



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5578

Introduced 2/13/2026, by Rep. Dan Swanson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/65.135 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall establish a Manufacturing Promise Scholarship Program to award scholarships to State residents who are enrolled in a public community college or other program with a major in manufacturing or a skilled trade. Provides that, subject to a separate appropriation for such purposes, the Commission shall, each year, receive and consider applications for a scholarship. Provides that an applicant is eligible for a scholarship if the Commission finds that the applicant meets specified criteria. Provides that the Commission shall reserve 20% of the amount appropriated in a given fiscal year for students who are from underrepresented areas. Provides that the Commission shall make scholarships available to traditional college-aged students, adults, and non-traditional students. Provides that an applicant who receives a scholarship may not be required to return scholarship funds. Provides for rulemaking.

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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 Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by adding Section 65.135 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.135 new)

7 Sec. 65.135. Manufacturing Promise Scholarship Program.

8 (a) The Commission shall establish a Manufacturing Promise
9 Scholarship Program to award scholarships to State residents
10 who are enrolled in a public community college or other
11 program with a major in manufacturing or a skilled trade.

12 (b) Subject to a separate appropriation for such purposes,
13 the Commission shall, each year, receive and consider
14 applications for a scholarship under this Section. An
15 applicant is eligible for a scholarship under this Section if
16 the Commission finds that the applicant meets all of the
17 following criteria:

18 (1) Is a resident of this State and a citizen or
19 permanent resident of the United States.

20 (2) Is enrolled in either (i) a public community
21 college in this State for the purpose of obtaining a
22 degree, certificate, or other credential offered by the
23 community college in manufacturing or a skilled trade, as

1 applicable, or (ii) an apprenticeship or union program in
2 this State and maintains satisfactory academic progress.

3 (c) The Commission shall reserve 20% of the amount
4 appropriated for scholarships under this Section in a given
5 fiscal year for students who are from underrepresented areas.
6 The Commission shall make scholarships under this Section
7 available to traditional college-aged students, adults, and
8 non-traditional students.

9 (d) An applicant who receives a scholarship under this
10 Section may not be required to return scholarship funds.

11 (e) The Commission shall adopt rules for the
12 implementation and administration of this Section.