

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 Public Higher Education Act is amended by
5 adding Section 15 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 167/15 new)

7 Sec. 15. Transcript evaluation fee waivers.

8 (a) In this Section, "refugee" means a person who has
9 entered the United States on a refugee status from Iraq or
10 Afghanistan.

11 (b) Beginning January 1, 2025, each public institution of
12 higher education shall pay on behalf of a refugee or reimburse
13 a refugee for payment of any transcript evaluation fees that
14 are required by the public institution of higher education to
15 be paid during the admission process.

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