

ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

2012-13 PROPOSED RULES AND AMENDMENTS AND EMERGENCY RULES

Rules and amendments are being proposed for the following Parts:

ISAC's proposed rules, emergency rules and amendments for the following Parts were published in the *Illinois Register* on January 13th. Initial publication of the proposed rules and amendments will trigger a 45 day public comment period that will go through and include Monday, February 27, 2012.

- Part 2730 Illinois National Guard (ING) Program - The proposed amendment will clarify and separate the requirements for the reconciliation of ING data and ING funds.
- Part 2731 Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers – The proposed amendment will clarify and separate the requirements for the reconciliation of data and funds for the Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers.
- Part 2732 Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers – The proposed amendment will clarify and separate the requirements for the reconciliation of data and funds for the Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers.
- Part 2733 Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program - The proposed amendment will clarify and separate the requirements for the reconciliation of IVG data and IVG funds.
- Part 2735 Monetary Award Program (MAP) – The proposed amendment to 2735.30(p) introduces change to restrict MAP payment for graduate-level coursework based on school practices found during program reviews. Section 2735.30(q) introduces changes to limit the number of times MAP benefits can be used for repeat courses based, in part, on changes to federal regulations (34 CFR 668.2). Section 2735.40(m) is amended to introduce changes to clarify and separate the requirements for the reconciliation of MAP data and funds.
- Part 2754 John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program – Section 952 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (42 USC 3797cc-21) created the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program, a federal program that provides states with funds for loan repayment assistance encourage qualifying individuals to pursue careers as state and federal public defenders and state prosecutors to protect the rights of a state's most vulnerable citizens or provide quality enforcement of State law. ISAC was designated by the Office of the Governor as the State administrative agency responsible for oversight of the program and distribution of funds in Illinois. Proposed rulemaking for the program sets forth the applicant eligibility requirements and program procedures.
- Part 2774 College Planning Act – PA 97-289 created the College Planning Act, a program that provides low-income and first-generation students in Illinois with targeted services administered by ISAC to promote college awareness and planning, including without limitation postsecondary and career counseling programs, college admission, scholarship, and financial aid applications, simplified admission or financial assistance application programs. Proposed rulemaking for the programs sets forth the participant eligibility requirements, program procedures and participant agreements.
- Part 2775 Illinois Prepaid Tuition Program – The Illinois Prepaid Tuition Program is being amended to include the taxpayer identification number as authorized in Public Act 97-233. Other revisions which clarify time limits and restrictions for usage of program benefits are being made.