

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 SB3565

Introduced 2/16/2018, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.07a new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education (i) to ensure that any high school student in this State with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent on a 5.0 scale) receives access to the opportunity of higher education and (ii) to guarantee admission to a public university; requires cooperation by the State Board of Education and public universities. Requires all high schools to provide the time, opportunity, and guidance to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid for any student wishing to do so. Effective July 1, 2018.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by changing Section 9.07a as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.07a new)

Sec. 9.07a. Access to opportunity and automatic admission. The Board shall ensure that any high school student in this State with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent on a 5.0 scale) receives access to the opportunity of higher education and shall guarantee admission to a public university. The State Board of Education shall cooperate with the Board to ensure that each high school student in this State and his or her parent or quardian is provided, at the high school level, with the knowledge that the student will qualify for automatic admission if he or she maintains a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent on a 5.0 scale) through graduation from high school. All high schools in this State shall provide the time, opportunity, and guidance to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid for any student wishing to do so. The Board shall work with each public university and each public university shall cooperate with the Board to ensure

- 1 that each high school student in this State with a 3.0
- 2 <u>cumulative grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale (or the</u>
- 3 <u>equivalent on a 5.0 scale</u>) is admitted to a public university
- 4 that is in line with that student's academic interests and that
- 5 is academically appropriate for that student.
- 6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
- 7 2018.