

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 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
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 or

1 agricultural sciences); and

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

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

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

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

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

3 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

4 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

5 (a) ~~No Commencing in the fall of 1993, no~~ new student shall
6 ~~then or thereafter~~ be admitted to instruction in any of the
7 departments or colleges of the University unless such student
8 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 education
24 ~~vocational education, agricultural education,~~ or art;

1 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
2 applicants if the institution determines through
3 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
4 outcomes of the coursework taken, including career and
5 technical education ~~vocational education~~ courses and
6 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 Southern Illinois 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. Institutions may
16 also admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity
17 to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
18 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
19 who are admitted to the formal organized special
20 assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such
21 students, 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 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
22 changing Section 5-85 as follows:

23 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

24 Sec. 5-85. Admissions.

1 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
2 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University
3 unless such student also has satisfactorily 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 or
15 agricultural sciences); and

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

20 (2) except that Chicago 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 career and technical education
24 ~~vocational education~~ courses and courses taken in a
25 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
26 Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills

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

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

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

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

16 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

17 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

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

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

24 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and

1 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
2 years may be collegiate level instruction;

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
26 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an

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

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

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

10 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

11 Sec. 15-85. Admissions.

12 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
13 of the departments or colleges of the Governors State
14 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
15 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 education
7 ~~vocational education~~, agricultural education, or art;

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

1 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
2 providing that in either case, the institution
3 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
4 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
5 course 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 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended
3 by changing Section 20-85 as follows:

4 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

5 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 ~~vocational education~~, agricultural education, or art;

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

26 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework

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

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

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

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

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

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. Admissions.

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 or
17 agricultural sciences); and

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

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

1 courses taken in a charter school established under
2 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
3 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
4 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
5 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
6 Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University shall not
7 discriminate in the University's admissions process
8 against an applicant for admission because of the
9 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
10 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northeastern
11 Illinois University may also admit (i) applicants who did
12 not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college
13 preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii)
14 educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to
15 the formal organized special assistance programs that are
16 tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in
17 either case, the institution incorporates in the
18 applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other
19 academic activities that compensate for course
20 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 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is
18 amended by changing Section 30-85 as follows:

19 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

20 Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

21 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
22 of the departments or colleges of the Northern 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 education
16 ~~vocational education~~, agricultural 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 career and technical education
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 Northern

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. Northern 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.)

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

13 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

14 Sec. 35-85. Admissions.

15 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
16 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois
17 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
18 completed:

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

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

24 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history

1 and government);

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

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

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

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

1 minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and
2 (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are
3 admitted to the formal organized special assistance
4 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
5 providing that in either case, the institution
6 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
7 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
8 course deficiencies; and

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

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

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

22 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
23 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
24 application for admission to the University as a freshman
25 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
26 active duty during the fall semester. The University may

1 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
2 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
3 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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