

SB3904



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/21/2022, by Sen. Dale Fowler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.41 new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Subject to appropriation, requires the Board of Higher Education to create the Illinois College Info Portal for the purpose of providing a simple, statewide, online student-parent interface that allows users to receive information about Illinois public universities, including information about available programs and financial aid. Sets forth specific requirements for the portal system. Sets forth provisions concerning promoting, integrating, and linking the portal. Effective immediately.

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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 Board of Higher Education Act is amended by
5 adding Section 9.41 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.41 new)

7 Sec. 9.41. Illinois College Info Portal.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, on or before July 1, 2023,
9 the Board shall create the Illinois College Info Portal. The
10 Board shall be responsible for the administration and
11 coordination of the Illinois College Info Portal.

12 (b) The Illinois College Info Portal shall be a simple,
13 statewide, online student-parent interface that allows
14 registered users to receive information about public
15 universities in Illinois, with an emphasis on providing the
16 most cost-efficient means of sharing information. The portal
17 must incorporate a waiver that meets the requirements of the
18 federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 so
19 that a student's information may be provided to a public
20 university primarily for the purposes of recruitment,
21 marketing, and program development. Through the portal system,
22 public universities shall provide to interested parties
23 information on available programs and financial aid. The

1 portal system must be automated to allow information about a
2 public university and career-interest information to be sent
3 to a primary data administrator within the university at
4 numerous times throughout the year. In addition, the portal
5 system must:

6 (1) enable the student or parent to sign up to receive
7 information about a public university, all public
8 universities, or only public universities offering
9 programs relating to the student's academic major or
10 career-interest area; and

11 (2) allow a menu of choices, such as:

12 (A) allowing the student or parent to choose
13 to select all information from a public
14 university, information relating only to financial
15 aid, or information relating only to certain
16 degree programs;

17 (B) allowing the student or parent to decide
18 how the student or parent wants to receive the
19 information, with an emphasis on providing the
20 most cost-efficient means of sharing information,
21 whether by email, postal mail if deemed
22 appropriate by the university, text message, or
23 any other method; and

24 (C) ensuring streamlined information from
25 other sources utilized by colleges and
26 universities so that such efforts are not

1 redundant.

2 (c) The Illinois College Info Portal shall be heavily
3 promoted by all pertinent State agencies, including the
4 Secretary of State if possible. School districts and school
5 counselors are encouraged to integrate the portal into
6 relevant experiences as part of the Illinois PaCE Framework.

7 (d) The Illinois College Info Portal shall be linked to
8 student-facing websites, such as the Illinois Student
9 Assistance Commission's Student Portal, the State Board of
10 Education's Student Voices, and the Department of Employment
11 Security's Illinois Career Information System.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.