

SB0263



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Introduced 2/4/2009, by Sen. Michael W. Frerichs

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/8

from Ch. 144, par. 29

Amends the University of Illinois Act. Lowers the age at which a student may be admitted to the University from 15 to 14 years. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 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 14 ~~fifteen~~ (15) years, and who shall not
11 previously undergo a satisfactory examination in each of the
12 branches 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 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.