

1 AN ACT concerning higher education.

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

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
5 adding Section 7g-5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/7g-5 new)

7 Sec. 7g-5. Partial tuition waiver for community service.

8 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
9 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
10 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
11 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
12 university.

13 (b) The Board of Trustees shall offer a 10% tuition
14 waiver for 2 semesters of undergraduate education to any
15 student who provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours
16 of community service in an academic year. The community
17 service shall fall within the guidelines established by
18 subsection (c) of this Section but may be structured or
19 monitored by the University in such manner as to ensure that
20 the community service provided by the student meets the
21 objectives of this Section. The student may but need not be
22 awarded academic credit for the community service, but the
23 service must be rendered by the student as a volunteer and on
24 an uncompensated basis.

25 (c) In general, community service should be designed to
26 provide direct experience with people or project planning and
27 should have the goal of improving the quality of life for the
28 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
29 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
30 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
31 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for

1 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
2 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of
3 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

4 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
5 Act is amended by adding Section 8g-5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 520/8g-5 new)

7 Sec. 8g-5. Partial tuition waiver for community service.

8 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
9 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
10 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
11 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
12 university.

13 (b) The Board shall offer a 10% tuition waiver for 2
14 semesters of undergraduate education to any student who
15 provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours of community
16 service in an academic year. The community service shall fall
17 within the guidelines established by subsection (c) of this
18 Section but may be structured or monitored by the University
19 in such manner as to ensure that the community service
20 provided by the student meets the objectives of this Section.
21 The student may but need not be awarded academic credit for
22 the community service, but the service must be rendered by
23 the student as a volunteer and on an uncompensated basis.

24 (c) In general, community service should be designed to
25 provide direct experience with people or project planning and
26 should have the goal of improving the quality of life for the
27 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
28 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
29 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
30 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for
31 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
32 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of

1 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

2 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended
3 by adding Section 5-92 as follows:

4 (110 ILCS 660/5-92 new)

5 Sec. 5-92. Partial tuition waiver for community service.

6 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
7 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
8 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
9 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
10 university.

11 (b) The Board shall offer a 10% tuition waiver for 2
12 semesters of undergraduate education to any student who
13 provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours of community
14 service in an academic year. The community service shall
15 fall within the guidelines established by subsection (c) of
16 this Section but may be structured or monitored by the
17 University in such manner as to ensure that the community
18 service provided by the student meets the objectives of this
19 Section. The student may but need not be awarded academic
20 credit for the community service, but the service must be
21 rendered by the student as a volunteer and on an
22 uncompensated basis.

23 (c) In general, community service should be designed to
24 provide direct experience with people or project planning and
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26 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
27 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
28 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
29 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for
30 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
31 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of
32 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

1 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is
2 amended by adding Section 10-92 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 665/10-92 new)

4 Sec. 10-92. Partial tuition waiver for community
5 service.

6 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
7 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
8 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
9 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
10 university.

11 (b) The Board shall offer a 10% tuition waiver for 2
12 semesters of undergraduate education to any student who
13 provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours of community
14 service in an academic year. The community service shall
15 fall within the guidelines established by subsection (c) of
16 this Section but may be structured or monitored by the
17 University in such manner as to ensure that the community
18 service provided by the student meets the objectives of this
19 Section. The student may but need not be awarded academic
20 credit for the community service, but the service must be
21 rendered by the student as a volunteer and on an
22 uncompensated basis.

23 (c) In general, community service should be designed to
24 provide direct experience with people or project planning and
25 should have the goal of improving the quality of life for the
26 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
27 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
28 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
29 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for
30 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
31 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of
32 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

1 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is
2 amended by adding Section 15-92 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 670/15-92 new)

4 Sec. 15-92. Partial tuition waiver for community
5 service.

6 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
7 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
8 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
9 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
10 university.

11 (b) The Board shall offer a 10% tuition waiver for 2
12 semesters of undergraduate education to any student who
13 provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours of community
14 service in an academic year. The community service shall
15 fall within the guidelines established by subsection (c) of
16 this Section but may be structured or monitored by the
17 University in such manner as to ensure that the community
18 service provided by the student meets the objectives of this
19 Section. The student may but need not be awarded academic
20 credit for the community service, but the service must be
21 rendered by the student as a volunteer and on an
22 uncompensated basis.

23 (c) In general, community service should be designed to
24 provide direct experience with people or project planning and
25 should have the goal of improving the quality of life for the
26 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
27 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
28 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
29 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for
30 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
31 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of
32 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

1 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended
2 by adding Section 20-92 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 675/20-92 new)

4 Sec. 20-92. Partial tuition waiver for community
5 service.

6 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
7 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
8 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
9 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
10 university.

11 (b) The Board shall offer a 10% tuition waiver for 2
12 semesters of undergraduate education to any student who
13 provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours of community
14 service in an academic year. The community service shall fall
15 within the guidelines established by subsection (c) of this
16 Section but may be structured or monitored by the University
17 in such manner as to ensure that the community service
18 provided by the student meets the objectives of this Section.
19 The student may but need not be awarded academic credit for
20 the community service, but the service must be rendered by
21 the student as a volunteer and on an uncompensated basis.

22 (c) In general, community service should be designed to
23 provide direct experience with people or project planning and
24 should have the goal of improving the quality of life for the
25 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
26 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
27 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
28 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for
29 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
30 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of
31 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

32 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is

1 amended by adding Section 25-92 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 680/25-92 new)

3 Sec. 25-92. Partial tuition waiver for community
4 service.

5 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
6 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
7 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
8 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
9 university.

10 (b) The Board shall offer a 10% tuition waiver for 2
11 semesters of undergraduate education to any student who
12 provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours of community
13 service in an academic year. The community service shall
14 fall within the guidelines established by subsection (c) of
15 this Section but may be structured or monitored by the
16 University in such manner as to ensure that the community
17 service provided by the student meets the objectives of this
18 Section. The student may but need not be awarded academic
19 credit for the community service, but the service must be
20 rendered by the student as a volunteer and on an
21 uncompensated basis.

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23 provide direct experience with people or project planning and
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25 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
26 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
27 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
28 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for
29 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
30 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of
31 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

32 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is

1 amended by adding Section 30-92 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 685/30-92 new)

3 Sec. 30-92. Partial tuition waiver for community
4 service.

5 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
6 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
7 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
8 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
9 university.

10 (b) The Board shall offer a 10% tuition waiver for 2
11 semesters of undergraduate education to any student who
12 provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours of community
13 service in an academic year. The community service shall
14 fall within the guidelines established by subsection (c) of
15 this Section but may be structured or monitored by the
16 University in such manner as to ensure that the community
17 service provided by the student meets the objectives of this
18 Section. The student may but need not be awarded academic
19 credit for the community service, but the service must be
20 rendered by the student as a volunteer and on an
21 uncompensated basis.

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25 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
26 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
27 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
28 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for
29 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
30 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of
31 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

32 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is

1 amended by adding Section 35-92 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 690/35-92 new)

3 Sec. 35-92. Partial tuition waiver for community
4 service.

5 (a) In this Section, "community service" means work or
6 service performed by a student either voluntarily or for some
7 form of academic credit through a nonprofit, governmental, or
8 community-based organization or through a school, college, or
9 university.

10 (b) The Board shall offer a 10% tuition waiver for 2
11 semesters of undergraduate education to any student who
12 provides or commits to provide at least 30 hours of community
13 service in an academic year. The community service shall
14 fall within the guidelines established by subsection (c) of
15 this Section but may be structured or monitored by the
16 University in such manner as to ensure that the community
17 service provided by the student meets the objectives of this
18 Section. The student may but need not be awarded academic
19 credit for the community service, but the service must be
20 rendered by the student as a volunteer and on an
21 uncompensated basis.

22 (c) In general, community service should be designed to
23 provide direct experience with people or project planning and
24 should have the goal of improving the quality of life for the
25 community. Eligible activities include without limitation
26 tutoring, literacy training, neighborhood improvement,
27 increasing environmental safety, assisting the elderly or
28 disabled, and providing mental health care, particularly for
29 disadvantaged or low-income residents. The University shall
30 emphasize efforts that can most effectively use the skills of
31 students, such as tutoring programs and literacy programs.

32 Section 50. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act

1 is amended by adding Section 65.70 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 947/65.70 new)

3 Sec. 65.70. Loan repayment grant for child welfare
4 workers.

5 (a) To bring more highly trained individuals into the
6 child welfare profession and to keep more highly trained
7 child welfare workers in the child welfare field for longer
8 periods of time, the Commission shall establish and
9 administer a program in which grants are awarded to persons
10 to assist in the repayment of their higher education loans.
11 The Commission may adopt any rules necessary to carry out its
12 responsibilities under this Section.

13 (b) A person is eligible to receive a grant under this
14 Section if he or she meets all of the following
15 qualifications:

16 (1) The person has a degree in social work or a
17 related field with a focus on serving children and
18 families, as determined by rule.

19 (2) The person is employed in public or private
20 child welfare services and has worked in such employment
21 full-time for at least 2 consecutive years at the time of
22 applying for the grant.

23 (3) The person has higher education student loans
24 to repay.

25 Upon completion of each of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th
26 consecutive years of employment, a person may apply for a
27 grant.

28 (c) To receive a grant under this Section, the person
29 must submit a complete and accurate application to the
30 Commission at such time, in such manner, and containing such
31 information as the Commission may require. Grants shall be
32 awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject
33 to the availability of appropriations. The Commission shall

1 give priority in awarding grants for a fiscal year to
2 qualified applicants who received grants for the preceding
3 fiscal year.

4 (d) The amount of a grant awarded under this Section
5 shall be based on the number of consecutive years the person
6 has been employed full-time in public or private child
7 welfare services at the time of applying for the grant and
8 the total amount in higher education student loans that the
9 person owes at the time of receipt of the grant. The grant
10 amount shall be calculated as follows:

11 (1) Upon completion of the 2nd year of employment,
12 the grant amount shall be equal to 20% of the total loan
13 amount.

14 (2) Upon completion of the 3rd year employment, the
15 grant amount shall be equal to 20% of the total loan
16 amount.

17 (3) Upon completion of the 4th year of employment,
18 the grant amount shall be equal to 30% of the total loan
19 amount.

20 (4) Upon completion of the 5th year of employment,
21 the grant amount shall be equal to 30% of the total loan
22 amount.

23 (e) The Commission shall conduct, by grant or contract,
24 an independent statewide evaluation of the impact of this
25 program on the field of child welfare services. The grant or
26 contract shall be awarded on a competitive basis. All of the
27 following determinations shall be made in the evaluation:

28 (1) Whether the program has resulted in an increase
29 in the number of persons completing a degree in social
30 work or a related field with a focus on serving children
31 and families.

32 (2) Whether the program has contributed to
33 increased time on the job for child welfare workers as
34 measured by the length of time child welfare workers

1 receiving grants have worked in the child welfare field
2 and the length of time these workers are continuing to
3 work in the field after they have ceased receiving
4 grants.

5 (3) Whether the program has increased the
6 experience and the quality of child welfare workers and
7 has contributed to increased performance in the outcomes
8 of child welfare services in terms of child well-being,
9 permanency, and safety, as determined after consultation
10 with the Secretary of Human Services.

11 The Commission shall prepare and submit to the Governor
12 and the General Assembly such interim reports regarding the
13 evaluation as the Commission deems appropriate and shall
14 prepare and submit to the Governor and General Assembly a
15 final report regarding the evaluation by September 30, 2010.