

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 changing Sections 55 and 60 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/55)

7 Sec. 55. Police officer or fire officer survivor grant.
8 Grants shall be provided for any spouse, natural child, legally
9 adopted child, or child in the legal custody of police officers
10 and fire officers who are killed or who become a person with a
11 permanent disability with 90% to 100% disability in the line of
12 duty while employed by, or in the voluntary service of, this
13 State or any local public entity in this State. Beneficiaries
14 need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in
15 order to receive this grant. With respect to disabled police
16 and fire officers, natural children need not be born before the
17 disability occurred in order to receive this grant.
18 Beneficiaries are entitled to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of
19 full payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any
20 State-sponsored Illinois institution of higher learning for
21 either full or part-time study, or the equivalent of 8
22 semesters or 12 quarters of payment of tuition and mandatory
23 fees at the rate established by the Commission for private

1 institutions in the State of Illinois, provided the recipient
2 is maintaining satisfactory academic progress. This benefit
3 may be used for undergraduate or graduate study. The benefits
4 of this Section shall be administered by and paid out of funds
5 available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide
6 applicant without the requirement of demonstrating financial
7 need to qualify for those benefits.

8 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

9 (110 ILCS 947/60)

10 Sec. 60. Grants for dependents of Department of Corrections
11 employees who are killed or who become a person with a
12 permanent disability in the line of duty. Any spouse, natural
13 child, legally adopted child, or child in the legal custody of
14 an employee of the Department of Corrections who is assigned to
15 a security position with the Department with responsibility for
16 inmates of any correctional institution under the jurisdiction
17 of the Department and who is killed or who becomes a person
18 with a permanent disability with 90% to 100% disability in the
19 line of duty is entitled to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full
20 payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any State-supported
21 Illinois institution of higher learning for either full or
22 part-time study, or the equivalent of 8 semesters or 12
23 quarters of payment of tuition and mandatory fees at the rate
24 established by the Commission for private institutions in the
25 State of Illinois, provided the recipient is maintaining

1 satisfactory academic progress. This benefit may be used for
2 undergraduate or graduate study. Beneficiaries need not be
3 Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to
4 receive this grant. With respect to disabled employees of the
5 Department of Corrections, natural children need not be born
6 before the disability occurred in order to receive this grant.
7 The benefits of this Section shall be administered by and paid
8 out of funds available to the Commission and shall accrue to
9 the bona fide applicant without the requirement of
10 demonstrating financial need to qualify for those benefits.
11 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.