Important Legal Information

The Bright Start Direct-Sold 529 College Savings Program is part of the Illinois College Savings Pool and is designed to qualify as a qualified tuition program under the provisions of Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Bright Start Direct-Sold 529 College Savings Program is sponsored by the State of Illinois and administered by the Illinois State Treasurer, as Trustee. Union Bank & Trust Company serves as Program Manager.

Investments in the Bright Start Direct-Sold 529 College Savings Program are not guaranteed or insured by the State of Illinois, the Illinois State Treasurer, Union Bank & Trust Company, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or any other entity. Investors should read carefully and consider the investment objectives, risks, fees, and expenses contained in the Program Disclosure Statement (issuer’s official statement) before investing. The Program Disclosure Statement, which contains additional information about the plan and municipal fund securities, is available from your investment professional or by visiting BrightStartSavings.com or by calling 877.432.7444.

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