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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3218

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3218 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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) (Blank).

9 (b) ~~No In addition, commencing in the fall of 1993, no~~ new
10 student shall ~~then or thereafter~~ be admitted to instruction in
11 any of the departments or colleges of the University unless
12 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

1 years may be collegiate level instruction;

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

4 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
5 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
6 fundamentals of computer programming);

7 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
8 agricultural sciences); and

9 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
10 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
11 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
12 education, agricultural education, or art;

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

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

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

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

20 (d) A student who has graduated from high school and has
21 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
22 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
23 test as a prerequisite to admission.

24 (e) The Board of Trustees shall establish an admissions
25 process in which honorably discharged veterans are permitted
26 to submit an application for admission to the University as a

1 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
2 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
3 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
4 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably
5 discharged veteran who was on active duty during the fall
6 semester.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

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) ~~No 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 or
3 agricultural sciences); and

4 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
5 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
6 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
7 education, agricultural education, or art;

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

1 tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in
2 either case, the institution incorporates in the
3 applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other
4 academic activities that compensate for course
5 deficiencies; and

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

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

15 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
16 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
17 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
18 test as a prerequisite to admission.

19 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
20 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
21 application for admission to the University as a freshman
22 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
23 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
24 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
25 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
26 was on active duty during the fall semester.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

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

4 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

5 Sec. 5-85. Admissions.

6 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
7 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University
8 unless such student also has satisfactorily 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 or
20 agricultural sciences); and

21 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
22 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
23 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
24 education, agricultural education, or art;

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

12 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
13 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
14 application for admission to the University as a freshman
15 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
16 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
17 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
18 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
19 was on active duty during the fall semester.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

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

23 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

24 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
18 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
19 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
20 education, agricultural education, or art;

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

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

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

25 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
26 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the

1 coursework required by subsection (a).

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

6 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
7 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
8 application for admission to the University as a freshman
9 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
10 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
11 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
12 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
13 was on active duty during the fall semester.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

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

17 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

18 Sec. 15-85. Admissions.

19 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
20 of the departments or colleges of the Governors State
21 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
22 completed:

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

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

4 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
5 and government);

6 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
7 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
8 fundamentals of computer programming);

9 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
10 agricultural sciences); and

11 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
12 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
13 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
14 education, agricultural education, or art;

15 (2) except that Governors State 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 career and technical
19 ~~vocational~~ education courses and courses taken in a
20 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
21 Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills
22 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills
23 expected to be acquired in the high school courses
24 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Governors
25 State University shall not discriminate in the
26 University's admissions process against an applicant for

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

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

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

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

26 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in

1 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
2 application for admission to the University as a freshman
3 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
4 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
5 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
6 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
7 was on active duty during the fall semester.

8 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

9 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended
10 by changing Section 20-85 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

12 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

13 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
14 of the departments or colleges of the Illinois State
15 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
16 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);

24 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through

1 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
2 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

5 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
6 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
7 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
8 education, agricultural education, or art;

9 (2) except that Illinois State University may admit
10 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
11 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
12 coursework taken, including career and technical
13 ~~vocational~~ education courses and courses taken in a
14 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
15 Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills
16 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills
17 expected to be acquired in the high school courses
18 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Illinois
19 State University shall not discriminate in the
20 University's admissions process against an applicant for
21 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a
22 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
23 Code. Illinois State University may also admit (i)
24 applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the
25 minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and
26 (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are

1 admitted to the formal organized special assistance
2 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
3 providing that in either case, the institution
4 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
5 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
6 course deficiencies; and

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

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

16 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
17 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
18 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
19 test as a prerequisite to admission.

20 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
21 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
22 application for admission to the University as a freshman
23 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
24 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
25 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
26 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who

1 was on active duty during the fall semester.

2 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

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

5 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

6 Sec. 25-85. Admissions.

7 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
8 of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern 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 or
22 agricultural sciences); and

23 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
24 (which may be deemed to include American Sign

1 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
2 education, agricultural education, or art;

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

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

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

10 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
11 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
12 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
13 test as a prerequisite to admission.

14 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
15 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
16 application for admission to the University as a freshman
17 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
18 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
19 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
20 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
21 was on active duty during the fall semester.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

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

1 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

2 Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

3 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
4 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
5 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
6 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 or
18 agricultural sciences); and

19 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
20 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
21 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
22 education, agricultural education, or art;

23 (2) except that Northern Illinois University may admit
24 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
25 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
26 coursework taken, including career and technical

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

8 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
9 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
10 application for admission to the University as a freshman
11 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
12 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
13 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
14 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
15 was on active duty during the fall semester.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)

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

19 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

20 Sec. 35-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
14 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
15 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
16 education, agricultural education, or art;

17 (2) except that Western 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 career and technical
21 ~~vocational~~ education courses and courses taken in a
22 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
23 Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills
24 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills
25 expected to be acquired in the high school courses
26 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Western

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

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

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

24 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
25 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
26 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency

1 test as a prerequisite to admission.

2 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
3 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
4 application for admission to the University as a freshman
5 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
6 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
7 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
8 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
9 was on active duty during the fall semester.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15; 99-806, eff. 8-15-16.)".