

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 Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 979/10)

7 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Illinois public university" means the University of  
9 Illinois, Illinois State University, Chicago State University,  
10 Governors State University, Southern Illinois University,  
11 Northern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University,  
12 Western Illinois University, or Northeastern Illinois  
13 University.

14 "Illinois community college" means a public community  
15 college as defined in Section 1-2 of the Public Community  
16 College Act.

17 "Eligible institution" means an eligible educational  
18 institution as defined in Section 529 of the federal Internal  
19 Revenue Code of 1986 and any regulations thereunder ~~institution~~  
20 ~~of higher learning, as defined in Section 10 of the Higher~~  
21 ~~Education Student Assistance Act, whose students are eligible~~  
22 ~~to receive benefits under Section 529(a) of the Internal~~  
23 ~~Revenue Code of 1986, as specified by the federal Small~~

1 ~~Business Act of 1996 and subsequent amendments to this federal~~  
2 ~~law.~~

3 "Illinois prepaid tuition contract" or "contract" means a  
4 contract entered into between the State and a Purchaser under  
5 Section 45 to provide for the higher education of a qualified  
6 beneficiary.

7 "Illinois prepaid tuition program" or "program" means the  
8 program created in Section 15.

9 "Purchaser" means a person who makes or has contracted to  
10 make payments under an Illinois prepaid tuition contract.

11 "Public institution of higher education" means an Illinois  
12 public university or Illinois community college.

13 "Nonpublic institution of higher education" means any  
14 eligible institution, other than a public institution of higher  
15 education.

16 "Qualified beneficiary" means (i) anyone who has been a  
17 resident of this State for at least 12 months prior to the date  
18 of the contract, or (ii) a nonresident, so long as the  
19 purchaser has been a resident of the State for at least 12  
20 months prior to the date of the contract, or (iii) any person  
21 less than one year of age whose parent or legal guardian has  
22 been a resident of this State for at least 12 months prior to  
23 the date of the contract.

24 "Tuition" means the quarter or semester charges imposed on  
25 a qualified beneficiary to attend an eligible institution.

26 "Mandatory Fees" means those quarter or semester fees

1 imposed upon all students enrolled at an eligible institution.

2 "Registration Fees" means the charges derived by combining  
3 tuition and mandatory fees.

4 "Contract Unit" means 15 credit hours of instruction at an  
5 eligible institution.

6 "Panel" means the investment advisory panel created under  
7 Section 20.

8 "Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance  
9 Commission.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-1282, eff. 7-26-10.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.