

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 Board of Higher Education Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 9.28 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.28)

7 Sec. 9.28. Graduation incentive grant program.

8 (a) The graduation incentive grant program is hereby  
9 created. The program shall be implemented and administered by  
10 the Board of Higher Education to provide grant incentives to  
11 public universities that offer their undergraduate students  
12 contracts under which the university commits itself to provide  
13 the courses, programs, and support services necessary to enable  
14 the contracting students to graduate within 4 years. Grants  
15 shall be awarded from appropriations made to the Board of  
16 Higher Education for purposes of this Section.

17 (b) To be eligible for grant consideration, a public  
18 university shall annually file a report with the Board of  
19 Higher Education detailing its 4-year graduation contract  
20 program. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following  
21 information: the number of undergraduate students  
22 participating in the program, the requirements of the 4-year  
23 graduation contracts offered by the university, the types of

1 additional support services provided by the university to the  
2 contracting students, and the cost of the program.

3 (c) In awarding grants to public universities under this  
4 Section, the Board of Higher Education may consider each  
5 applicant's report data, the number of institutions wishing to  
6 participate, and such other criteria as the Board of Higher  
7 Education determines to be appropriate.

8 (d) (Blank). ~~The Board of Higher Education shall annually~~  
9 ~~submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a budgetary~~  
10 ~~recommendation for grants under this Section and shall notify~~  
11 ~~applicants for grant assistance that the award of grants under~~  
12 ~~this Section is contingent upon the availability of~~  
13 ~~appropriated funds.~~

14 (e) The Board of Higher Education may adopt such rules as  
15 it deems necessary for administration of the grant program  
16 created by this Section.

17 (Source: P.A. 90-750, eff. 8-14-98; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)