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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 230

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 230, AS AMENDED, by  
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
6 Public University Uniform Admission Act.

7 Section 5. Definition of institution. In this Act,  
8 "institution" means a public university in this State.

9 Section 10. Uniform admission system. An institution shall  
10 admit first-time freshman students for each semester under the  
11 provisions of this Act.

12 Section 15. Automatic admission.

13 (a) Subject to Section 20 of this Act, each institution  
14 shall admit an applicant for admission to the institution as an

1 undergraduate student if the applicant graduated with a grade  
2 point average in the top 10% of the student's high school  
3 graduating class in one of the 2 school years preceding the  
4 academic year for which the applicant is applying for admission  
5 and:

6 (1) the applicant graduated from a public or private  
7 high school in this State accredited by a generally  
8 recognized accrediting organization or from a high school  
9 operated by the United States Department of Defense;

10 (2) the applicant:

11 (A) successfully completed the minimum college  
12 preparatory curriculum requirements established by law  
13 for admission to the institution; and

14 (B) satisfied the ACT college admission assessment  
15 or the SAT college admission assessment composite  
16 score and subscores required for admission to the  
17 institution to which the applicant applied as well as  
18 any composite scores or subscores for colleges within  
19 that institution.

20 (3) if the applicant graduated from a high school  
21 operated by the United States Department of Defense, the  
22 applicant is a State resident or is entitled to pay tuition  
23 fees at the rate provided for State residents for the term  
24 or semester to which admitted.

25 (b) An applicant who does not satisfy the curriculum  
26 requirements prescribed by item (A) of subdivision (2) of

1 subsection (a) of this Section is considered to have satisfied  
2 those requirements if the student completed the portion of the  
3 college preparatory curriculum that was available to the  
4 student but was unable to complete the remainder of the  
5 curriculum solely because courses necessary to complete the  
6 remainder were unavailable to the student at the appropriate  
7 times in the student's high school career as a result of course  
8 scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity, or another cause not  
9 within the student's control.

10 (c) An applicant who graduates in a graduating class of a  
11 school, whether public or non-public, that has so few students  
12 that class rank does not make a reliable contribution toward  
13 assessing the student's college readiness is considered to have  
14 satisfied the requirements of subsection (a) of this Section if  
15 the student has a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a  
16 4-point scale and has met the requirements of item (A) or (B)  
17 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this Section.

18 Section 20. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
19 admission.

20 (a) The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is not  
21 required to offer admission to applicants who qualify for  
22 automatic admission under Section 15 of this Act in excess of  
23 the number required to fill 75% of the university's enrollment  
24 capacity designated for first-time resident undergraduate  
25 students in an academic year. If the number of applicants who

1 qualify for automatic admission to the University of Illinois  
2 at Urbana-Champaign under Section 15 of this Act for an  
3 academic year exceeds 75% of the university's enrollment  
4 capacity designated for first-time resident undergraduate  
5 students for that academic year, the university may elect to  
6 offer admission to those applicants as provided by this  
7 subsection (a) and not as otherwise required by Section 15 of  
8 this Act. If the university elects to offer admission under  
9 this subsection (a), the university shall offer admission to  
10 those applicants by percentile rank according to high school  
11 graduating class standing based on grade point average,  
12 beginning with the top percentile rank, until the applicants  
13 qualified under Section 15 of this Act have been offered  
14 admission in the number estimated in good faith by the  
15 university as sufficient to fill 75% of the university's  
16 enrollment capacity designated for first-time resident  
17 undergraduate students, except that the university must offer  
18 admission to all applicants with the same percentile rank.  
19 After the applicants qualified for automatic admission under  
20 Section 15 of this Act have been offered admission under this  
21 subsection (a) in the number estimated in good faith as  
22 sufficient to fill 75% of the designated enrollment capacity  
23 described by this subsection (a), the university shall consider  
24 any remaining applicants qualified for automatic admission  
25 under Section 15 of this Act in the same manner as other  
26 applicants for admission as first-time undergraduate students.

1           (b) If the number of applicants who apply to the University  
2 of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign during the current academic  
3 year for admission in the next academic year and who qualify  
4 for automatic admission to an institution under Section 15 of  
5 this Act exceeds 75% of the university's enrollment capacity  
6 designated for first-time resident undergraduate students for  
7 that next academic year and the university plans to offer  
8 admission under subsection (a) of this Section during the next  
9 academic year, the university shall, in the manner prescribed  
10 by the Board of Higher Education and not later than September  
11 15 of the current academic year, provide to each school  
12 district, for dissemination of the information to high school  
13 junior-level students and their parents, notice of which  
14 percentile ranks of high school senior-level students who  
15 qualify for automatic admission under Section 15 of this Act  
16 are anticipated by the university to be offered admission under  
17 subsection (a) of this Section during the next academic year.

18           (c) If the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
19 elects to offer admission to first-time resident undergraduate  
20 students under subsection (a) of this Section for an academic  
21 year, the university must not consider an applicant's legacy  
22 status as a factor in the university's decisions relating to  
23 admissions for that academic year.

24           (d) If the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
25 offers admission to first-time resident undergraduate students  
26 under subsection (a) of this Section, the university shall

1 require that a student admitted under subsection (a) of this  
2 Section complete a designated portion of not less than 6  
3 semester credit hours of the student's coursework during  
4 evening hours or other low-demand hours as necessary to ensure  
5 the efficient use of the university's available classrooms.

6 (e) If the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
7 elects to offer admission under subsection (a) of this Section  
8 for an academic year, the university may not offer admission to  
9 first-time undergraduate students who are not residents of this  
10 State for that academic year in excess of the number required  
11 to fill 10% of the university's enrollment capacity designated  
12 for first-time undergraduate students for that academic year.

13 (f) Not later than December 31 of each academic year in  
14 which the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign offers  
15 admission under subsection (a) of this Section, the university  
16 shall deliver a written report to the Governor and the General  
17 Assembly regarding the university's progress in each of the  
18 following matters:

19 (1) increasing geographic diversity of the entering  
20 freshman class;

21 (2) counseling and outreach efforts aimed at students  
22 qualified for automatic admission under this Act;

23 (3) recruiting State residents who graduate from other  
24 institutions of higher education to the university's  
25 graduate and professional degree programs;

26 (4) recruiting students who are members of

1 underrepresented demographic segments of this State's  
2 population; and

3 (5) assessing and improving the university's  
4 recruitment efforts.

5 (g) The Board of Higher Education shall publish an annual  
6 report on the impact of subsection (a) of this Section on this  
7 State's goal of closing college access and achievement gaps  
8 with respect to students of the University of Illinois at  
9 Urbana-Champaign, disaggregated by race, ethnicity,  
10 socioeconomic status, and geographic region and by whether the  
11 high school from which the student graduated was a small  
12 school, as designated by the State Superintendent of Education,  
13 or a public high school that is ranked among the lowest 20% of  
14 public high schools according to the percentage of each high  
15 school's graduates who enroll in an institution in one of the 2  
16 academic years following the year of the applicant's high  
17 school graduation. On request, the university shall provide the  
18 Board with any information the Board considers necessary for  
19 the completion of the report required by this subsection (g).

20 Section 25. Admission requirements.

21 (a) To qualify for admission under this Act, an applicant  
22 must:

23 (1) submit an application before the expiration of any  
24 application filing deadline established by the  
25 institution; and

1           (2) provide a high school transcript or diploma that  
2           satisfies the requirements of subsection (b) of this  
3           Section.

4           (b) For purposes of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of  
5           this Section, a student's official transcript or diploma must,  
6           not later than the end of the student's junior year, indicate:

7           (1) whether the student has satisfied or is on schedule  
8           to satisfy the requirements of item (A) of subdivision (2)  
9           of subsection (a) of Section 15 of this Act; or

10          (2) if subsection (b) of Section 15 of this Act applies  
11          to the student, whether the student has completed the  
12          portion of the college preparatory curriculum that was  
13          available to the student.

14          Section 30. Admission for child of fallen police officer,  
15          firefighter, or Department of Corrections employee. Each  
16          institution shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
17          institution as an undergraduate student if the applicant:

18          (1) is the child of a police officer or firefighter  
19          employed by or in the voluntary service of this State or  
20          any local public entity in this State who was killed or  
21          sustained a fatal injury in the line of duty or is the  
22          child of an employee of the Department of Corrections who  
23          was assigned to a security position with the Department  
24          with responsibility for inmates of a correctional  
25          institution under the jurisdiction of the Department and



1 who was killed or sustained a fatal injury in the line of  
2 duty;

3 (2) meets the minimum requirements, if any,  
4 established for purposes of this Section by the governing  
5 board of the institution for high school or prior  
6 college-level grade point average and performance on  
7 standardized tests; and

8 (3) satisfies the ACT college admission assessment or  
9 the SAT college admission assessment composite score and  
10 subscores required for admission to the institution to  
11 which the applicant applied as well as any composite scores  
12 or subscores for colleges within that institution.

13 Section 35. Additional preparation for college. After  
14 admitting an applicant under this Act, the institution shall  
15 review the applicant's record and any other factor the  
16 institution considers appropriate to determine whether the  
17 applicant may require additional preparation for college-level  
18 work or would benefit from inclusion in a retention program.  
19 The institution may require a student so identified to enroll  
20 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted  
21 under this Act to participate in appropriate enrichment courses  
22 and orientation programs. This Act does not prohibit a student  
23 who is not determined to need additional preparation for  
24 college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses,  
25 during the summer immediately after the student is admitted

1 under this Act.

2 Section 40. Student outreach program. The Illinois Student  
3 Assistance Commission, by rule, shall develop and implement a  
4 program to increase and enhance the efforts of institutions in  
5 conducting outreach to academically high-performing high  
6 school seniors in this State who are likely to be eligible for  
7 automatic admission under Section 15 of this Act to provide to  
8 those students information and counseling regarding the  
9 operation of this Act and other opportunities, including  
10 financial assistance, available to those students for success  
11 at institutions. Under the program, the Commission, after  
12 gathering information and recommendations from available  
13 sources and examining current outreach practices by  
14 institutions of higher education in this State and in other  
15 states, shall prescribe best practice guidelines and standards  
16 to be used by institutions in conducting the student outreach  
17 described by this Section.

18 Section 45. Fall or summer enrollment. An institution that  
19 admits, under this Act, an applicant qualified for automatic  
20 admission under Section 15 of this Act may admit the applicant  
21 for either the fall semester of the academic year for which the  
22 applicant applies or for the summer session preceding that fall  
23 semester, as determined by the institution.

1           Section 50. Admissions denial; reference to Act. If an  
2 institution denies admission to an applicant for an academic  
3 year, then, in any letter or other communication the  
4 institution provides to the applicant notifying the applicant  
5 of that denial, the institution may not reference the  
6 provisions of this Act, including using a description of a  
7 provision of this Act such as "the top 10% automatic admissions  
8 law", as a reason the institution is unable to offer admission  
9 to the applicant, unless the number of applicants for admission  
10 to the institution for that academic year who qualify for  
11 automatic admission under Section 15 of this Act is sufficient  
12 to fill 100% of the institution's enrollment capacity  
13 designated for first-time resident undergraduate students.

14           Section 90. Rules. The Board of Higher Education may adopt  
15 any rules necessary to implement this Act."