

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 65.75 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.75 new)

7 Sec. 65.75. Grants for children raised by grandparents. A
8 person is eligible for a renewable \$1,000 grant for each year
9 he or she is enrolled full-time at an institution of higher
10 learning, which must be used towards the payment of tuition and
11 mandatory fees, if, at the time of initial application for the
12 grant, he or she meets the following qualifications:

13 (1) The person is in the legal custody of his or her
14 grandparent and receives public aid assistance under the
15 Illinois Public Aid Code.

16 (2) The person has graduated from high school with a
17 cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.7 on a 4.0
18 scale or its equivalent.

19 (3) The person has been recommended for the grant by
20 the principal or other comparable administrative officer
21 of his or her high school.

22 As a condition of grant renewal, the person must provide
23 the Commission with a recommendation for the grant by an
24 academic counselor, advisor, or instructor at the institution
25 of higher learning.

26 Grants awarded under this Section shall be administered by
27 and paid out of funds available to the Commission. The
28 Commission may adopt any rules necessary to carry out its
29 responsibilities under this Section.