

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 State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.990 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

7 Sec. 5.990. The Hunger-Free Campus Grant Fund.

8 Section 10. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended
9 by adding Section 9.43 as follows:

10 (110 ILCS 205/9.43 new)

11 Sec. 9.43. Hunger-free campus grant program.

12 (a) The Board shall establish a hunger-free campus grant
13 program for the purposes set forth under subsection (b).

14 (b) The purpose of the hunger-free campus grant program
15 shall be to provide grants to public institutions of higher
16 education that have one or more campuses designated by the
17 Board as hunger-free campuses under subsection (c). The
18 purpose of the grant funding shall be to:

19 (1) address student hunger;

20 (2) leverage more sustainable solutions to address
21 basic food needs on campus;

1 (3) raise awareness of services currently offered on
2 campus that address basic food needs; and

3 (4) continue to build strategic partnerships at the
4 federal, State, and local levels to address food
5 insecurity among students.

6 (c) In order to be designated as a hunger-free campus by
7 the Board, a public institution of higher education shall:

8 (1) establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum
9 of 3 times per academic year to set at least 2 goals with
10 action plans and that includes representatives from the
11 student body;

12 (2) designate a staff member responsible for assisting
13 students with enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition
14 Assistance Program (SNAP);

15 (3) provide options for students to utilize SNAP
16 benefits at campus stores or provide students with
17 information on establishments in the surrounding area of
18 campus where they can utilize SNAP benefits;

19 (4) participate in an awareness day campaign activity
20 and plan a campus awareness event during the national
21 Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week;

22 (5) provide at least one physical food pantry on
23 campus or enable students to receive food through a
24 separate, stigma-free arrangement with a local food pantry
25 or food bank near campus;

26 (6) develop a student meal credit donation program or

1 designate a certain amount of money for free meal vouchers
2 for students; and

3 (7) annually conduct a student survey on hunger,
4 developed by the Board, and submit the results of the
5 survey to the Board at a time prescribed by the Board for
6 inclusion in a comparative profile of each campus
7 designated as a hunger-free campus. Survey data on student
8 hunger shall be disaggregated by race, gender identity,
9 sexual orientation, parenting status, and financial aid
10 status of students. In the development of the survey, the
11 Board may utilize any existing surveys designed to collect
12 information on food insecurity among students enrolled in
13 public institutions of higher education.

14 (d) The Board shall allocate grant funding to each public
15 institution of higher education that has one or more campuses
16 designated by the Board as a hunger-free campus under
17 subsection (c). The Board shall determine the amount of each
18 grant that shall be used by the public institution of higher
19 education to further address food insecurity among students
20 enrolled in the public institution of higher education. The
21 Board shall prioritize grants to public institutions of higher
22 education with campuses that serve primarily minority and
23 low-income students and have a high percentage of Pell Grant
24 recipients.

25 (e) The Board shall submit a report to the Governor and to
26 the General Assembly no later than 2 years after the

1 establishment of the hunger-free campus grant program. The
2 report shall include, but not be limited to, the number and
3 amount of the grant awards, the impact the hunger-free campus
4 grant program has on establishing additional hunger-free
5 campuses at public institutions of higher education and
6 reducing the number of students experiencing food insecurity,
7 disaggregated data on those students served reflecting the
8 students' race, gender identity, sexual orientation, parenting
9 status, and financial aid status, and recommendations on the
10 expansion of the hunger-free campus grant program.

11 (f) The Hunger-Free Campus Grant Fund is created as a
12 special fund in the State treasury. All money in the Fund shall
13 be used, subject to appropriation, by the Board for the
14 hunger-free campus grant program.

15 (g) The Board may adopt any rules necessary to implement
16 this Section.

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