an outstanding  
5 balance due on an educational loan.

6 (4) The applicant has not defaulted on an educational  
7 loan.

8 (5) The applicant must remain a full-time employee as  
9 a human services professional in the same community-based  
10 human services agency for at least 12 months following the  
11 initial application for ~~after receiving~~ this grant. An  
12 applicant seeking a renewal award in a subsequent year  
13 must be employed by the same community-based human  
14 services agency at the time of application and must  
15 provide evidence of continuous employment for the 12  
16 months that precede the application for renewal.

17 (b) The Commission may grant preference to a previous  
18 recipient of a grant under the Program, provided that the  
19 recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements under  
20 this Section.

21 (c) The Commission may grant preference to applications  
22 based on need or income levels or a measure that combines need  
23 or income levels.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23; 103-31, eff. 7-1-23.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
26 2026.