# College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program

Supplemental Actuarial Soundness Valuation Report as of June 30, 2022





November 2, 2022

Mr. Eric Zarnikow Executive Director Illinois Student Assistance Commission 1755 Lake Cook Road Deerfield, Illinois 60015-5209

Re: College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program

Supplemental Actuarial Soundness Valuation Report as of June 30, 2022

Dear Mr. Zarnikow:

In accordance with the request of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ("ISAC"), Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company ("GRS") has performed a projection of the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program ("Program" or "CIPTP") under a prescribed Closed Group Run-Off scenario. The purpose of this projection is to provide additional information to ISAC regarding the Program's projected funding status.

GRS provides independent actuarial services and advice to ISAC. GRS has no decision making authority or other such responsibility for ISAC, the State of Illinois, the CIPTP and anyone else affiliated with ISAC, and therefore, is specifically NOT serving in a fiduciary role in any way whatsoever.

Please understand that this projection was prepared at the request of ISAC and is intended for use by ISAC and those designated or approved by ISAC. This projection may be provided to parties other than ISAC only with the permission of ISAC. This projection should not be relied on for any purpose other than the purpose described above. GRS is not responsible for unauthorized use of this projection.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in the attached projection due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law.

This projection represents one of multiple documents providing actuarial soundness valuation results for the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program as of June 30, 2022. Additional information regarding the underlying financial and beneficiary data and important additional disclosures are provided in the June 30, 2022 Actuarial Soundness Valuation Report.

This projection is not a recommendation to anyone to participate or not participate in the CIPTP. GRS makes no representations or warranties to any person or persons participating in the CIPTP.

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All calculations have been made in conformity with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices commonly applicable to similar types of arrangements. There are currently no Actuarial Standards of Practice which specifically relate to prepaid tuition plans. We have looked to the Actuarial Standards of Practice related to pensions for guidance due to their similar nature.

For purposes of this projection, we used the actuarial soundness valuation results from the June 30, 2022 Actuarial Soundness Valuation, and unless noted differently, the same actuarial assumptions and methods as used for the June 30, 2022 Actuarial Soundness Valuation. The projection results are based upon data and information furnished by ISAC, concerning program benefits, financial transactions and beneficiaries of the CIPTP. We reviewed this information for internal and year-to-year consistency, but did not audit the data. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Further, the data and information provided is through June 30, 2022, and does not reflect subsequent market volatility.

The projection results involve actuarial calculations that require assumptions about future events. The major actuarial assumptions used in this analysis were provided by and are the responsibility of ISAC. We are unable to judge the reasonableness of some of these assumptions without performing a substantial amount of additional work beyond the scope of the assignment.

The College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program stopped accepting new contracts as of the 2017/2018 enrollment period. As of March 25, 2022, ISAC indicated in its Program Update that the CIPTP is permanently closed to new enrollments.

ISAC recently secured state funding that has significantly addressed the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program unfunded liability. There were two State appropriations from the State's General Revenue Fund on behalf of fiscal year 2022 – one for \$20 million and a second appropriation of \$230 million that are reflected in the CIPTP assets as of June 30, 2022. (There was an additional State appropriation of \$30 million on behalf of fiscal year 2021.)

Under this prescribed Closed Group Run-Off scenario, Trust assets are projected to decline rapidly as tuition benefits are paid, and ultimately be depleted by fiscal year end 2033. Therefore, based on discussions with ISAC, we have incorporated a "select and ultimate" approach to the investment return assumption (and also the related discount rate for the liabilities). Under this "select and ultimate" approach to the investment return assumption, we have assumed that the net investment return and discount rate grade down from an initial rate of 5.00 percent for fiscal year 2023 to an ultimate rate of 3.00 percent in fiscal years on and after 2029 in 0.333 percent annual increments. Implicit in this approach is the assumption that once the Trust is completely exhausted, and ISAC is relying on additional payments from the State of Illinois, the State will be making payments to the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program from the State Portfolio. (The State Portfolio provides the necessary liquidity to meet the state's daily obligations while investing remaining funds in authorized short/long-term investment opportunities.) Based on input from ISAC, we have assumed that the underlying return on such assets in the State Portfolio is 3.00 percent.



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According to the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program Disclosure Statement and Master Agreement:

There are risks associated with the Program Contracts. Though a Contract is not a savings program, Contract payments and related amounts are held in the Fund and invested.

The Program's ability to honor existing and future Contracts depends primarily upon a combination of three factors: (i) continued Contract sales within projections; (ii) achieving a projected annual net return on Fund investments; and (iii) actual tuition/fee increases being within projected amounts. Favorable or unfavorable experience in one or more of these factors can result in the improvement or decline of the Program's funding.

In the event Contract sales and/or investment returns are lower than expected or if tuition/fees increase beyond the Commission's expectations, the Program may not have sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations. The Program is a moral obligation of the State of Illinois requiring the Governor to request an appropriation from the State General Assembly in the event the Commission and the Governor determine that the Program does not have adequate assets to meet its Contractual obligations in an upcoming fiscal year. While the General Assembly has fulfilled other moral obligations of the State of Illinois in the past, it is not obligated to appropriate, and no assurances can be made that the General Assembly will appropriate sufficient moneys to meet the Program's Contractual obligations.

The Program is not supported by the full faith and credit of the State of Illinois, nor is it guaranteed by the State's general fund.

If it is determined by the Commission, with the concurrence of the Governor, that the Program is financially infeasible, the Commission may prospectively discontinue the Program. Pursuant to the State's prepaid tuition statute, if the Program is discontinued, Beneficiaries who are or will enroll at an eligible institution within five years shall be entitled to exercise the complete Benefits specified in the Contract; all other Contract holders shall receive an appropriate refund of all contributions and accrued interest, if any, up to the time the Program is discontinued. Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 110, Section 979/35. In the event of Program termination, the Commission will endeavor to provide refunds to Purchasers to the greatest extent possible; however, the Commission is unable to guarantee Purchasers will receive a full refund.

Federal or state legislative action could diminish or even terminate the Program's tax advantages. There is no assurance that a change will not adversely affect the Program or the value of your interest in the Program. The Commission is not obligated to continue to offer the Program in the event that changes in state or federal laws reduce the Benefits available to Purchasers and Beneficiaries.



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This Closed Group Run-Off scenario was specifically prescribed to us by ISAC. Based on the actuarial assumptions and methods described above, the CIPTP will require additional solvency contributions from the State of Illinois in order to pay all of the required tuition and refund payments under this scenario.

This report was prepared using our proprietary valuation model and related software and projection spreadsheet models which, in our professional judgment, have the capability to provide results that are consistent with the purposes of the valuation, and have no material limitations or known weaknesses. We performed tests to ensure that the models reasonably represent that which is intended to be modeled. We are relying on the GRS actuaries and Internal Software, Training and Processes Team who developed and maintain the proprietary valuation model.

This report reflects the impact of COVID-19 through June 30, 2022. However, this report does not reflect the longer-term and still developing future impact of COVID-19, which is likely to further influence demographic experience and economic expectations. We will continue to monitor these developments and their impact.

Lance J. Weiss and Amy Williams are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA) and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions herein.

Lance J. Weiss and Amy Williams are independent of ISAC.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **SECTION A**

**BACKGROUND** 

# **Background**

# **Purpose of Projection**

In accordance with the request of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission ("ISAC"), Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company ("GRS") has performed a projection of the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program ("Program" or "CIPTP") under a specific prescribed Closed Group Run-Off scenario. The purpose of this projection is to provide additional information to ISAC regarding the Program's projected funding status.

There are currently no Actuarial Standards of Practice which specifically relate to prepaid tuition plans. We have looked to the Actuarial Standards of Practice related to pensions for guidance due to their similar nature.

# **Closed Group Run-Off Scenario**

The College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program stopped accepting new contracts as of the 2017/2018 enrollment period. As of March 25, 2022, ISAC indicated in its Program Update (<a href="https://www.collegeillinois.org/AboutCollegeIllinois/program-updates.html">https://www.collegeillinois.org/AboutCollegeIllinois/program-updates.html</a>) that the CIPTP is permanently closed to new enrollments.

ISAC recently secured state funding that has significantly addressed the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program unfunded liability. There were two State appropriations from the State's General Revenue Fund on behalf of fiscal year 2022 – one for \$20 million and a second appropriation of \$230 million that are reflected in the CIPTP assets as of June 30, 2022.

Although the Program is permanently closed to new enrollments, a "discontinuance" of the CIPTP has not occurred (as defined in the College Illinois!® 529 Prepaid Tuition Program Disclosure Statement and Master Agreement.) Therefore, based on discussions with ISAC, we have performed a projection of the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program ("Program" or "CIPTP") under a Closed Group Run-Off scenario assuming no new contract sales after June 30, 2022. Please note that this specific closed group scenario was prescribed to us by ISAC and is being presented for illustrative purposes only.

# **Projection Assumptions**

The projection results summarized in this supplemental report involve actuarial calculations that require assumptions about future events. The major actuarial assumptions used in this analysis were provided by and are the responsibility of ISAC. We are unable to judge the reasonableness of some of these assumptions without performing a substantial amount of additional work beyond the scope of the assignment.

For purposes of this analysis, we used the actuarial soundness valuation results from the June 30, 2022 Actuarial Soundness Valuation, and unless noted differently, the same actuarial assumptions and methods as used for the June 30, 2022 Actuarial Soundness Valuation.



Based on information provided to us by ISAC, changes to the following two actuarial assumptions are effective beginning with the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022:

- The "select and ultimate" rate structure for the investment return assumption and related discount rate for liabilities was changed from an initial rate of 5.25 percent for fiscal year 2022 and grading down to the ultimate rate of 3.00 percent for fiscal years 2027 and after to an initial rate of 5.00 percent for fiscal year 2023 (compared to the expected rate of 4.80 percent under the previous assumption) and grading down to the ultimate rate of 3.00 percent for fiscal years 2029 and after.
- The tuition and fee increase assumption was decreased from 4.50 percent for all types of contracts to 4.25 percent for all types of contracts.





**PROJECTION RESULTS** 

# **Discussion of Scenario Results**

### Closed Group -- Run-Off Scenario; Zero New Contracts Sold Per Year

Under this illustrative closed group scenario, we have assumed that the program continues to operate but with no new contract sales. Under this scenario, future payments from current contract holders, current Trust assets and future investment income are projected to be insufficient by the year 2033 to make the required tuition payments and additional funds will be required to maintain solvency (\$56.4 million for the period 2033 to 2059). The CIPTP funded status is projected to decrease from 95.9 percent in 2022 to 0.0 percent in 2033 (when additional solvency contributions are required) and then remain at about 0.0 percent for the remaining years in the projection period.

Under this prescribed Closed Group Run-Off scenario, the Trust assets are projected to decline rapidly as tuition benefits are paid, and ultimately be depleted by fiscal year end 2033. Therefore, based on discussions with ISAC, we have incorporated a "select and ultimate" approach to the investment return assumption (and also the related discount rate for the liabilities). Under this "select and ultimate" approach to the investment return assumption, we have assumed that the net investment return and discount rate grade down from an initial rate of 5.00 percent for fiscal year 2023 to the ultimate rate of 3.00 percent for fiscal years 2029 and after, in equal yearly increments of 0.333 percent.

We were informed by ISAC that the State appropriation of \$230 million was received on April 26, 2022. As such, we assumed that the \$230 million contribution to the CIPTP would earn approximately a 1.2 percent rate of return as of June 30, 2022.





**PROJECTION TABLE** 

**Closed Group Projections** 

Scenario 1 — Run-Off Scenario

Projection Based on Data as of June 30, 2022

Assumed Net Investment Return and Discount Rates Graded Down from 5.00% to 3.00% in 0.333% Yearly Increments

Other Assumptions Based on Those Used in the Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2022, Including Assumed Tuition and Fee Increase Assumption of 4.25% Zero New Contracts Per Year

							Ass	sets						Liabilities			
Year Ending 6/30	Assumed Net Rate of Return	Annual New Contracts	Contributions	Due from Other State Fund	Additional Required Solvency Contributions <sup>a</sup>	Tuition Payments, Refunds and Fees	Administrative Expenses	Net Non-Investment Cash Flow	Net Investment Return	Market Value of Assets (EOY)	Total Present Value of Future Contributions	Total Fund Assets (MVA + PVFC)	Total Present Value of Future Benefits	Present Value of Future Admin Expenses	Total Present Value of Future Benefits, Fees and Expenses	Unfunded Liability	Funded Ratio
2022			\$ 4,983,636 \$	\$ 250,000,000	¢ .	\$ 122,499,528	\$ 2,662,400	\$ 129,821,708	\$ (50,096,279)	\$ 639,028,685	\$ 7,825,403	\$ 646,854,088	\$ 660,243,323	\$ 14,616,878	\$ 674,860,201	\$ 28,006,113	95.9%
2023	5.000%	0	2,553,916	230,000,000	٠.	123,165,635	2,728,960	(123,340,678)	22,470,322	538,158,329	5,599,688	543,758,017	567,048,270		579,599,641	35,841,624	93.8%
2024	4.667%	0	1,841,587	_	_	112,638,917	2,797,184	(113,594,514)	20,615,431	445,179,246	3,976,939	449,156,185	478,273,332		488,548,725	39,392,540	91.9%
2025	4.333%	0	1,299,653	-	-		2,418,249	(104,614,499)	17,048,490	357,613,237	2,821,760	360,434,997	393,283,976		401,534,547	41,099,550	
2026	4.000%	0	863,470	-	-		2,038,238	(97,269,381)	12,378,216	272,722,072	2,054,060	274,776,132	311,017,674		317,519,665	42,743,533	86.5%
2027	3.667%	0	726,257	-	-	79,477,274	1,652,181	(80,403,198)	8,539,021	200,857,895	1,389,924	202,247,819	241,500,416		246,558,614	44,310,795	82.0%
2028	3.333%	0	558,496	-	-		1,314,965	(60,638,696)	5,692,903	145,912,103	868,527	146,780,630	188,678,346		192,568,450	45,787,820	
2029	3.000%	0	381,078	-	-		1,053,034	(51,087,080)	3,616,720	98,441,743	507,830	98,949,573	143,172,935		146,111,028	47,161,455	
2030	3.000%	0	288,980	-	-		819,040	(39,746,348)	2,361,463	61,056,858	229,783	61,286,641	107,667,937	2,195,002	109,862,939	48,576,298	55.8%
2031	3.000%	0	164,866	-	-		631,327	(31,368,505)	1,364,655	31,053,008	69,355	31,122,363	79,535,826		81,155,951	50,033,588	
2032	3.000%	0	70,388	-	-	21,508,956	478,030	(21,916,597)	605,271	9,741,682		9,741,682	60,092,694	1,183,582	61,276,276	51,534,594	15.9%
2033	3.000%	0		-	9,364,315	18,880,842	370,201	(9,886,728)	145,045		-		42,733,513	843,376	43,576,890	43,576,890	0.0%
2034	3.000%	0	-	-	13,296,045	13,026,204	269,841			-	-	-	30,795,365	594,819	31,390,184	31,390,184	0.0%
2035	3.000%	0	-	-	10,056,276	9,856,957	199,319	-	-	-	-	-	21,715,508	410,376	22,125,884	22,125,884	0.0%
2036	3.000%	0	-	-	7,539,898	7,395,833	144,065	-	-	-	-	-	14,861,022	276,478	15,137,500	15,137,500	0.0%
2037	3.000%	0	-	-	5,356,902	5,255,847	101,055	-	-	-	-	-	9,972,751	182,212	10,154,964	10,154,964	0.0%
2038	3.000%	0	-	-	3,776,390	3,706,879	69,510	-	-	-	-	-	6,509,862	117,133	6,626,996	6,626,996	0.0%
2039	3.000%	0	-	-	2,635,122	2,588,614	46,508	-	-	-	-	-	4,078,002	73,446	4,151,449	4,151,449	0.0%
2040	3.000%	0	-	-	1,665,163	1,635,300	29,863	-	-	-	-	-	2,540,694	45,342	2,586,036	2,586,036	0.0%
2041	3.000%	0	-	-	1,035,108	1,016,037	19,070	-	-	-	-	-	1,585,749	27,348	1,613,098	1,613,098	0.0%
2042	3.000%	0	-	-	694,315	682,115	12,200	-	-	-	-	-	941,050	15,787	956,837	956,837	0.0%
2043	3.000%	0	-	-	432,189	424,768	7,421	-	-	-	-	-	538,189	8,729	546,918	546,918	0.0%
2044	3.000%	0	-	-	258,266	253,916	4,350	-	-	-	-	-	296,638	4,576	301,214	301,214	0.0%
2045	3.000%	0	-	-	151,326	148,868	2,458	-	-	-	-	-	154,453	2,219	156,672	156,672	0.0%
2046	3.000%	0	-	-	101,812	100,500	1,312	-	-	÷	-	-	57,090	954	58,044	58,044	0.0%
2047	3.000%	0	-	-	29,303	28,806	497	-	-	-	-	-	29,568		30,046	30,046	0.0%
2048	3.000%	0	-	-	16,389	16,125	264	-	-	÷	-	-	14,090	225	14,315	14,315	0.0%
2049	3.000%	0	-	-	8,095	7,966	129	-	-	÷	-	-	6,428	101	6,529	6,529	0.0%
2050	3.000%	0	-	-	3,754	3,694	60		-	-	-	-	2,872	43	2,915	2,915	
2051	3.000%	0	-	-	1,799	1,771	28	-	-	-	-	-	1,160	16	1,177	1,177	0.0%
2052	3.000%	0	-	-	807	796	11	-	-	-	-	-	387	5	393	393	0.0%
2053	3.000%	0	-	-	309	305	4	-	-	-	-	-	90	1	91	91	0.0%
2054	3.000%	0	=	-	61	60	1	=	-	-	-	-	31		32	32	
2055	3.000%	0	=	-	25	25	0	=	-	-	-	-	7	0	7	7	0.0%
2056	3.000%	0	-	-	7	7	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	0.0%
2057	3.000%	0	=	-	-	=	=	=	-	-	=	=	=	-	=	=	0.0%
2058	3.000%	0	=	-	-	=	=	=	-	-	=	=	=	-	=	=	0.0%
2059	3.000%	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Additional contributions in the amount of \$56,423,676 are needed over the years 2033 through 2056 to pay all benefits due.





**ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS** 

# **Actuarial Valuation Methods**

**Actuarial Value of Assets** – The Actuarial Value of Assets is equal to the Market Value of Assets plus the present value of expected future contract payments from current contract holders.

# **Actuarial Valuation Assumptions**

The rationale for the assumptions (except as indicated) may be found in the experience study report covering the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, which was issued on August 26, 2015. The assumptions were adopted for first use in the actuarial soundness valuation as of June 30, 2015.

The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial soundness valuation are shown in this Section.

#### **Measurement Date**

June 30, 2022

#### Net Investment Return Rate

The following select and ultimate rate structure, net of investment expenses and compounded annually, is assumed. Includes inflation assumption of 2.50 percent. (First effective with the actuarial soundness valuation as of June 30, 2022, and prescribed to us by ISAC.)

#### **Net Investment Return Rate**

Fiscal Year	
<b>Ending 6/30</b>	Net Investment Return Rate
2023	5.000%
2024	4.667%
2025	4.333%
2026	4.000%
2027	3.667%
2028	3.333%
2029+	3.000%

Based on discussions with ISAC, and considering the current asset allocation, current and future liquidity requirements and the fact that the program enrollment is on hold, we believe the current select and ultimate net investment rate of return assumption is reasonable, and meets applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice.



# Weighted Average Tuition and Fees (WATF) by Contract Type Based on the Freshman Tuition Rates Adjusted for Differential Tuition (Blended)

	Contract Type							
	Choice 1	Choice 3						
	<b>Community College</b>	University	University Plus	Legacy†				
2022-2023 Weighted Tuition	\$4,360	\$11,300	\$14,619	\$12,235				
2022-2023 Weighted Fees	534	4,073	4,664	4,239				
2022-2023 Total WATF	4,894	15,373	19,283	16,474				

<sup>†</sup>Legacy contracts refer to contracts sold prior to October 2008. These contracts can be used for full tuition and fees at any public University in the State of Illinois, including UIUC.

For continuing students at public universities and students attending community colleges, fees are combined with tuition in our projections and follow their respective tuition inflation assumptions.

# Weighted Average Tuition and Fees (WATF) Increase from Prior Year

		Contract Type						
	Choice 1	Choice 1 Choice 2 Choice 3						
	<b>Community College</b>	University	University Plus	Legacy				
2022-2023 Total WATF	\$4,894	\$15,373	\$19,283	\$16,474				
2021-2022 Total WATF	4,798	15,531	18,686	16,376				
WATF Increase	2.00%	-1.02%	3.19%	0.60%				

#### **Bias Load**

"Legacy," Choice 1 and Choice 2 contract beneficiaries were assumed on average to attend more expensive schools than indicated by the headcount information that was used to determine the 2022-2023 WATF. The following bias loads were used to recognize this bias toward enrollment at more expensive schools. No bias load was applied to the "University Plus" beneficiaries due to the separation of UIUC.

		Contract Type							
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3						
	Community College	University	University Plus	Legacy					
Bias Load	5.50%	2.50%	0.00%	4.00%					



### **Tuition and Fee Increase Assumption**

Tuition and Fee Increase Assumption - June 30, 2022, Actuarial Valuation								
Community   University								
Effective Date	College	University	Plus	Legacy				
6/30/2022 and Beyond	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%				

(First effective with the actuarial soundness valuation as of June 30, 2022, and prescribed to us by ISAC.)

These assumptions were chosen by ISAC and consider historical Illinois public tuition and fee inflation, typically over a 20-year horizon, as well as current economic and political conditions.

#### **Truth in Tuition**

Under Illinois' Truth-in-Tuition law, the state's 12 public colleges and universities are required to charge incoming resident freshmen a fixed tuition rate for the first four years of college. The Truth in Tuition law does not apply to community colleges.

For contract beneficiaries with a Choice 2, Choice 3 or Legacy contract, it was assumed that their tuition will not increase in their second, third and fourth year of school. If they attend school beyond four years, it was assumed that their tuition would increase to the amount charged the year after the year they first enrolled. For contract beneficiaries with a Choice 1 contract, it was assumed that tuition will increase for each year enrolled. The fee portion of the WATF is assumed to increase each year for all contract types.

The following table shows the WAT (excluding fees) for the past four years that would be used for contract beneficiaries under the Truth-in-Tuition law. (Choice 1 is shown for informational purposes only.)

	Contract Type						
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3				
	Community College	University	University Plus	Legacy			
2022-2023 Weighted Tuition	\$4,360	\$11,300	\$14,619	\$12,235			
2021-2022 Weighted Tuition	4,281	11,123	14,074	11,914			
2020-2021 Weighted Tuition	4,075	11,151	14,106	11,950			
2019-2020 Weighted Tuition	4,012	11,025	13,885	11,687			
2018-2019 Weighted Tuition	3,942	10,925	13,885	11,687			



#### **Rates of Cancellation**

These rates are used to measure the probability of eligible contract beneficiaries cancelling their contracts before and after projected college entrance date. The rates apply to contract beneficiaries who have not yet matriculated. Once the contract beneficiaries are assumed to have matriculated and started using benefits, the cancellation rates do not apply.

Years from Projected College Entrance Year	Cancellation Rate	Years from Projected College Entrance Year	Cancellation Rate
-17	8.0%	-3	1.0%
-16	7.0%	-2	1.0%
-15	6.0%	-1	1.5%
-14	4.0%	0	1.5%
-13	4.0%	1	3.0%
-12	3.0%	2	3.0%
-11	3.0%	3	5.0%
-10	3.0%	4	5.0%
-9	2.0%	5	7.5%
-8	1.5%	6	7.5%
-7	1.5%	7	5.0%
-6	1.5%	8	5.0%
-5	1.5%	9	5.0%
-4	1.0%	10	100.0%

In the event of a cancellation, it was assumed that a refund will be paid equal to the amount of all contract payments made accumulated with applicable interest, less benefits paid. (Two percent annual interest is applicable to contracts purchased prior to the 2013/2014 enrollment period. No interest is applicable to contracts purchased during or after the 2013/2014 enrollment period.)

#### **Rates of Enrollment**

These rates are used to measure the probability of eligible contract beneficiaries matriculating at and beyond their projected college entrance date. The rates apply to contract beneficiaries who have not yet matriculated.

Years from Projected College Entrance Year	Matriculation Rate
0	70%
1	35%
2	40%
3	30%
4	20%
5	15%
6	15%
7	10%
8	10%
9	10%
10	0%



#### **Utilization of Benefits**

The following rates apply to contract beneficiaries who (1) have not yet matriculated and (2) those who have matriculated, but have used fewer than 10 credits within the past year. For those who have matriculated, the projected college entrance year is assumed to be the valuation year. Contract beneficiaries are assumed to use the benefits as described by the CIPTP Master Agreement.

Distribution of Benefit Utilization											
Number of Years		Number of Semesters Purchased									
Since Matriculation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1	73%	73%	49%	37%	29%	24%	21%	18%	16%		
2	20%	20%	28%	35%	26%	24%	21%	18%	16%		
3	7%	7%	14%	17%	19%	22%	21%	18%	16%		
4			5%	6%	13%	15%	21%	18%	16%		
5			5%	6%	7%	9%	8%	13%	16%		
6					3%	4%	3%	6%	8%		
7					2%	2%	2%	4%	6%		
8							1%	2%	4%		
9							1%	2%	1%		

For contract beneficiaries who have matriculated and have used 10 or more credits within the past year, it is assumed that the contract beneficiaries will utilize 22 credits per year until benefits are fully depleted.

### **Administrative Expenses**

Administrative expenses of the Program are assumed to be paid through a combination of investment earnings and fees assessed on purchasers. Marketing expenses were excluded from the liabilities (present value of future administrative expenses) for current contract beneficiaries as it is assumed those costs should be applicable to future contracts. Administrative expenses are projected to increase by the rate of the inflation assumption of 2.50 percent for two years and then decline at the same rate the present value of benefits declines (combined with a 2.50 percent increase for inflation). (The increase for two years assumption was used in the prior valuation and reset at two years in the current valuation.) The present value of future administrative expenses was determined to be equal to approximately 2.2 percent of the total liabilities.

Effective with the actuarial soundness valuation as of June 30, 2018, total administrative expenses were assumed to be all non-marketing related due to the ongoing deferment in open enrollment. The amount of administrative expenses assumed to be non-marketing related is the basis for the present value of future administrative expenses for current contract beneficiaries.

	Current and Assumed Contract Beneficiary Expenses							
			Total					
Fiscal		Other	Administrative	Marketing				
Year	Marketing	Administration	Expenses	% of Total				
2022	\$0	\$2,662,400	\$2,662,400	0.00%				
2023	0	2,728,960	2,728,960	0.00%				
2024	0	2,797,184	2,797,184	0.00%				



## **Mortality and Disability**

No assumption is made for death or disability. Valuing the rate of incidence is expected to be immaterial.

### **Liability Adjustment**

The liabilities for contract beneficiaries assumed to use tuition benefits were adjusted to account for the provision that benefits shall never be less than the amount paid for the contract.

### **Data Adjustments**

The following contract beneficiary records were excluded from the actuarial valuation:

- Records with a payment status indicating they were cancelled;
- Records with a contract usage status of depleted; and
- Records with less than one contract unit remaining (the number of contract units purchased minus the number of contract units used is less than one).

The projected college entrance year was adjusted for contract beneficiaries who are not scheduled to have completed payments for the contract by the college entrance year provided in the data.

The account balance that is eligible to be refunded is calculated by GRS based on the contract payment information provided, increased with applicable interest, less any tuition and fee benefits paid to date. Two percent annual interest is applicable to contracts purchased prior to the 2013/2014 enrollment period. No interest is applicable to contracts purchased during or after the 2013/2014 enrollment period.



# **S**ECTION **E**

**PLAN PROVISIONS** 

# **Plan Provisions**

(This is a summary only; the full terms and conditions of the College Illinois!® Prepaid Tuition Program are included in the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act, 110 ILCS 979 (the "Act") and ISAC Administrative Rules (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2775, et. seq.) ("ISAC Rules").

#### A. Type of Contract

Three types of contracts are available for purchase: Choice 1 - Community College, Choice 2 – University and Choice 3 – University Plus. (For contracts sold prior to October 2008, there was one type of University contract, which are currently referred to as Legacy contacts.)

From the College Illinois! Prepaid Tuition Program Student Handbook:

#### Choice 1 Community College Plan

Provides in-district tuition and mandatory fees for each semester (15 credit hours) purchased at an Illinois Community College.

#### Choice 2 University Plan

Provides undergraduate in-state tuition and mandatory fee coverage for each semester (15 credit hours) purchased at any of the following eligible institutions: Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, University of Illinois Chicago, University of Illinois Springfield, Western Illinois University.

#### Choice 3 University Plus Plan

Provides undergraduate in-state tuition and mandatory fee coverage for each semester (15 credit hours) purchased at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.

Covered benefits include tuition and mandatory fees at an Illinois public university or community college based on the instate or in-district undergraduate rate for a full-time student.

Mandatory fees are fees that are required upon enrollment for all students attending the particular institution.

The benefit does not include any optional fees, expenses or cost of supplies.

The benefit shall never be less than the amount paid for the contract.

#### B. Benefit



Benefits are available for use three years after the first payment due date. The plan must be paid in full prior to the use of any benefits. In addition, the beneficiary has up to 10 years from the projected college enrollment date to start using program benefits. Once the beneficiary starts using the prepaid benefits, they have 10 years to finish using benefits.

#### C. Contract Payments

The Program offers a variety of payment options, including the following:

- Lump Sum;
- 5-year installment plans paid monthly or annually;
- Extended installment plans of 6 to 15 years, depending on age, paid monthly or annually; and
- Down payment options are available for monthly installment plans.

# D. Private or Out-of-State Institutions

For beneficiaries attending a private or out-of-state institution, the plan will pay an amount based upon the weighted average tuition and mandatory fees at Illinois public universities or community colleges depending on the type of contract purchased.

#### E. Scholarship

If a qualified beneficiary is awarded a grant or scholarship that duplicates the benefits covered by a prepaid tuition contract, the purchaser may request a refund in semester installments.

Illinois public university or community college – the installments will be in an amount equal to the current cost of in-state or in-district registration fees at that institution, less any benefits used to pay registration fees not covered by the scholarship and any applicable fees.

Illinois Private Institution or an eligible Out-of-State Institution – the installments will be in an amount equal to the current average mean-weighted credit hour value of registration fees at Illinois public universities or Illinois community colleges, depending on the type of the purchased contract, less any benefits used to pay registration fees not covered by the scholarship and any applicable fees.

## F. Not Attending an Institution of Higher Education (Transfer)

Benefits can be transferred to a member of the "family" as defined in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Purchasers can also choose to postpone the beneficiary's use of contract benefits to a later time or receive a refund.



G. Cancellation/Refunds

Refund equal to all contract payments made accumulated with applicable interest, less benefits paid and applicable cancellation fees. (Two percent annual interest is applicable to contracts purchased prior to the 2013/2014 enrollment period. No interest is applicable to contracts purchased during or after the 2013/2014 enrollment period.)

H. Death/Disability of Qualified Beneficiary Refund equal to the value of the mean-weighted average cost of tuition at the colleges for the type of contract purchased will be made to the purchaser.

I. Other Ancillary Benefits

There are no ancillary benefits.

J. Truth in Tuition

Under Illinois' Truth-in-Tuition law, enacted with the fall 2004 semester, the state's 12 public colleges and universities are required to charge incoming resident freshmen a fixed tuition rate for the first four years of college.

K. Changes from Previous Valuation

None.

