



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5021

by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/16 new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that when a public institution of higher education proposes to discontinue operations, it shall file with the Board the original or legible true copies of all academic records of the institution. Provides for the specific contents of the records required to be filed. Provides that where it appears to the Board that any such records are in danger of being lost, hidden, destroyed, or otherwise made unavailable to the Board, the Board may seize and take possession of the records, on its own motion and without order of a court. Requires the Board to maintain a permanent file of all such records coming into its possession. Provides that, as an alternative to the deposit of records with the Board, the public institution of higher education may propose a different means for permanent retention of the records, subject to the approval of the Board. Effective immediately.

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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 16 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/16 new)

7 Sec. 16. Closing a public institution of higher education;
8 records.

9 (a) In the event a public institution of higher education
10 proposes to discontinue its operations, the chief
11 administrative officer of the institution shall cause to be
12 filed with the Board the original or legible true copies of all
13 such academic records of the institution as may be specified by
14 the Board.

15 (b) These records shall include, at a minimum, the academic
16 records of each former student that is traditionally provided
17 on an academic transcript, such as, but not limited to, courses
18 taken, terms, grades, and other such information.

19 (c) In the event it appears to the Board that any such
20 records of a public institution of higher education
21 discontinuing its operations are in danger of being lost,
22 hidden, destroyed, or otherwise made unavailable to the Board,
23 the Board may seize and take possession of the records, on its

1 own motion and without order of a court.

2 (d) The Board shall maintain or cause to be maintained a
3 permanent file of such records coming into its possession.

4 (e) As an alternative to the deposit of such records with
5 the Board, the public institution of higher education may
6 propose to the Board a plan for permanent retention of the
7 records. The plan must be put into effect only with the
8 approval of the Board.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.