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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 301

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 301 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Section 65.100 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.100)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on October 1, 2024)

8 Sec. 65.100. AIM HIGH Grant ~~Pilot~~ Program.

9 (a) The General Assembly makes all of the following
10 findings:

11 (1) Both access and affordability are important
12 aspects of the Illinois Public Agenda for College and
13 Career Success report.

14 (2) This State is in the top quartile with respect to
15 the percentage of family income needed to pay for college.

16 (3) Research suggests that as loan amounts increase,

1 rather than an increase in grant amounts, the probability
2 of college attendance decreases.

3 (4) There is further research indicating that
4 socioeconomic status may affect the willingness of
5 students to use loans to attend college.

6 (5) Strategic use of tuition discounting can decrease
7 the amount of loans that students must use to pay for
8 tuition.

9 (6) A modest, individually tailored tuition discount
10 can make the difference in a student choosing to attend
11 college and enhance college access for low-income and
12 middle-income families.

13 (7) Even if the federally calculated financial need
14 for college attendance is met, the federally determined
15 Expected Family Contribution can still be a daunting
16 amount.

17 (8) This State is the second largest exporter of
18 students in the country.

19 (9) When talented Illinois students attend
20 universities in this State, the State and those
21 universities benefit.

22 (10) State universities in other states have adopted
23 pricing and incentives that allow many Illinois residents
24 to pay less to attend an out-of-state university than to
25 remain in this State for college.

26 (11) Supporting Illinois student attendance at

1 Illinois public universities can assist in State efforts
2 to maintain and educate a highly trained workforce.

3 (12) Modest tuition discounts that are individually
4 targeted and tailored can result in enhanced revenue for
5 public universities.

6 (13) By increasing a public university's capacity to
7 strategically use tuition discounting, the public
8 university will be capable of creating enhanced tuition
9 revenue by increasing enrollment yields.

10 (b) In this Section:

11 "Eligible applicant" means a student from any high school
12 in this State, whether or not recognized by the State Board of
13 Education, who is engaged in a program of study that in due
14 course will be completed by the end of the school year and who
15 meets all of the qualifications and requirements under this
16 Section.

17 "Tuition and other necessary fees" includes the customary
18 charge for instruction and use of facilities in general and
19 the additional fixed fees charged for specified purposes that
20 are required generally of non-grant recipients for each
21 academic period for which the grant applicant actually
22 enrolls, but does not include fees payable only once or
23 breakage fees and other contingent deposits that are
24 refundable in whole or in part. The Commission may adopt, by
25 rule not inconsistent with this Section, detailed provisions
26 concerning the computation of tuition and other necessary

1 fees.

2 (c) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, each
3 public university may establish a merit-based scholarship
4 ~~pilot~~ program known as the AIM HIGH Grant ~~Pilot~~ Program. Each
5 year, the Commission shall receive and consider applications
6 from public universities under this Section. Each
7 participating public university shall indicate that grants
8 under the program come from AIM HIGH and shall use the words
9 "AIM HIGH" in the name of any grant under the program and in
10 any published or posted materials about the program. Subject
11 to appropriation and any tuition waiver limitation established
12 by the Board of Higher Education, a public university campus
13 may award a grant to a student under this Section if it finds
14 that the applicant meets all of the following criteria:

15 (1) He or she is a resident of this State and a citizen
16 or eligible noncitizen of the United States.

17 (2) He or she files a Free Application for Federal
18 Student Aid and demonstrates financial need with a
19 household income no greater than 6 times the poverty
20 guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by
21 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the
22 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). The household income of
23 the applicant at the time of initial application shall be
24 deemed to be the household income of the applicant for the
25 duration of the ~~pilot~~ program.

26 (3) He or she meets the minimum cumulative grade point

1 average or ACT or SAT college admissions test score, as
2 determined by the public university campus.

3 (4) He or she is enrolled in a public university as an
4 undergraduate student on a full-time basis.

5 (5) He or she has not yet received a baccalaureate
6 degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit hours.

7 (6) He or she is not incarcerated.

8 (7) He or she is not in default on any student loan or
9 does not owe a refund or repayment on any State or federal
10 grant or scholarship.

11 (8) Any other reasonable criteria, as determined by
12 the public university campus.

13 Each public university campus shall allow qualified
14 full-time undergraduate students to apply for a grant, but may
15 choose to allow qualified part-time undergraduate students who
16 are enrolling in their final semester at the public university
17 campus to also apply.

18 (d) Each public university campus shall determine grant
19 renewal criteria consistent with the requirements under this
20 Section.

21 (e) Each participating public university campus shall post
22 on its Internet website criteria and eligibility requirements
23 for receiving awards that use funds under this Section that
24 include a range in the sizes of these individual awards. The
25 criteria and amounts must also be reported to the Commission
26 and the Board of Higher Education, who shall post the

1 information on their respective Internet websites.

2 (f) After enactment of an appropriation for this Program,
3 the Commission shall determine an allocation of funds to each
4 public university in an amount proportionate to the number of
5 undergraduate students who are residents of this State and
6 citizens or eligible noncitizens of the United States and who
7 were enrolled at each public university campus in the previous
8 academic year. All applications must be made to the Commission
9 on or before a date determined by the Commission and on forms
10 that the Commission shall provide to each public university
11 campus. The form of the application and the information
12 required shall be determined by the Commission and shall
13 include, without limitation, the total public university
14 campus funds used to match funds received from the Commission
15 in the previous academic year under this Section, if any, the
16 total enrollment of undergraduate students who are residents
17 of this State from the previous academic year, and any
18 supporting documents as the Commission deems necessary. Each
19 public university campus shall match the amount of funds
20 received by the Commission with financial aid for eligible
21 students.

22 A public university in which an average of at least 49% of
23 the students seeking a bachelor's degree or certificate
24 received a Pell Grant over the prior 3 academic years, as
25 reported to the Commission, shall match 35% ~~20%~~ of the amount
26 of funds awarded in a given academic year with non-loan

1 financial aid for eligible students. A public university in
2 which an average of less than 49% of the students seeking a
3 bachelor's degree or certificate received a Pell Grant over
4 the prior 3 academic years, as reported to the Commission,
5 shall match 70% ~~60%~~ of the amount of funds awarded in a given
6 academic year with non-loan financial aid for eligible
7 students.

8 A public university campus is not required to claim its
9 entire allocation. The Commission shall make available to all
10 public universities, on a date determined by the Commission,
11 any unclaimed funds and the funds must be made available to
12 those public university campuses in the proportion determined
13 under this subsection (f), excluding from the calculation
14 those public university campuses not claiming their full
15 allocations.

16 Each public university campus may determine the award
17 amounts for eligible students on an individual or broad basis,
18 but, subject to renewal eligibility, each renewed award may
19 not be less than the amount awarded to the eligible student in
20 his or her first year attending the public university campus.
21 Notwithstanding this limitation, a renewal grant may be
22 reduced due to changes in the student's cost of attendance,
23 including, but not limited to, if a student reduces the number
24 of credit hours in which he or she is enrolled, but remains a
25 full-time student, or switches to a course of study with a
26 lower tuition rate.

1 An eligible applicant awarded grant assistance under this
2 Section is eligible to receive other financial aid. Total
3 grant aid to the student from all sources may not exceed the
4 total cost of attendance at the public university campus.

5 (g) All money allocated to a public university campus
6 under this Section may be used only for financial aid purposes
7 for students attending the public university campus during the
8 academic year, not including summer terms. Notwithstanding any
9 other provision of law to the contrary, any funds received by a
10 public university campus under this Section that are not
11 granted to students in the academic year for which the funds
12 are received may be retained by the public university campus
13 for expenditure on students participating in the Program or
14 students eligible to participate in the Program.

15 (h) Each public university campus that establishes a
16 Program under this Section must annually report to the
17 Commission, on or before a date determined by the Commission,
18 the number of undergraduate students enrolled at that campus
19 who are residents of this State.

20 (i) Each public university campus must report to the
21 Commission the total non-loan financial aid amount given by
22 the public university campus to undergraduate students in the
23 2017-2018 academic year or the 2021-2022 academic year, not
24 including the summer terms ~~term~~. To be eligible to receive
25 funds under the Program, a public university campus may not
26 decrease the total amount of non-loan financial aid it gives

1 to undergraduate students, not including any funds received
2 from the Commission under this Section or any funds used to
3 match grant awards under this Section, to an amount lower than
4 the ~~reported~~ amount reported under this subsection (i) for the
5 2017-2018 academic year or the 2021-2022 academic year,
6 whichever is less, not including the summer terms ~~term~~.

7 (j) On or before a date determined by the Commission, each
8 public university campus that participates in the Program
9 under this Section shall annually submit a report to the
10 Commission with all of the following information:

11 (1) The Program's impact on tuition revenue and
12 enrollment goals and increase in access and affordability
13 at the public university campus.

14 (2) Total funds received by the public university
15 campus under the Program.

16 (3) Total non-loan financial aid awarded to
17 undergraduate students attending the public university
18 campus.

19 (4) Total amount of funds matched by the public
20 university campus.

21 (5) Total amount of claimed and unexpended funds
22 retained by the public university campus.

23 (6) The percentage of total financial aid distributed
24 under the Program by the public university campus.

25 (7) The total number of students receiving grants from
26 the public university campus under the Program and those

1 students' grade level, race, gender, income level, family
2 size, Monetary Award Program eligibility, Pell Grant
3 eligibility, and zip code of residence and the amount of
4 each grant award. This information shall include unit
5 record data on those students regarding variables
6 associated with the parameters of the public university's
7 Program, including, but not limited to, a student's ACT or
8 SAT college admissions test score, high school or
9 university cumulative grade point average, or program of
10 study.

11 On or before October 1, 2020 and annually on or before
12 October 1 through 2024 ~~thereafter~~, the Commission shall submit
13 a report with the findings under this subsection (j) and any
14 other information regarding the AIM HIGH Grant ~~Pilot~~ Program
15 to (i) the Governor, (ii) the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives, (iii) the Minority Leader of the House of
17 Representatives, (iv) the President of the Senate, and (v) the
18 Minority Leader of the Senate. The reports to the General
19 Assembly shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of
20 Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate in electronic
21 form only, in the manner that the Clerk and the Secretary shall
22 direct. The Commission's report may not disaggregate data to a
23 level that may disclose personally identifying information of
24 individual students.

25 The sharing and reporting of student data under this
26 subsection (j) must be in accordance with the requirements

1 under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of
2 1974 and the Illinois School Student Records Act. All parties
3 must preserve the confidentiality of the information as
4 required by law. The names of the grant recipients under this
5 Section are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of
6 Information Act.

7 Public university campuses that fail to submit a report
8 under this subsection (j) or that fail to adhere to any other
9 requirements under this Section may not be eligible for
10 distribution of funds under the Program for the next academic
11 year, but may be eligible for distribution of funds for each
12 academic year thereafter.

13 (k) The Commission shall adopt rules to implement this
14 Section.

15 (l) (Blank). ~~This Section is repealed on October 1, 2024.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 100-587, eff. 6-4-18; 100-1015, eff. 8-21-18;
17 100-1183, eff. 4-4-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-613, eff.
18 6-1-20; 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 101-654, eff. 3-8-21.)

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