

1                                    AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1851

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1851 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause as follows:

4            "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 36 as follows:

6            (110 ILCS 947/36)

7            Sec. 36. Illinois Incentive for Access grant program.

8            (a) The Commission each year shall determine eligibility  
9 for the Illinois Incentive for Access grant from applications  
10 received for Monetary Award Program grant assistance under  
11 Section 35 of this Act. An applicant shall be determined as  
12 eligible for an Illinois Incentive for Access grant under  
13 this Section when the Commission finds that the applicant:

14            (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or  
15 permanent resident of the United States;

16            (2) has limited no personal or family financial  
17 resources available for expenditure on educational  
18 expenses, as defined by current federal student financial  
19 aid methodology;

20            (3) has not already received a baccalaureate  
21 degree; and

22            (4) is enrolled at least one-half time as a

1           freshman undergraduate student at an approved Illinois  
2           institution of higher learning participating in the  
3           Monetary Award Program administered by the Commission.

4           (b) Subject to a separate appropriation made for  
5           purposes of awarding grants under this Section, Illinois  
6           Incentive for Access grants shall be paid in multiple  
7           disbursements as determined by the Commission (i) in an  
8           amount not to exceed \$1,000 ~~\$500~~ per applicant per year for  
9           applicants with an expected family contribution of \$0, as  
10          defined by current federal student aid methodology, and (ii)  
11          in an amount not to exceed \$500 for applicants with an  
12          expected family contribution of \$500 or less but more than  
13          \$0, as defined by current federal student aid methodology.  
14          In awarding grants, the Commission shall give priority to  
15          applicants with an expected family contribution of \$0. No  
16          recipient may receive a grant under this Section for more  
17          than 2 semesters or 3 quarters of award payments.

18          (c) Eligibility for grants awarded under this Section  
19          shall be determined solely on the basis of the financial  
20          resources of the applicant and the applicant's family. Cost  
21          of attendance at the institution in which the applicant is  
22          enrolled shall not affect eligibility for an award, except  
23          that State student financial assistance awarded under this  
24          Act, including the Illinois Incentive for Access award, may  
25          not exceed the institution's cost of attendance.

26          (d) The Commission shall notify applicants that grant  
27          assistance is contingent upon availability of appropriated  
28          funds.

29          (e) The Commission shall submit a written evaluation of  
30          the Illinois Incentive for Access program to the Governor,  
31          the General Assembly, and the Board of Higher Education on or  
32          before October 1, 1999, including a report of the progress  
33          made toward the goal of increasing the access and retention  
34          rates for Illinois Incentive for Access grant recipients.

1 (Source: P.A. 89-512, eff. 7-11-96.)".