



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2441

Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Sally J. Turner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/65.88 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall develop and administer a medical education grant program. Provides that the goal of the program shall be to attract capable and promising students to the medical profession, increase the employment and retention of individuals who are receiving additional clinical training in medicine, and reduce any financial barriers in the medical profession. Provides that under the program, grants shall be awarded to eligible medical students and eligible resident or fellow physicians and be used to cover the nontuition costs of attending a medical or osteopathic college or school or receiving specialty or residency training, including, but not limited to, living expenses. Effective July 1, 2025.

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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 65.88 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.88 new)

7 Sec. 65.88. Medical education grant program.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Eligible medical student" means a person who meets all of
10 the following qualifications:

11 (1) The person is an Illinois resident at the time of
12 application for a grant under this Section.

13 (2) The person has been accepted to study medicine in
14 a medical or osteopathic college or school located in this
15 State.

16 (3) The person exhibits financial need as determined
17 by the Commission.

18 "Eligible resident or fellow physician" means a person who
19 meets all of the following qualifications:

20 (1) The person is an Illinois resident at the time of
21 application for a grant under this Section.

22 (2) The person holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine,
23 Doctor of Osteopathy, or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

1 and has been accepted or appointed to receive specialty or
2 residency training by a hospital situated in this State or
3 been accepted or appointed to a specialty or residency
4 training program in a hospital or facility maintained by
5 the State or an affiliated training facility.

6 (3) The person exhibits financial need as determined
7 by the Commission.

8 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Commission shall develop
9 and administer a medical education grant program. The goal of
10 the medical education grant program shall be to attract
11 capable and promising students to the medical profession,
12 increase the employment and retention of individuals who are
13 receiving additional clinical training in medicine, and reduce
14 any financial barriers in the medical profession.

15 (c) Under the medical education grant program, grants
16 shall be awarded to eligible medical students and eligible
17 resident or fellow physicians and be used to cover the
18 nontuition costs of attending a medical or osteopathic college
19 or school or receiving specialty or residency training,
20 including, but not limited to, living expenses.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
22 2025.