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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2157

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2157 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 65.110 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.110 new)

7 Sec. 65.110. Volunteer firefighter grant program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Commission shall, each  
9 year, receive and consider applications for grant assistance  
10 under this Section. An applicant is eligible for grant  
11 assistance if the Commission finds that the applicant:

12 (1) is a resident of this State;

13 (2) is a volunteer firefighter or a volunteer EMS  
14 personnel at the time the grant application is submitted  
15 to the Commission;

16 (3) is a high school graduate or has received a high

1 school equivalency certificate;

2 (4) meets all requirements for admission to a public  
3 community college; and

4 (5) is enrolled in an associate degree program at a  
5 public community college.

6 (b) Applicants who are determined to be eligible for  
7 assistance under this Section shall receive, subject to  
8 appropriation, a renewable grant sufficient to pay all tuition  
9 and mandatory fees. The tuition and mandatory fees shall be  
10 paid directly to the public community college in which the  
11 applicant is enrolled.

12 (c) A grant recipient must not have an outstanding balance  
13 with the public community college and must maintain  
14 satisfactory academic progress as determined by the community  
15 college to remain eligible for grant assistance.

16 (d) A grant awarded under this Section may be renewed for  
17 up to a total of 2 years of full-time enrollment.

18 (e) The Commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the  
19 implementation and administration of this Section.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.".