

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 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) No ~~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
3 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
4 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
5 education, agricultural education, 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 career and
10 technical ~~vocational~~ education courses and courses taken
11 in a charter school established under Article 27A of the
12 School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and
13 skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and
14 skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses
15 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of the
16 University of Illinois shall not discriminate in the
17 University's admissions process against an applicant for
18 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a
19 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
20 Code. Institutions may also admit 1) applicants who did
21 not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college
22 preparatory curriculum in high school, and 2)
23 educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to
24 the formal organized special assistance programs that are
25 tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in
26 either case, the institution incorporates in the

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

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

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

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

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

1 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
2 Act is amended by changing Section 8e as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

4 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

5 (a) ~~No Commencing in the fall of 1993, no~~ new student shall
6 ~~then or thereafter~~ be admitted to instruction in any of the
7 departments or colleges of the University unless such student
8 also has satisfactorily 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
22 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
23 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
24 education, agricultural education, or art;

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

25 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
26 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be

1 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
2 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
3 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
4 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

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

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

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

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

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

23 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

24 Sec. 5-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

17 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
26 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an

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

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

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

10 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

11 Sec. 15-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

23 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
24 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or

1 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended
3 by changing Section 20-85 as follows:

4 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

5 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
23 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
24 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~

1 education, agricultural education, or art;

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

24 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

1 Sec. 25-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (2) except that Northeastern Illinois University may
23 admit individual applicants if it determines through
24 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
25 outcomes of the coursework taken, including career and
26 technical ~~vocational~~ education courses and courses taken

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

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

26 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall

1 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
2 coursework required by subsection (a).

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

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

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

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

18 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

19 Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

20 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
21 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
22 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
23 completed:

24 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from

1 the following 5 categories:

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

5 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
6 and government);

7 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
8 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
9 fundamentals of computer programming);

10 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
11 agricultural sciences); and

12 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
13 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
14 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
15 education, agricultural education, or art;

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

1 University's admissions process against an applicant for
2 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a
3 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
4 Code. Northern Illinois University may also admit (i)
5 applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the
6 minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and
7 (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are
8 admitted to the formal organized special assistance
9 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
10 providing that in either case, the institution
11 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
12 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
13 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
25 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
26 test as 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 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
11 by changing Section 35-85 as follows:

12 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

13 Sec. 35-85. Admissions.

14 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
15 of the departments or colleges of the Western 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
7 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
8 Language), music, career and technical ~~vocational~~
9 education, agricultural education, or art;

10 (2) except that Western 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 career and technical
14 ~~vocational~~ education courses and courses taken in a
15 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
16 Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills
17 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills
18 expected to be acquired in the high school courses
19 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Western
20 Illinois University shall not discriminate in the
21 University's admissions process against an applicant for
22 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a
23 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
24 Code. Western Illinois University may also admit (i)
25 applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the
26 minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and

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

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

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

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

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

1 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
2 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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