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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/8	from Ch. 144, par. 29
110 ILCS 520/8e	from Ch. 144, par. 658e
110 ILCS 660/5-85	
110 ILCS 665/10-85	
110 ILCS 670/15-85	
110 ILCS 675/20-85	
110 ILCS 680/25-85	
110 ILCS 685/30-85	
110 ILCS 690/35-85	

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of the public universities in Illinois. Subject to certain other admission requirements, requires a university to admit an applicant for admission to the university as an undergraduate student if the applicant graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10% percent of the student's high school graduating class. Requires the university, after admitting the applicant, to review the applicant's record and any other factor the university considers appropriate to determine whether the applicant may require additional preparation for college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a retention program.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning higher education.

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

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
5 changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 29)

7 Sec. 8. Admissions.

8 (a) No student shall be admitted to instruction in any of
9 the departments of the University who shall not have attained
10 to the age of fifteen (15) years, and who shall not previously
11 undergo a satisfactory examination in each of the branches
12 ordinarily taught in the common schools of the state.

13 (b) In addition, commencing in the fall of 1993, no new
14 student shall then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in
15 any of the departments or colleges of the University unless
16 such student also has satisfactorily completed:

17 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
18 the following 5 categories:

19 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
20 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
21 years may be collegiate level instruction;

22 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
23 and government);

1 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
2 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
3 fundamentals of computer programming);

4 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

5 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
6 music, vocational education or art;

7 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
8 applicants if the institution determines through
9 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
10 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
11 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
12 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
13 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
14 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
15 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
16 The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois shall
17 not discriminate in the University's admissions process
18 against an applicant for admission because of the
19 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
20 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also
21 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to
22 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
23 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
24 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance
25 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
26 providing that in either case, the institution

1 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
2 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
3 course deficiencies; and

4 (3) except that up to 3 of the 15 units of coursework
5 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
6 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
7 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
8 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
9 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

10 (c) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
11 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
12 coursework required by subsection (b).

13 (d) A student who has graduated from high school and has
14 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
15 shall not be required to take the high school level General
16 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
17 admission.

18 (e) In this subsection (e), "approved high school" means a
19 public high school located in this State or a high school
20 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
21 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
22 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
23 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
24 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
25 those of the public high schools located in this State,
26 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this

1 subsection (e) had at least 10 students graduate.

2 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the
3 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
4 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
5 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant
6 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
7 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an
8 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
9 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for
10 admission under this subsection (e), an applicant must submit
11 an application before the expiration of any application filing
12 deadline established by the University. The University may
13 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
14 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's
15 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
16 to the University under this subsection (e) does not entitle
17 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
18 or department at the University.

19 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (e), the
20 University shall review the applicant's record and any other
21 factor the University considers appropriate to determine
22 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
23 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
24 retention program. The University may require a student so
25 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
26 student is admitted under this subsection (e) to participate in

1 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
2 orientation programs. This subsection (e) does not prohibit a
3 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
4 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
5 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted
6 under this subsection (e).

7 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

8 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
9 Act is amended by changing Section 8e as follows:

10 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

11 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

12 (a) Commencing in the fall of 1993, no new student shall
13 then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in any of the
14 departments or colleges of the University unless such student
15 also has satisfactorily completed:

16 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
17 the following 5 categories:

18 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
19 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
20 years may be collegiate level instruction;

21 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
22 and government);

23 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
24 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or

1 fundamentals of computer programming);

2 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

3 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
4 music, vocational education or art;

5 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
6 applicants if the institution determines through
7 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
8 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
9 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
10 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
11 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
12 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
13 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
14 The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall
15 not discriminate in the University's admissions process
16 against an applicant for admission because of the
17 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
18 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also
19 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to
20 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
21 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
22 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance
23 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
24 providing that in either case, the institution
25 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
26 courses or other academic activities that compensate for

1 course deficiencies; and

2 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
3 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
4 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
5 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
6 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
7 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

8 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
9 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
10 coursework required by subsection (a).

11 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
12 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
13 shall not be required to take the high school level General
14 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
15 admission.

16 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means a
17 public high school located in this State or a high school
18 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
19 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
20 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
21 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
22 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
23 those of the public high schools located in this State,
24 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this
25 subsection (d) had at least 10 students graduate.

26 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the

1 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
2 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
3 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant
4 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
5 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an
6 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
7 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for
8 admission under this subsection (d), an applicant must submit
9 an application before the expiration of any application filing
10 deadline established by the University. The University may
11 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
12 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's
13 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
14 to the University under this subsection (d) does not entitle
15 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
16 or department at the University.

17 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d), the
18 University shall review the applicant's record and any other
19 factor the University considers appropriate to determine
20 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
21 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
22 retention program. The University may require a student so
23 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
24 student is admitted under this subsection (d) to participate in
25 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
26 orientation programs. This subsection (d) does not prohibit a

1 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
2 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
3 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted
4 under this subsection (d).

5 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

6 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
7 changing Section 5-85 as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

9 Sec. 5-85. Admission requirements.

10 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
11 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University
12 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

13 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
14 the following 5 categories:

15 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
16 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
17 years may be collegiate level instruction;

18 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
19 and government);

20 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
21 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
22 fundamentals of computer programming);

23 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

24 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,

1 music, vocational education or art;

2 (2) except that Chicago State University may admit
3 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
4 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
5 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
6 and courses taken in a charter school established under
7 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
8 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
9 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
10 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
11 Trustees of Chicago State University shall not
12 discriminate in the University's admissions process
13 against an applicant for admission because of the
14 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
15 under Article 27A of the School Code. Chicago State
16 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
17 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
18 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
19 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
20 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
21 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
22 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
23 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
24 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

25 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
26 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be

1 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
2 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
3 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
4 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

5 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
6 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
7 coursework required by subsection (a).

8 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
9 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
10 shall not be required to take the high school level General
11 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
12 admission.

13 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means a
14 public high school located in this State or a high school
15 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
16 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
17 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
18 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
19 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
20 those of the public high schools located in this State,
21 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this
22 subsection (d) had at least 10 students graduate.

23 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the
24 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
25 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
26 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant

1 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
2 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an
3 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
4 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for
5 admission under this subsection (d), an applicant must submit
6 an application before the expiration of any application filing
7 deadline established by the University. The University may
8 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
9 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's
10 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
11 to the University under this subsection (d) does not entitle
12 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
13 or department at the University.

14 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d), the
15 University shall review the applicant's record and any other
16 factor the University considers appropriate to determine
17 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
18 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
19 retention program. The University may require a student so
20 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
21 student is admitted under this subsection (d) to participate in
22 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
23 orientation programs. This subsection (d) does not prohibit a
24 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
25 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
26 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted

1 under this subsection (d).

2 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

3 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
4 by changing Section 10-85 as follows:

5 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

6 Sec. 10-85. Admission requirements.

7 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
8 of the departments or colleges of the Eastern Illinois
9 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
10 completed:

11 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
12 the following 5 categories:

13 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
14 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
15 years may be collegiate level instruction;

16 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
17 and government);

18 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
19 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
20 fundamentals of computer programming);

21 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

22 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
23 music, vocational education or art;

24 (2) except that Eastern Illinois University may admit

1 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
2 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
3 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
4 and courses taken in a charter school established under
5 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
6 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
7 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
8 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
9 Trustees of Eastern Illinois University shall not
10 discriminate in the University's admissions process
11 against an applicant for admission because of the
12 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
13 under Article 27A of the School Code. Eastern Illinois
14 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
15 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
16 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
17 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
18 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
19 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
20 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
21 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
22 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

23 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
24 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
25 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
26 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences

1 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
2 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

3 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
4 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
5 coursework required by subsection (a).

6 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
7 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
8 shall not be required to take the high school level General
9 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
10 admission.

11 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means a
12 public high school located in this State or a high school
13 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
14 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
15 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
16 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
17 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
18 those of the public high schools located in this State,
19 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this
20 subsection (d) had at least 10 students graduate.

21 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the
22 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
23 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
24 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant
25 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
26 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an

1 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
2 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for
3 admission under this subsection (d), an applicant must submit
4 an application before the expiration of any application filing
5 deadline established by the University. The University may
6 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
7 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's
8 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
9 to the University under this subsection (d) does not entitle
10 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
11 or department at the University.

12 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d), the
13 University shall review the applicant's record and any other
14 factor the University considers appropriate to determine
15 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
16 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
17 retention program. The University may require a student so
18 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
19 student is admitted under this subsection (d) to participate in
20 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
21 orientation programs. This subsection (d) does not prohibit a
22 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
23 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
24 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted
25 under this subsection (d).

26 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

1 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended
2 by changing Section 15-85 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

4 Sec. 15-85. Admission requirements.

5 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
6 of the departments or colleges of the Governors State
7 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
8 completed:

9 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
10 the following 5 categories:

11 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
12 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
13 years may be collegiate level instruction;

14 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
15 and government);

16 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
17 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
18 fundamentals of computer programming);

19 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

20 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
21 music, vocational education or art;

22 (2) except that Governors State University may admit
23 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
24 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the

1 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
2 and courses taken in a charter school established under
3 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
4 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
5 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
6 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
7 Trustees of Governors State University shall not
8 discriminate in the University's admissions process
9 against an applicant for admission because of the
10 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
11 under Article 27A of the School Code. Governors State
12 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
13 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
14 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
15 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
16 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
17 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
18 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
19 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
20 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

21 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
22 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
23 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
24 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
25 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
26 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

1 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
2 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
3 coursework required by subsection (a).

4 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
5 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
6 shall not be required to take the high school level General
7 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
8 admission.

9 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means a
10 public high school located in this State or a high school
11 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
12 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
13 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
14 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
15 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
16 those of the public high schools located in this State,
17 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this
18 subsection (d) had at least 10 students graduate.

19 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the
20 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
21 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
22 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant
23 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
24 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an
25 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
26 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for

1 admission under this subsection (d), an applicant must submit
2 an application before the expiration of any application filing
3 deadline established by the University. The University may
4 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
5 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's
6 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
7 to the University under this subsection (d) does not entitle
8 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
9 or department at the University.

10 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d), the
11 University shall review the applicant's record and any other
12 factor the University considers appropriate to determine
13 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
14 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
15 retention program. The University may require a student so
16 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
17 student is admitted under this subsection (d) to participate in
18 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
19 orientation programs. This subsection (d) does not prohibit a
20 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
21 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
22 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted
23 under this subsection (d).

24 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

25 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by

1 changing Section 20-85 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

3 Sec. 20-85. Admission requirements.

4 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
5 of the departments or colleges of the Illinois State University
6 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

7 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
8 the following 5 categories:

9 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
10 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
11 years may be collegiate level instruction;

12 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
13 and government);

14 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
15 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
16 fundamentals of computer programming);

17 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

18 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
19 music, vocational education or art;

20 (2) except that Illinois State University may admit
21 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
22 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
23 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
24 and courses taken in a charter school established under
25 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant

1 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
2 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
3 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
4 Trustees of Illinois State University shall not
5 discriminate in the University's admissions process
6 against an applicant for admission because of the
7 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
8 under Article 27A of the School Code. Illinois State
9 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
10 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
11 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
12 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
13 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
14 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
15 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
16 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
17 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

18 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
19 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
20 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
21 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
22 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
23 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

24 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
25 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
26 coursework required by subsection (a).

1 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
2 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
3 shall not be required to take the high school level General
4 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
5 admission.

6 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means a
7 public high school located in this State or a high school
8 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
9 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
10 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
11 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
12 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
13 those of the public high schools located in this State,
14 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this
15 subsection (d) had at least 10 students graduate.

16 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the
17 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
18 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
19 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant
20 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
21 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an
22 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
23 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for
24 admission under this subsection (d), an applicant must submit
25 an application before the expiration of any application filing
26 deadline established by the University. The University may

1 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
2 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's
3 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
4 to the University under this subsection (d) does not entitle
5 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
6 or department at the University.

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10 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
11 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
12 retention program. The University may require a student so
13 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
14 student is admitted under this subsection (d) to participate in
15 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
16 orientation programs. This subsection (d) does not prohibit a
17 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
18 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
19 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted
20 under this subsection (d).

21 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

22 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
23 amended by changing Section 25-85 as follows:

24 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

1 Sec. 25-85. Admission requirements.

2 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
3 of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern Illinois
4 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
5 completed:

6 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
7 the following 5 categories:

8 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
9 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
10 years may be collegiate level instruction;

11 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
12 and government);

13 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
14 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
15 fundamentals of computer programming);

16 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

17 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
18 music, vocational education or art;

19 (2) except that Northeastern Illinois University may
20 admit individual applicants if it determines through
21 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
22 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
23 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
24 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
25 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
26 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be

1 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
2 The Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University
3 shall not discriminate in the University's admissions
4 process against an applicant for admission because of the
5 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
6 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northeastern Illinois
7 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
8 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
9 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
10 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
11 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
12 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
13 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
14 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
15 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

16 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
17 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
18 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
19 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
20 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
21 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

22 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
23 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
24 coursework required by subsection (a).

25 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
26 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT

1 shall not be required to take the high school level General
2 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
3 admission.

4 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means a
5 public high school located in this State or a high school
6 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
7 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
8 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
9 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
10 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
11 those of the public high schools located in this State,
12 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this
13 subsection (d) had at least 10 students graduate.

14 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the
15 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
16 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
17 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant
18 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
19 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an
20 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
21 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for
22 admission under this subsection (d), an applicant must submit
23 an application before the expiration of any application filing
24 deadline established by the University. The University may
25 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
26 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's

1 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
2 to the University under this subsection (d) does not entitle
3 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
4 or department at the University.

5 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d), the
6 University shall review the applicant's record and any other
7 factor the University considers appropriate to determine
8 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
9 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
10 retention program. The University may require a student so
11 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
12 student is admitted under this subsection (d) to participate in
13 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
14 orientation programs. This subsection (d) does not prohibit a
15 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
16 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
17 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted
18 under this subsection (d).

19 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

20 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended
21 by changing Section 30-85 as follows:

22 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

23 Sec. 30-85. Admission requirements.

24 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any

1 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
2 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
3 completed:

4 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
5 the following 5 categories:

6 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
7 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
8 years may be collegiate level instruction;

9 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
10 and government);

11 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
12 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
13 fundamentals of computer programming);

14 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

15 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
16 music, vocational education or art;

17 (2) except that Northern Illinois University may admit
18 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
19 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
20 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
21 and courses taken in a charter school established under
22 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
23 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
24 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
25 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
26 Trustees of Northern Illinois University shall not

1 discriminate in the University's admissions process
2 against an applicant for admission because of the
3 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
4 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northern Illinois
5 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
6 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
7 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
8 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
9 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
10 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
11 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
12 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
13 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

14 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
15 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
16 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
17 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
18 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
19 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

20 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
21 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
22 coursework required by subsection (a).

23 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
24 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
25 shall not be required to take the high school level General
26 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to

1 admission.

2 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means a
3 public high school located in this State or a high school
4 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
5 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
6 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
7 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
8 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
9 those of the public high schools located in this State,
10 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this
11 subsection (d) had at least 10 students graduate.

12 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the
13 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
14 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
15 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant
16 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
17 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an
18 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
19 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for
20 admission under this subsection (d), an applicant must submit
21 an application before the expiration of any application filing
22 deadline established by the University. The University may
23 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
24 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's
25 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
26 to the University under this subsection (d) does not entitle

1 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
2 or department at the University.

3 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d), the
4 University shall review the applicant's record and any other
5 factor the University considers appropriate to determine
6 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
7 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
8 retention program. The University may require a student so
9 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
10 student is admitted under this subsection (d) to participate in
11 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
12 orientation programs. This subsection (d) does not prohibit a
13 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
14 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
15 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted
16 under this subsection (d).

17 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

18 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
19 by changing Section 35-85 as follows:

20 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

21 Sec. 35-85. Admission requirements.

22 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
23 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois
24 University unless such student also has satisfactorily

1 completed:

2 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
3 the following 5 categories:

4 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
5 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
6 years may be collegiate level instruction;

7 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
8 and government);

9 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
10 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
11 fundamentals of computer programming);

12 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

13 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
14 music, vocational education or art;

15 (2) except that Western Illinois University may admit
16 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
17 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
18 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
19 and courses taken in a charter school established under
20 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
21 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
22 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
23 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
24 Trustees of Western Illinois University shall not
25 discriminate in the University's admissions process
26 against an applicant for admission because of the

1 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
2 under Article 27A of the School Code. Western Illinois
3 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
4 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
5 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
6 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
7 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
8 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
9 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
10 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
11 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

12 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
13 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
14 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
15 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
16 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
17 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

18 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
19 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
20 coursework required by subsection (a).

21 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
22 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
23 shall not be required to take the high school level General
24 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to
25 admission.

26 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means a

1 public high school located in this State or a high school
2 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,
3 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)
4 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Education,
5 provides a course of instruction at the secondary level and
6 maintains standards of instruction substantially equivalent to
7 those of the public high schools located in this State,
8 provided that the graduating class of an applicant under this
9 subsection (d) had at least 10 students graduate.

10 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the
11 2009-2010 academic year and each academic year thereafter, the
12 University shall admit an applicant for admission to the
13 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant
14 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic
15 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from an
16 approved high school with a grade point average in the top 10%
17 of the student's high school graduating class. To qualify for
18 admission under this subsection (d), an applicant must submit
19 an application before the expiration of any application filing
20 deadline established by the University. The University may
21 require the applicant to take the ACT, SAT, or another entrance
22 examination, but the University may not use the applicant's
23 scores on any of these tests for admission purposes. Admission
24 to the University under this subsection (d) does not entitle
25 the applicant to be admitted into a particular college of study
26 or department at the University.

1 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d), the
2 University shall review the applicant's record and any other
3 factor the University considers appropriate to determine
4 whether the applicant may require additional preparation for
5 college-level work or would benefit from inclusion in a
6 retention program. The University may require a student so
7 identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the
8 student is admitted under this subsection (d) to participate in
9 appropriate developmental and enrichment courses and
10 orientation programs. This subsection (d) does not prohibit a
11 student who is not determined to need additional preparation
12 for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,
13 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted
14 under this subsection (d).

15 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)