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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/8	from Ch. 144, par. 29
110 ILCS 520/8e	from Ch. 144, par. 658e
110 ILCS 660/5-85	
110 ILCS 665/10-85	
110 ILCS 670/15-85	
110 ILCS 675/20-85	
110 ILCS 680/25-85	
110 ILCS 685/30-85	
110 ILCS 690/35-85	

Amends various Acts relating to the admission of students to public universities in Illinois. Relative to the 15 units of high school coursework that each student must satisfactorily complete for admission to a university, adds agricultural sciences as a course option to the required 3 years of science category and agricultural education as a course option to the required 2 years of electives category.

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1 AN ACT concerning higher 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) 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 (which
3 may be deemed to include American Sign Language),
4 music, vocational education, agricultural education,
5 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 vocational
10 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
11 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
12 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
13 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
14 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
15 The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois shall
16 not discriminate in the University's admissions process
17 against an applicant for admission because of the
18 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
19 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also
20 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to
21 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
22 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
23 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance
24 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
25 providing that in either case, the institution
26 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum

1 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
2 course deficiencies; and

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

9 (c) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
10 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
11 coursework required by subsection (b).

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

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

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

25 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management

1 Act is amended by changing Section 8e as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

3 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

4 (a) Commencing in the fall of 1993, no new student shall
5 then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in any of the
6 departments or colleges of the University unless such student
7 also has satisfactorily completed:

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

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

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

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

18 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
19 agricultural sciences); and

20 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language (which
21 may be deemed to include American Sign Language),
22 music, vocational education, agricultural education,
23 or art;

24 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
25 applicants if the institution determines through

1 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
2 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
3 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
4 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
5 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
6 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
7 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
8 The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall
9 not discriminate in the University's admissions process
10 against an applicant for admission because of the
11 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
12 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also
13 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to
14 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
15 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
16 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance
17 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
18 providing that in either case, the institution
19 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
20 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
21 course deficiencies; and

22 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
23 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
24 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
25 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
26 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5

1 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

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

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

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

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

18 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
19 changing Section 5-85 as follows:

20 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

21 Sec. 5-85. Admissions.

22 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
23 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University
24 unless such student also has satisfactorily 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 (which
14 may be deemed to include American Sign Language),
15 music, vocational education, agricultural education,
16 or art;

17 (2) except that Chicago State 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 vocational education courses
21 and courses taken in a charter school established under
22 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
23 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
24 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
25 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
26 Trustees of Chicago State University shall not

1 discriminate in the University's admissions process
2 against an applicant for admission because of the
3 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
4 under Article 27A of the School Code. Chicago State
5 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
6 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
7 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
8 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
9 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
10 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
11 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
12 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
13 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

13 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

23 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
24 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 or
5 agricultural sciences); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

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

5 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

6 Sec. 15-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language (which
24 may be deemed to include American Sign Language),

1 music, vocational education, agricultural education,
2 or art;

3 (2) except that Governors State University may admit
4 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
5 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
6 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
7 and courses taken in a charter school established under
8 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
9 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
10 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
11 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
12 Trustees of Governors State University shall not
13 discriminate in the University's admissions process
14 against an applicant for admission because of the
15 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
16 under Article 27A of the School Code. Governors State
17 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
18 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
19 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
20 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
21 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
22 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
23 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
24 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
25 activities that compensate for 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 SAT
11 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
12 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 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by
23 changing Section 20-85 as follows:

24 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

1 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

12 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
13 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
14 fundamentals of computer programming);

15 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
16 agricultural sciences); and

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

21 (2) except that Illinois State University may admit
22 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
23 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
24 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
25 and courses taken in a charter school established under
26 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant

1 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
2 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
3 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
4 Trustees of Illinois State University shall not
5 discriminate in the University's admissions process
6 against an applicant for admission because of the
7 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
8 under Article 27A of the School Code. Illinois State
9 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
10 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
11 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
12 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
13 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
14 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
15 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
16 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
17 activities that compensate for 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 SAT
3 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
4 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 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
15 amended by changing Section 25-85 as follows:

16 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

17 Sec. 25-85. Admissions.

18 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
19 of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern 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 (which
11 may be deemed to include American Sign Language),
12 music, vocational education, agricultural education,
13 or art;

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

1 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northeastern Illinois
2 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
3 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
4 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
5 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
6 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
7 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
8 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
9 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
10 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

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

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

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

24 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
25 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
26 application for admission to the University as a freshman

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

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

7 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended
8 by changing Section 30-85 as follows:

9 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

10 Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

11 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
12 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
13 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
14 completed:

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

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

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

22 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
23 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
24 fundamentals of computer programming);

1 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
2 agricultural sciences); and

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

7 (2) except that Northern Illinois University may admit
8 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
9 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
10 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
11 and 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 Northern Illinois University 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. Northern Illinois
21 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
22 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
23 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
24 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
25 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
26 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,

1 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
2 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
3 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

4 (3) except that up to 3 of 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 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
11 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
12 coursework required by subsection (a).

13 (c) 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 a high school equivalency test as
16 a prerequisite to admission.

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

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

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

3 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

4 Sec. 35-85. Admissions.

5 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
6 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois
7 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
8 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 (which
22 may be deemed to include American Sign Language),
23 music, vocational education, agricultural education,
24 or art;

25 (2) except that Western Illinois University may admit

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

23 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
24 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
25 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
26 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences

1 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
2 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

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

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

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

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