AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program Act is amended by changing Sections 10, 15, 25, and 30 as follows:

(110 ILCS 997/10)

Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

"Commission" means the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

"Professional" means an individual employed by a human services agency that contracts with, receives funding from, or is grant-funded by a State agency for the purposes of providing direct or indirect services that ensure that individuals have the essential elements to build and maintain physical, emotional, and economic well-being at every phase of life.

"Program" means the Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program.

"Qualified program" means a program that offers an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree from an accredited college or university.

"State agency" means the Department of Human Services, the

Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of
Juvenile Justice, the Department on Aging, and the Department
of Public Health.
(Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23.)

    (110 ILCS 997/15)
    Sec. 15. Establishment of the Program. The Human Services
Professional Loan Repayment Program is created and shall be
administered by the Commission. Subject to appropriation, the
Program shall provide loan repayment assistance to eligible
professionals practicing in a community-based, human services
agency that contracts with, receives funding from, or is
grant-funded by a State agency.
(Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23.)

    (110 ILCS 997/25)
    Sec. 25. Award; maximum loan time; maximum amount. The
Commission shall award a grant to each eligible applicants and
may grant preference to applicants based on need or income
levels applicant for a cumulative maximum of 4 years. The
recipient of a grant awarded by the Commission under this Act
must use the grant award for payments toward the recipient's
educational loans from a qualified program. The amount of the
grant shall not exceed: (i) $25,000 per year for a master's
degree or higher; (ii) $15,000 per year for a bachelor's
degree; (iii) $3,000 per year for a professional with an

associate degree; and (iv) up to a $5,000 per year add-on if independently licensed as a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed clinical professional counselor, a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a board-certified behavior analyst, or a registered behavior technician.
(Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23.)

    (110 ILCS 997/30)

    Sec. 30. Eligibility; work requirement.

    (a) To be eligible to receive a grant under the Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program, the Commission must find that the eligible professional satisfies all of the following:

        (1) The applicant is a resident of the State of Illinois.

        (2) The applicant has been a full-time employee ~~worked~~ for at least 24 consecutive months as a ~~full time employee as a~~ human services professional, and the ~~in a~~ community-based human services agency ~~that~~ currently has or did have a contract with, receives funding from, or is grant-funded by a State agency for the purpose of providing ~~to provide~~ human services during the ~~duration of~~ applicant's 24 consecutive month tenure.

        (3) The applicant is a borrower with an outstanding balance due on an educational loan.

        (4) The applicant has not defaulted on an educational

    loan.

        (5) The applicant must remain a full-time employee as

    a human services professional in the same community-based

    human services agency for at least 12 months after

    receiving this grant.

    (b) The Commission may grant preference to a previous

recipient of a grant under the Program, provided that the

recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements under

this Section.

    (c) The Commission may grant preference to applications

based on need or income levels.

(Source: P.A. 102-1089, eff. 1-1-23.)

    Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

2023.