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AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

(110 ILCS 947/15)

Sec. 15. Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

(a) There is established the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, consisting of 10 persons to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The membership of the Commission shall consist of one representative of the institutions of higher learning operated by the State; one representative of the private institutions of higher learning located in the State; one representative of the public community colleges located in the State; one representative of the public high schools located in the State; 5 citizens of the State chosen for their knowledge of and interest in higher education, but not employed by, professionally affiliated with, or members of the governing boards of any institution of higher learning located in the State, and one student member selected from nominations submitted to the Governor by multi-campus student organizations, including but not limited to, the recognized

advisory committee of students of the Illinois Community College Board ~~Illinois Student Association, the Organization of Community College Students~~, the recognized advisory committee of students of the Board of Higher Education, and the recognized advisory committee of students of the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities. The Governor shall designate one member, other than the student member, as chairman. Each member of the Commission, including the student member, shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in performing his or her duties under this Act. Subject to a requirement that Commission members in office on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995 may serve the full term to which they were appointed, the appointment of Commission members to terms that commence on or after that effective date shall be made in a manner that gives effect at the earliest possible time to the change that is required by this amendatory Act in the representative composition of the Commission's membership.

(b) The term of office of each member, other than the student member, is 6 years from July 1 of the year of appointment, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. If a member's tenure of office, other than that of the student member, is terminated for any reason before his or her term has expired, the Governor shall fill the vacancy by the appointment of a person who has the same representative status as the person whose term has been so terminated, and the

new appointee shall hold office only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The term of the student member shall be for 2 years from July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If the tenure of the student member is terminated for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as heretofore provided for a regular term of office appointment of the student member. The new student appointee shall hold office only for the remainder of that term. A student appointee's status on the Commission may not be considered in determining his or her eligibility for programs administered by the Commission No student member may receive a scholarship or grant pursuant to this Act during his or her term of office with the Commission.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of the State Universities Civil Service Act, the Commission shall employ a professionally qualified person as the Executive Director of the Commission, and such other employees as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

(d) The Commission shall meet at least once in each fiscal year, and may meet at other times which the Chairman may designate by giving at least 10 days' written notice to each member.
(Source: P.A. 89-419, eff. 6-1-96.)

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