

HIGHER EDUCATION

(110 ILCS 225/) Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program Act.

(110 ILCS 225/1) (from Ch. 144, par. 2951)

Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program Act.
(Source: P.A. 87-513.)

(110 ILCS 225/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 2952)

Sec. 2. Definitions. In this Act:

"Board" means the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"Nonpublic institution of higher education" means an educational organization, other than a public institution of higher education, that provides a minimum of an organized 2 year program at the private junior college level or higher and that operates in conformity with standards substantially equivalent to those of the public institutions of higher education.

"Public institution of higher education" means the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, the public community colleges of this State, and any other public universities, colleges and community colleges now or hereafter established or authorized by the General Assembly.

"Cooperative work study" means an academically related work and study experience with business, industry, government or other agencies and organizations. Cooperative work study may include, but is not limited to, summer internships, clinical placements, internships and work experiences during the academic year.

(Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96.)

(110 ILCS 225/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 2953)

Sec. 3. Creation and implementation of program. A program of financial assistance to support student cooperative work study programs in higher education is established to benefit students academically and financially, reduce reliance on loans, enhance public-private sector partnerships, and encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.

The Board shall administer the program of financial assistance and shall distribute the funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose in the form of grants to public or nonpublic institutions of higher education to expand opportunities for students to pursue internships, clinical placement, cooperative programs with business and industry, and other work opportunities linked to a student's academic program. In awarding grants under this Act, the Board shall consider whether programs:

- (1) strengthen cooperation between higher education, business, industry, and government;
- (2) promote school/college partnerships;
- (3) encourage social and community service

activities;

(4) maximize the use of matching contributions from business and industry, governmental and social agencies, and participating colleges and universities to support student wages;

(5) create new opportunities for partnerships between the public and private sectors;

(6) integrate other components of student financial aid to reduce reliance on student loans; and

(7) meet other criteria that the Board determines are appropriate.

The Board shall assure that a representative number of the grants support cooperative work study programs that support work experiences for students in academic programs of engineering, science, math, and education.

No grant may be awarded under this Section for any program of sectarian instruction or for any program designed to serve a sectarian purpose.

As part of its administration of the Act, the Board may require evaluations, audits or reports in relation to fiscal and academic aspects of any program for which a grant is awarded under this Act. The Board shall annually submit to the Governor and General Assembly a budgetary recommendation for grants under this Act.

The Board may adopt rules it deems necessary for administration of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 87-513.)

(110 ILCS 225/4) (from Ch. 144, par. 2954)

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.

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