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SB2287

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/120 new
110 ILCS 520/100 new
110 ILCS 660/5-210 new
110 ILCS 665/10-210 new
110 ILCS 670/15-210 new
110 ILCS 675/20-215 new
110 ILCS 680/25-210 new
110 ILCS 685/30-220 new
110 ILCS 690/35-215 new
110 ILCS 947/84 new

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities. Sets forth requirements concerning mandatory student fees, including the establishment of a system of internal controls over mandatory student fees, an assessment of each mandatory student fee, and the establishment of separate funds. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires an institution of higher learning to provide a financial aid shopping sheet to each prospective student as part of the institution's financial aid offer to that student. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to develop a model format for the shopping sheet; sets forth what the model shopping sheet must include. Requires each institution to utilize either the model shopping sheet or the most current financial aid shopping sheet developed by the United States Department of Education or the United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Effective July 1, 2020.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning 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 adding Section 120 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/120 new)

7 Sec. 120. Student fee transparency. The Board of Trustees
8 shall do all of the following:

9 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that
10 establish a system of internal controls over the
11 development and management of mandatory student fees and
12 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
13 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
14 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
15 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory
16 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
17 intended purpose.

18 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
19 fees individually and document the criteria and
20 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
21 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
22 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
23 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected

1 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
2 revenue.

3 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
4 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote
5 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

6 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
7 process to accurately identify transactions related to
8 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
9 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

10 (5) Include in the University's description of its
11 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
12 including salaries.

13 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
14 Act is amended by adding Section 100 as follows:

15 (110 ILCS 520/100 new)

16 Sec. 100. Student fee transparency. The Board shall do all
17 of the following:

18 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that
19 establish a system of internal controls over the
20 development and management of mandatory student fees and
21 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
22 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
23 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
24 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory

1 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
2 intended purpose.

3 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
4 fees individually and document the criteria and
5 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
6 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
7 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
8 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected
9 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
10 revenue.

11 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
12 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote
13 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

14 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
15 process to accurately identify transactions related to
16 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
17 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

18 (5) Include in the University's description of its
19 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
20 including salaries.

21 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
22 adding Section 5-210 as follows:

23 (110 ILCS 660/5-210 new)

24 Sec. 5-210. Student fee transparency. The Board shall do

1 all of the following:

2 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that
3 establish a system of internal controls over the
4 development and management of mandatory student fees and
5 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
6 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
7 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
8 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory
9 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
10 intended purpose.

11 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
12 fees individually and document the criteria and
13 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
14 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
15 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
16 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected
17 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
18 revenue.

19 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
20 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote
21 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

22 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
23 process to accurately identify transactions related to
24 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
25 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

26 (5) Include in the University's description of its

1 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
2 including salaries.

3 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
4 by adding Section 10-210 as follows:

5 (110 ILCS 665/10-210 new)

6 Sec. 10-210. Student fee transparency. The Board shall do
7 all of the following:

8 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that
9 establish a system of internal controls over the
10 development and management of mandatory student fees and
11 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
12 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
13 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
14 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory
15 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
16 intended purpose.

17 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
18 fees individually and document the criteria and
19 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
20 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
21 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
22 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected
23 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
24 revenue.

1 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
2 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote
3 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

4 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
5 process to accurately identify transactions related to
6 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
7 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

8 (5) Include in the University's description of its
9 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
10 including salaries.

11 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended
12 by adding Section 15-210 as follows:

13 (110 ILCS 670/15-210 new)

14 Sec. 15-210. Student fee transparency. The Board shall do
15 all of the following:

16 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that
17 establish a system of internal controls over the
18 development and management of mandatory student fees and
19 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
20 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
21 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
22 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory
23 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
24 intended purpose.

1 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
2 fees individually and document the criteria and
3 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
4 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
5 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
6 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected
7 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
8 revenue.

9 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
10 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote
11 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

12 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
13 process to accurately identify transactions related to
14 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
15 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

16 (5) Include in the University's description of its
17 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
18 including salaries.

19 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by
20 adding Section 20-215 as follows:

21 (110 ILCS 675/20-215 new)

22 Sec. 20-215. Student fee transparency. The Board shall do
23 all of the following:

24 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that

1 establish a system of internal controls over the
2 development and management of mandatory student fees and
3 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
4 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
5 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
6 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory
7 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
8 intended purpose.

9 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
10 fees individually and document the criteria and
11 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
12 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
13 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
14 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected
15 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
16 revenue.

17 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
18 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote
19 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

20 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
21 process to accurately identify transactions related to
22 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
23 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

24 (5) Include in the University's description of its
25 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
26 including salaries.

1 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
2 amended by adding Section 25-210 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 680/25-210 new)

4 Sec. 25-210. Student fee transparency. The Board shall do
5 all of the following:

6 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that
7 establish a system of internal controls over the
8 development and management of mandatory student fees and
9 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
10 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
11 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
12 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory
13 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
14 intended purpose.

15 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
16 fees individually and document the criteria and
17 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
18 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
19 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
20 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected
21 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
22 revenue.

23 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
24 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote

1 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

2 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
3 process to accurately identify transactions related to
4 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
5 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

6 (5) Include in the University's description of its
7 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
8 including salaries.

9 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended
10 by adding Section 30-220 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 685/30-220 new)

12 Sec. 30-220. Student fee transparency. The Board shall do
13 all of the following:

14 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that
15 establish a system of internal controls over the
16 development and management of mandatory student fees and
17 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
18 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
19 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
20 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory
21 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
22 intended purpose.

23 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
24 fees individually and document the criteria and

1 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
2 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
3 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
4 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected
5 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
6 revenue.

7 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
8 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote
9 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

10 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
11 process to accurately identify transactions related to
12 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
13 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

14 (5) Include in the University's description of its
15 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
16 including salaries.

17 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
18 by adding Section 35-215 as follows:

19 (110 ILCS 690/35-215 new)

20 Sec. 35-215. Student fee transparency. The Board shall do
21 all of the following:

22 (1) Develop written policies and procedures that
23 establish a system of internal controls over the
24 development and management of mandatory student fees and

1 ensure that these controls are applied consistently. The
2 written policies shall define who is responsible for the
3 assessment or adjustment of the mandatory student fees and
4 shall include guidelines for monitoring whether mandatory
5 student fee revenue is used efficiently and for the
6 intended purpose.

7 (2) Assess each of the University's mandatory student
8 fees individually and document the criteria and
9 justification for any adjustments made to the fees. For
10 each mandatory student fee, the documentation shall
11 include, at a minimum, the purpose of the student fee, the
12 criteria used to determine its rate, the projected
13 mandatory fee revenue, and the appropriate use of the
14 revenue.

15 (3) Establish a separate fund in the University's
16 budget for each mandatory student fee to promote
17 transparency of fee revenue and expenditures.

18 (4) Implement accounting procedures that establish a
19 process to accurately identify transactions related to
20 mandatory student fee activity and the expenditures
21 related to each of the mandatory student fees.

22 (5) Include in the University's description of its
23 mandatory student fees all uses of the fee moneys,
24 including salaries.

25 Section 50. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is

1 amended by adding Section 84 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 947/84 new)

3 Sec. 84. Financial aid shopping sheet.

4 (a) An institution shall provide a financial aid shopping
5 sheet to each prospective student as part of the institution's
6 financial aid offer to that student. The purpose of the
7 shopping sheet shall be to provide prospective students and
8 their families with clear information on the costs, loan
9 options, and estimated debt that the student will incur in
10 attending the institution and to allow students and families to
11 easily evaluate and compare financial aid packages from
12 different institutions.

13 (b) The Commission shall develop a model format for the
14 shopping sheet required by subsection (a). Each institution
15 shall utilize either the model format developed by the
16 Commission or the most current financial aid shopping sheet
17 developed by the United States Department of Education or the
18 United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The model
19 shopping sheet developed by the Commission shall include, at a
20 minimum, all of the following information:

21 (1) The total cost for one year of attendance at the
22 institution, including tuition, student fees, room and
23 board costs, the cost of books and materials, and
24 transportation and other educational costs.

25 (2) The total amount per year of grants and

1 scholarships awarded to the student, including any grants
2 and scholarships from the institution, federal grants,
3 State grants, or other scholarships.

4 (3) The total net amount the student will owe for one
5 year of attendance at the institution, after taking into
6 account any grants and scholarships.

7 (4) The total amount per year of student loans and work
8 study funds that the student is eligible for, broken down
9 by federal Perkins Loans, federal Direct Subsidized Loans,
10 federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and federal, State, or
11 institutional work study funds.

12 (5) The median borrowing in federal loans for
13 undergraduate study at the institution and the average
14 monthly payment over 10 years for this amount.

15 (6) The percentage of students from the institution who
16 defaulted on their student loans.

17 (7) In the case of an institution that offers primarily
18 associate degrees, the percentage of students at the
19 institution who graduate within 3 years as compared to the
20 average percentage at other institutions that offer
21 primarily associate degrees. In the case of an institution
22 that offers primarily baccalaureate degrees, the
23 percentage of students at the institution who graduate
24 within 6 years as compared to the average percentage at
25 other institutions that offer primarily baccalaureate
26 degrees.

1 (c) The Commission, in developing the model format for the
2 shopping sheet, shall consider any sample or model formats for
3 a financial aid shopping sheet developed by the United States
4 Department of Education or the United States Consumer Financial
5 Protection Bureau.

6 (d) The Commission may adopt any rules necessary to
7 implement and administer this Section.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
9 2020.