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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/18/2015, by Rep. Michael W. Tryon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.34 new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires each public university to submit to the Board of Higher Education a study of the costs of making available online 4 of the university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the university. Sets forth what must be included in the cost study. Requires the Board of Higher Education to use new and existing data to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree plans identified by the universities; sets forth other Board requirements.

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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 Board of Higher Education Act is amended by

5   adding Section 9.34 as follows:

6   (110 ILCS 205/9.34 new)

7   Sec. 9.34. Online degree plans; cost study.

8   (a) Each public university shall submit to the Board a

9   study of the costs of making available online 4 of the

10   university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the

11   university. Each university's reported cost study must include

12   the methodology used for the cost study and an explanation for

13   each expense listed in the study.

14   (b) The Board shall use new and existing data, including

15   performance measures, ongoing research studies, and survey

16   data, to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree

17   plans identified by the universities. The Board shall do the

18   following:

19   (1) analyze and compare all reported cost studies under

20   this Section and corresponding student outcomes to

21   determine the most efficient and effective of the proposed

22   online degree plans among those universities generally;

23   and

1   (2) notify each university of its conclusions.