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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 26

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 26 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 Section 5. Definition. In this Act, "institution" means,  
7 except for the University of Illinois, Illinois State  
8 University, Governors State University, Northeastern Illinois  
9 University, and Chicago State University, a public university  
10 in this State.

11 Section 10. Uniform admission system pilot program.  
12 Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, each institution  
13 shall create a 4-year uniform admission system pilot program  
14 under this Act to admit first-time freshman students for each  
15 semester of the pilot program.

1           Section 15. Automatic admission.

2           (a) Each institution shall admit an applicant for general  
3 admission to the institution as an undergraduate student if the  
4 applicant graduated with a grade point average in the top 10%  
5 or was certified to be in the top 10% of the student's high  
6 school graduating class in one of the 2 school years preceding  
7 the academic year for which the applicant is applying for  
8 admission and:

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

13           (2) the applicant:

14           (A) successfully completed the minimum college  
15 preparatory curriculum requirements established by law  
16 for admission to the institution; and

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

23           (3) if the applicant graduated from a high school  
24 operated by the United States Department of Defense, the  
25 applicant is a State resident or is entitled to pay tuition

1 fees at the rate provided for State residents for the term  
2 or semester to which admitted.

3 (b) An applicant who does not satisfy the curriculum  
4 requirements prescribed by item (A) of subdivision (2) of  
5 subsection (a) of this Section is considered to have satisfied  
6 those requirements for the purposes of this Act if the student  
7 completed the portion of the college preparatory curriculum  
8 that was available to the student but was unable to complete  
9 the remainder of the curriculum solely because courses  
10 necessary to complete the remainder were unavailable to the  
11 student at the appropriate times in the student's high school  
12 career as a result of course scheduling, lack of enrollment  
13 capacity, or another cause not within the student's control. An  
14 institution may require a student's successful completion of  
15 such curriculum requirements prior to or concurrently with  
16 enrollment at the institution.

17 (c) An applicant who graduates in a graduating class of a  
18 school, whether public or non-public, that has so few students  
19 that class rank does not make a reliable contribution toward  
20 assessing the student's college readiness is considered to have  
21 satisfied the requirements of subsection (a) of this Section if  
22 the student has a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a  
23 4-point scale and has met the requirements of item (A) or (B)  
24 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this Section.

25 Section 20. Admission requirements.

1 (a) To qualify for admission under this Act, an applicant  
2 must:

3 (1) submit an application before the expiration of any  
4 application filing deadline established by the  
5 institution; and

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

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

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

15 (2) if subsection (b) of Section 15 of this Act applies  
16 to the student, whether the student has completed the  
17 portion of the college preparatory curriculum that was  
18 available to the student.

19 Section 25. Graduates of nonaccredited private schools.

20 (a) As used in this Section, "nonaccredited secondary  
21 education" means a course of study at the secondary school  
22 level in a nonaccredited private school setting.

23 (b) Because the State of Illinois considers successful  
24 completion of a nonaccredited secondary education to be  
25 equivalent to graduation from a public high school, an

1 institution, in complying with this Act and for all other  
2 purposes, must treat an applicant for admission to the  
3 institution as an undergraduate student who presents evidence  
4 that he or she has successfully completed a nonaccredited  
5 secondary education according to the same general standards,  
6 including specific standardized testing score requirements, as  
7 other applicants for undergraduate admission who have  
8 graduated from a public high school.

9 (c) An institution may not require an applicant for  
10 admission to the institution as an undergraduate student who  
11 presents evidence that he or she has successfully completed a  
12 nonaccredited secondary education to:

13 (1) obtain or submit evidence that the person has  
14 obtained a general educational development certificate,  
15 certificate of high school equivalency, or other  
16 credentials equivalent to a public high school degree; ?or

17 (2) take an examination or comply with any other  
18 application or admission requirement not generally  
19 applicable to other applicants for undergraduate admission  
20 to the institution.

21 (d) In complying with this Act or otherwise, when an  
22 institution in its undergraduate admission review process  
23 sorts or is required to sort applicants by high school  
24 graduating class rank, the institution shall place any  
25 applicant who presents evidence that the applicant has  
26 successfully completed a nonaccredited secondary education

1 that does not include a high school graduating class ranking at  
2 the average high school graduating class rank of undergraduate  
3 applicants to the institution who have equivalent standardized  
4 testing scores as the applicant.

5 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, with  
6 respect to admission into the institution or any program within  
7 the institution, with respect to scholarship programs, and with  
8 respect to other terms and conditions, and in complying with  
9 this Act, an institution may not treat an applicant who has  
10 successfully completed a nonaccredited secondary education  
11 that does not include a high school graduating class ranking  
12 differently than an applicant who graduated from an accredited  
13 public school.

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 and the  
15      Illinois Student Assistance Commission may adopt any rules  
16      necessary to implement this Act.

17      Section 95. Repeal. This Act is repealed on July 1, 2025."