

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3123

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3123 on page 1,
3 immediately below line 8, by inserting the following:

4 "Active paid on-call firefighter" means a member of an
5 active volunteer fire department who has had basic training
6 as defined in subsection f of Section 2 of the Illinois Fire
7 Protection Training Act and in the past 12 months has (i)
8 participated in all required training exercises, (ii) has
9 responded to a fire or other emergency call, and (iii) has
10 received a form of monetary compensation for each emergency
11 situation he or she has responded to.

12 "Active volunteer fire department" means a fire
13 department that is staffed by volunteers for the purpose of
14 combating fires.

15 "Active volunteer firefighter" means a member of an
16 active volunteer fire department who has had basic training
17 as defined in subsection f of Section 2 of the Illinois Fire
18 Protection Training Act and in the past 12 months has (i)
19 participated in all required training exercises and (ii) has
20 responded to a fire or other emergency call.

21 "Fees" means matriculation, graduation, activity, term,
22 or incidental fees. Exemption shall not be granted from any
23 other fees, including book rental, service, laboratory,
24 supply, and union building fees, hospital and medical

1 insurance fees, and any fees established for the operation
2 and maintenance of buildings, the income of which is pledged
3 to the payment of interest and principal on bonds issued by
4 the governing board of any university or community college.";

5 and

6 on page 1, by deleting lines 24 through 31; and

7 on page 2, line 1, by replacing "Any" with "Subject to the
8 limitations provided in this Section, any"; and

9 on page 2, line 2, by replacing "volunteer or paid on-call
10 firefighter" with "volunteer, paid on-call, or full-time
11 firefighter with a fire department in a municipality with a
12 population of less than 5,000"; and

13 on page 2, lines 10 and 11, by replacing "volunteer or paid
14 on-call firefighter." with "volunteer, paid on-call, or
15 full-time firefighter with that fire department. However,
16 not more than 2 grants per year may be awarded to
17 firefighters within the same fire department."; and

18 on page 2, lines 12 and 13, by replacing "volunteer or paid
19 on-call firefighter" with "volunteer, paid on-call, or
20 full-time firefighter with the fire department that he or she
21 was with to qualify for the grant"; and

22 on page 2, line 15, by replacing "volunteer or paid on-call
23 firefighter" with "volunteer, paid on-call, or full-time
24 firefighter with that fire department"; and

25 on page 2, immediately below line 19, by inserting the
26 following:

27 "Before receiving grant assistance under this Section for
28 any academic year, each grant recipient shall be required by
29 the Commission to sign an agreement under which the recipient
30 pledges that he or she (i) shall remain an active volunteer,
31 paid on-call, or full-time firefighter with the fire

1 department that he or she was with to qualify for the grant
2 for a period of not less than one year for each year of grant
3 assistance that he or she receives under this Section and
4 (ii) shall, upon request by the Commission, provide the
5 Commission with evidence that he or she is fulfilling or has
6 fulfilled this obligation. If the recipient fails to fulfill
7 this obligation, then the Commission shall require the
8 recipient to repay the amount of the grant assistance
9 received, prorated according to the fraction of the
10 obligation not completed, at a rate of interest equal to 5%,
11 and, if applicable, to pay reasonable collection fees. A
12 recipient who is enrolled in an institution of higher
13 learning shall not be required to commence repayment so long
14 as he or she remains enrolled in an institution of higher
15 learning on a full-time basis or if he or she can document
16 for the Commission special circumstances that warrant
17 extension of the time before repayment is required. The
18 Commission is authorized to establish rules relating to its
19 collection activities for repayment of grant assistance under
20 this Section. All repayments collected under this Section
21 shall be forwarded to the State Comptroller for deposit into
22 the General Revenue Fund. A recipient shall not be
23 considered in violation of the agreement entered into
24 pursuant to this subsection (b) if the recipient (i) is
25 serving as a member of the armed services of the United
26 States, for a period of time not to exceed 3 years, (ii) is
27 temporarily totally disabled, for a period of time not to
28 exceed 3 years, as established by sworn affidavit of a
29 qualified physician, or (iii) becomes permanently totally
30 disabled, as established by sworn affidavit of a qualified
31 physician."