



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5526

Introduced 1/31/2022, by Rep. Nicholas K. Smith

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/22 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to annually include information about the Child Care Assistance Program and the federal dependent care allowance in the language that schools are required to provide to students eligible for Monetary Award Program grants. Specifies the information that must be included. Provides that an institution of higher learning that participates in the Monetary Award Program shall provide, at a minimum, the information to all students who are enrolled, or who are accepted for enrollment and are intending to enroll, and who have been identified by the Commission as Monetary Award Program-eligible at the institution. Provides that an institution of higher learning shall also provide the information to any student identified by the institution of higher learning as a student with dependents. Provides that an institution of higher learning may designate a public benefits liaison or single point person to assist students in taking the necessary steps to obtain public benefits if eligible. Requires the Commission to adopt rules to implement the provisions on or before October 1, 2022. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 22 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/22 new)

7 Sec. 22. Child care resources eligibility notification;  
8 college students.

9 (a) To complement student financial assistance programs  
10 and to enhance their effectiveness for students with  
11 dependents, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall  
12 annually include information about the Child Care Assistance  
13 Program and the federal dependent care allowance in the  
14 language that institutions are required to provide to students  
15 eligible for Monetary Award Program grants. The language  
16 shall, at a minimum, include information about program  
17 eligibility and how to apply. The language shall also direct  
18 students to the Department of Human Services for additional  
19 information about the Child Care Assistance Program and to the  
20 institution's financial aid office for additional information  
21 about the federal dependent care allowance.

22 (b) An institution of higher learning that participates in  
23 the Monetary Award Program shall provide, at a minimum, the

1 notice described in subsection (a) to all students who are  
2 enrolled, or who are accepted for enrollment and are intending  
3 to enroll, and who have been identified by the Commission as  
4 Monetary Award Program-eligible at the institution. An  
5 institution of higher learning shall also provide, at a  
6 minimum, the notice described in subsection (a) to any student  
7 identified by the institution as a student with dependents.

8 (c) An institution may provide additional information  
9 about benefits and resources the institution or community  
10 offers to the students identified in subsection (b). If  
11 possible, the institution may designate a public benefits  
12 liaison or single point person to assist students in taking  
13 the necessary steps to obtain public benefits if eligible.

14 (d) The Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to  
15 implement this Section on or before October 1, 2022.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.