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1   AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3566

2   AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3566 by replacing

3   everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4   "Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by

5   adding Section 9.07a as follows:

6   (110 ILCS 205/9.07a new)

7   Sec. 9.07a. Uniform admission process. The Board shall

8   establish a uniform admission process online, which must be

9   used at all public institutions of higher education beginning

10   with the 2020-2021 academic year. The goal of this uniform

11   admission process program is to ensure that no matter which

12   institution an applicant initially applies to, if that

13   institution denies the applicant acceptance, then the

14   applicant may be offered admission to another public

15   institution of higher education. This admission process must

16   include the following components:

1   (1) The Board shall create a uniform admission
2 application known as the "Universal App", to be accepted at
3 all public institutions of higher education. The Board
4 shall make the Universal App available online on the
5 Board's website. The Board shall inform all high schools in
6 this State of the availability of the Universal App online,
7 and high school personnel shall provide this information to
8 students and their parents or guardian. Each high school
9 shall allow a student, with the help of high school
10 personnel, to complete the Universal App during school
11 hours if the student's parent or guardian has not chosen to
12 opt the student out of using school hours for that purpose.
13 Universal App data must be sent to all public universities.
14 An applicant who is not offered admission to a public
15 university must be automatically referred to the community
16 college district where the applicant resides and provided
17 with enrollment information from that district.
18   (2) If a public institution of higher education accepts
19 a person for admission to the institution, the person shall
20 receive a letter of acceptance from the institution, which
21 shall set forth any grant or scholarship offers extended by
22 the institution at that time. However, nothing shall
23 prevent the institution from subsequently enhancing such
24 grant or scholarship offers to the person.
25   (3) The process must be integrated so that an applicant
26 may choose which public institutions of higher education

1   will receive his or her application and may rank the

2   institutions in order of his or her preference of

3   attendance. The process must also be integrated so that an

4   applicant may choose to indicate that if he or she is not

5   offered admittance to any of his or her indicated public

6   institutions of choice, the Board may forward his or her

7   academic information to all other public institutions of

8   higher education. Public institutions of higher education

9   may choose to admit the student based upon the

10 institution's criteria and shall notify the student of his

11 or her admittance. The Board shall also forward the

12 Universal App to the community college district where the

13 applicant resides.

14   (4) The Board may charge an applicant an application

15 fee of no more than $25 for completing a Universal App

16 under this Section. This fee may be paid by credit card or

17 a check payable to the Board of Higher Education and shall

18 be deposited into the Universal App Fund, which is hereby

19 created as a nonappropriated trust fund to be held outside

20 the State treasury, with the State Treasurer as custodian.

21 Money in the Fund shall be used only for operation costs

22 relating to the Universal App. Any excess money in the Fund

23 not used by the Board for operation costs shall be

24 distributed by the Board to public institutions of higher

25 education.

26   (5) All admission decisions shall be made by each

1   public institution of higher education, not the Board.

2   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
3   2018.".