

# HB0871



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB0871

by Rep. LaToya Greenwood

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/65.105 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission must award grants to students in financial need whose household income is less than the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and who are enrolled for at least 15 credit hours in a public university. Provides that the Commission shall receive funding for the grants through appropriations, with each grant awarded being in an amount sufficient to pay the cost of attendance at the university in which the student is enrolled for 2 semesters of enrollment within an academic year. Defines "cost of attendance" to mean the tuition and fee, room and board, and book and supply costs related to a student's attendance at a public university.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 65.105 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.105 new)

7 Sec. 65.105. Need-based grant program.

8 (a) In this Section, "cost of attendance" means the tuition  
9 and fee, room and board, and book and supply costs related to a  
10 student's attendance at a public university.

11 (b) Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, the  
12 Commission shall, each year, consider applications for grant  
13 assistance under this Section. An applicant is eligible for a  
14 grant under this Section if the Commission finds that the  
15 applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

16 (1) He or she is a United States citizen or eligible  
17 noncitizen.

18 (2) He or she is a resident of this State.

19 (3) He or she is enrolled, for at least 15 credit  
20 hours, in a public university and has not yet earned a  
21 bachelor's degree. A grant recipient must submit proof to  
22 the Commission each semester that he or she is still  
23 enrolled in the university.

1           (4) He or she demonstrates financial need, as  
2           determined by the Commission, and his or her household  
3           income is less than the poverty guidelines updated  
4           periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department  
5           of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42  
6           U.S.C. 9902(2).

7           (5) He or she maintains satisfactory academic  
8           progress, as determined by the university.

9           (c) Subject to appropriation, each year the Commission  
10          shall award grants under this Section among applicants  
11          qualified pursuant to subsection (b). The Commission shall  
12          receive funding for the grants through appropriations.

13          (d) Each grant awarded under this Section shall be in an  
14          amount sufficient to pay the cost of attendance at the  
15          university in which the student is enrolled for 2 semesters of  
16          enrollment within an academic year. However, the total amount  
17          of grant assistance awarded by the Commission under this  
18          Section to an individual for any given academic year, when  
19          added to other financial assistance awarded to that individual  
20          for that year, shall not exceed the cost of attendance at the  
21          university at which the student is enrolled. If, in any fiscal  
22          year, the amount appropriated for grants is less than the  
23          amount determined necessary to cover the cost of attendance for  
24          all eligible applicants, then the grants shall be  
25          proportionately reduced accordingly.

26          (e) Payment of any grant under this Section shall be

1 determined by the Commission. All grant funds distributed in  
2 accordance with this Section shall be paid to the university on  
3 behalf of the recipient.

4 (f) The Commission shall administer the grant program  
5 established by this Section and shall make all necessary and  
6 proper rules not inconsistent with this Section for its  
7 effective implementation.