

HB4088



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/16/2020, by Rep. Mark Batinick

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Rewarding Excellence with Higher Education Guaranteed Admissions Act. Provides that an applicant who has, within the past 12 months, received a score on the SAT or on the ACT standardized college admissions test that is within the top 10% of persons nationwide who have taken the test during the immediately preceding 12-month period shall qualify for automatic admission to any baccalaureate program at any public university in the State. Sets forth requirements imposed on a recipient of an automatic admission to a public university. Provides that the Board of Higher Education shall adopt rules to implement and administer the Act. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Rewarding Excellence with Higher Education Guaranteed
6 Admissions Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act:

8 "ACT" means the standardized college admissions test
9 offered by ACT, Incorporated.

10 "Public university" or "university" means the University
11 of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State
12 University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State
13 University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois
14 University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois
15 University, and any other public university or college located
16 in this State authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees on or
17 after the effective date of this Act.

18 "SAT" means the standardized college admissions test
19 offered by the College Board.

20 Section 10. Automatic admission. Notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law, rule, or university policy to the contrary,
22 an applicant who has, within the past 12 months, received a

1 score on the SAT or on the ACT that is within the top 10% of
2 persons nationwide who have taken the test during the
3 immediately preceding 12-month period shall qualify for
4 automatic admission to any baccalaureate program at any public
5 university to which the applicant may apply.

6 Section 15. Limitations. Nothing in this Act relieves a
7 recipient of automatic admission under this Act of the
8 responsibility to comply with nonacademic preadmission
9 requirements, post-admission academic requirements, and
10 payment requirements imposed by a public university. An
11 applicant who receives automatic admission under this Act is
12 required to:

13 (1) meet the application, admission acceptance, and
14 enrollment deadlines imposed by the university;

15 (2) maintain a grade point average required by the
16 university for continued enrollment;

17 (3) fulfill any additional requirements of the
18 baccalaureate program he or she is enrolled in that are
19 compulsory for all students enrolled in the baccalaureate
20 program;

21 (4) pay the tuition and mandatory fees required for
22 enrollment at the university; and

23 (5) maintain active participation as a full-time
24 student at the university.

1 Section 20. Rules. The Board of Higher Education shall
2 adopt rules to implement and administer this Act.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.