



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22	from Ch. 122, par. 27-22
110 ILCS 305/8	from Ch. 144, par. 29
110 ILCS 520/8e	from Ch. 144, par. 658e
110 ILCS 660/5-85	
110 ILCS 665/10-85	
110 ILCS 670/15-85	
110 ILCS 675/20-85	
110 ILCS 680/25-85	
110 ILCS 685/30-85	
110 ILCS 690/35-85	

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. In the provisions concerning required high school courses, allows a pupil to take one year of a foreign language course (rather than 2 years), if, upon completing one year of foreign language coursework, the pupil, the pupil's parent or guardian, and the school counselor meet to discuss the pupil's postsecondary education or career goals, and, at that meeting, it is determined (i) that the pupil will take one year of career and technical education coursework, (ii) that a second year of foreign language coursework will limit the pupil's access to career and technical education coursework, and (iii) that the pupil does not need a second year of foreign language coursework to meet the pupil's postsecondary education and career goals. Provides that, following this meeting, the pupil's parent or guardian may opt the pupil out of a second year of foreign language coursework in a form and manner that is prescribed by the State Board of Education. Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in this State. Provides that a university may not require a public high school student to have completed 2 years of foreign language coursework while in high school if it was determined in high school that the student was not required to and the student's parent or guardian opted the student out. Provides that if the student completed only one year of foreign language coursework in high school, the university may require the student to take no less than one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at the university. Effective immediately.

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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 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)

7 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses.

8 (a) (Blank).

9 (b) (Blank).

10 (c) (Blank).

11 (d) (Blank).

12 (e) Through the 2023-2024 school year, as a prerequisite  
13 to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the  
14 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements,  
15 successfully complete all of the following courses:

16 (1) Four years of language arts.

17 (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of  
18 which must be English and the other of which may be English  
19 or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive  
20 courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other  
21 graduation requirements.

22 (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be  
23 Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and

1 one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science  
2 course. A mathematics course that includes geometry  
3 content may be offered as an integrated, applied,  
4 interdisciplinary, or career and technical education  
5 course that prepares a student for a career readiness  
6 path.

7 (3.5) For pupils entering the 9th grade in the  
8 2022-2023 school year and 2023-2024 school year, one year  
9 of a course that includes intensive instruction in  
10 computer literacy, which may be English, social studies,  
11 or any other subject and which may be counted toward the  
12 fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

13 (4) Two years of science.

14 (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one  
15 year must be history of the United States or a combination  
16 of history of the United States and American government  
17 and, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the  
18 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, at  
19 least one semester must be civics, which shall help young  
20 people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and  
21 attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and  
22 responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course  
23 content shall focus on government institutions, the  
24 discussion of current and controversial issues, service  
25 learning, and simulations of the democratic process.  
26 School districts may utilize private funding available for

1 the purposes of offering civics education. Beginning with  
2 pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school  
3 year, one semester, or part of one semester, may include a  
4 financial literacy course.

5 (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)  
6 foreign language, which shall be deemed to include  
7 American Sign Language, (D) vocational education, or (E)  
8 forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech  
9 course used to satisfy the course requirement under  
10 subdivision (1) may not be used to satisfy the course  
11 requirement under this subdivision (6).

12 (e-5) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, as a  
13 prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil  
14 entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course  
15 requirements, successfully complete all of the following  
16 courses:

17 (1) Four years of language arts.

18 (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of  
19 which must be English and the other of which may be English  
20 or any other subject. If applicable, writing-intensive  
21 courses may be counted toward the fulfillment of other  
22 graduation requirements.

23 (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be  
24 Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and  
25 one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science  
26 course. A mathematics course that includes geometry

1 content may be offered as an integrated, applied,  
2 interdisciplinary, or career and technical education  
3 course that prepares a student for a career readiness  
4 path.

5 (3.5) One year of a course that includes intensive  
6 instruction in computer literacy, which may be English,  
7 social studies, or any other subject and which may be  
8 counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation  
9 requirements.

10 (4) Two years of laboratory science.

11 (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one  
12 year must be history of the United States or a combination  
13 of history of the United States and American government  
14 and at least one semester must be civics, which shall help  
15 young people acquire and learn to use the skills,  
16 knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be  
17 competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives.  
18 Civics course content shall focus on government  
19 institutions, the discussion of current and controversial  
20 issues, service learning, and simulations of the  
21 democratic process. School districts may utilize private  
22 funding available for the purposes of offering civics  
23 education. One semester, or part of one semester, may  
24 include a financial literacy course.

25 (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)  
26 foreign language, which shall be deemed to include

1 American Sign Language, (D) vocational education, or (E)  
2 forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech  
3 course used to satisfy the course requirement under  
4 subdivision (1) may not be used to satisfy the course  
5 requirement under this subdivision (6).

6 (e-10) Beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, as a  
7 prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil  
8 entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other course  
9 requirements, successfully complete either (i) 2 years of  
10 foreign language courses, which may include American Sign  
11 Language, or (ii) one year of a foreign language course, which  
12 may include American Sign Language, if, upon completing one  
13 year of foreign language coursework, the pupil, the pupil's  
14 parent or guardian, and the school counselor meet to discuss  
15 the pupil's postsecondary education or career goals, and, at  
16 that meeting, it is determined (I) that the pupil will instead  
17 take one year of coursework in career and technical education  
18 as included under the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and  
19 Technical Education Act of 2006, (II) that a second year of  
20 foreign language coursework will limit the pupil's access to  
21 career and technical education coursework that will prepare  
22 the pupil for a career-readiness path, and (III) that the  
23 pupil does not need a second year of foreign language  
24 coursework to meet the pupil's postsecondary education and  
25 career goals. Following this meeting, the pupil's parent or  
26 guardian may opt the pupil out of a second year of foreign

1 language coursework in a form and manner that is prescribed by  
2 the State Board of Education. A pupil may choose a third year  
3 of foreign language to satisfy the requirement under  
4 subdivision (6) of subsection (e-5).

5 (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform  
6 school districts of standards for writing-intensive  
7 coursework.

8 (f-5) If a school district offers an Advanced Placement  
9 computer science course to high school students, then the  
10 school board must designate that course as equivalent to a  
11 high school mathematics course and must denote on the  
12 student's transcript that the Advanced Placement computer  
13 science course qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative  
14 course for students in accordance with subdivision (3) of  
15 subsection (e) of this Section.

16 (g) Public Act 83-1082 does not apply to pupils entering  
17 the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior school years  
18 or to students with disabilities whose course of study is  
19 determined by an individualized education program.

20 Public Act 94-676 does not apply to pupils entering the  
21 9th grade in the 2004-2005 school year or a prior school year  
22 or to students with disabilities whose course of study is  
23 determined by an individualized education program.

24 Subdivision (3.5) of subsection (e) does not apply to  
25 pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school year or a  
26 prior school year or to students with disabilities whose

1 course of study is determined by an individualized education  
2 program.

3 Subsection (e-5) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th  
4 grade in the 2023-2024 school year or a prior school year or to  
5 students with disabilities whose course of study is determined  
6 by an individualized education program. Subsection (e-10) does  
7 not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2027-2028  
8 school year or a prior school year or to students with  
9 disabilities whose course of study is determined by an  
10 individualized education program.

11 (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the  
12 provisions of Section 27-22.05 of this Code and the  
13 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.

14 (i) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to modify  
15 the requirements of this Section for any students enrolled in  
16 grades 9 through 12 if the Governor has declared a disaster due  
17 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the  
18 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-366, eff. 8-13-21; 102-551, eff. 1-1-22;  
20 102-864, eff. 5-13-22; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

21 Section 10. The University of Illinois Act is amended by  
22 changing Section 8 as follows:

23 (110 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 29)  
24 Sec. 8. Admissions.



1 (a) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (2) except that institutions may admit individual  
22 applicants if the institution determines through  
23 assessment or through evaluation based on learning  
24 outcomes of the coursework taken, including career and  
25 technical education courses and courses taken in a charter  
26 school established under Article 27A of the School Code,

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

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

25 (4) except that the University may not require a  
26 graduate of a public high school in this State, as a

1 condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
2 foreign language coursework while in high school if it was  
3 determined in high school that the student was not  
4 required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
5 coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the  
6 School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
7 student out of a second year of foreign language  
8 coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
9 year of foreign language coursework in high school, the  
10 University may require the student to take no less than  
11 one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
12 an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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

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

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

1 discharged veteran who was on active duty during the fall  
2 semester.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

4 Section 15. The Southern Illinois University Management  
5 Act is amended by changing Section 8e as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

7 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language  
24 (which may be deemed to include American Sign

1 Language), music, career and technical education,  
2 agricultural education, or art;

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

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

7           (4) except that the University may not require a  
8 graduate of a public high school in this State, as a  
9 condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
10 foreign language coursework while in high school if it was  
11 determined in high school that the student was not  
12 required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
13 coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the  
14 School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
15 student out of a second year of foreign language  
16 coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
17 year of foreign language coursework in high school, the  
18 University may require the student to take no less than  
19 one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
20 an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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

24           (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
25 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or  
26 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency

1 test as a prerequisite to admission.

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

10 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

11 Section 20. The Chicago State University Law is amended by  
12 changing Section 5-85 as follows:

13 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

14 Sec. 5-85. Admissions.

15 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any  
16 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University  
17 unless such student also has satisfactorily 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 education,  
9 agricultural education, or art;

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



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

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

13          (4) except that the University may not require a  
14          graduate of a public high school in this State, as a  
15          condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
16          foreign language coursework while in high school if it was  
17          determined in high school that the student was not  
18          required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
19          coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the  
20          School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
21          student out of a second year of foreign language  
22          coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
23          year of foreign language coursework in high school, the  
24          University may require the student to take no less than  
25          one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
26          an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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

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

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

16 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

17 Section 25. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended  
18 by changing Section 10-85 as follows:

19 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

20 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (4) except that the University may not require a  
21 graduate of a public high school in this State, as a  
22 condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
23 foreign language coursework while in high school if it was  
24 determined in high school that the student was not  
25 required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
26 coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the

1       School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
2       student out of a second year of foreign language  
3       coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
4       year of foreign language coursework in high school, the  
5       University may require the student to take no less than  
6       one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
7       an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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

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

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

23      (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

24      Section 30. The Governors State University Law is amended  
25      by changing Section 15-85 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

2 Sec. 15-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) except that Governors State University may admit  
24 individual applicants if it determines through assessment  
25 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the

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

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

1           (4) except that the University may not require a  
2           graduate of a public high school in this State, as a  
3           condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
4           foreign language coursework while in high school if it was  
5           determined in high school that the student was not  
6           required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
7           coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the  
8           School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
9           student out of a second year of foreign language  
10           coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
11           year of foreign language coursework in high school, the  
12           University may require the student to take no less than  
13           one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
14           an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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

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

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



1 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the  
2 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who  
3 was on active duty during the fall semester.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

5 Section 35. The Illinois State University Law is amended  
6 by changing Section 20-85 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

8 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

9 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any  
10 of the departments or colleges of the Illinois State  
11 University unless such student also has satisfactorily  
12 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  
24 agricultural sciences); and

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

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

1 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; ~~and~~

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

8 (4) except that the University may not require a  
9 graduate of a public high school in this State, as a  
10 condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
11 foreign language coursework while in high school if it was  
12 determined in high school that the student was not  
13 required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
14 coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the  
15 School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
16 student out of a second year of foreign language  
17 coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
18 year of foreign language coursework in high school, the  
19 University may require the student to take no less than  
20 one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
21 an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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

25 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
26 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or

1 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency  
2 test as a prerequisite to admission.

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

11 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

12 Section 40. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is  
13 amended by changing Section 25-85 as follows:

14 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

15 Sec. 25-85. Admissions.

16 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any  
17 of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern Illinois  
18 University unless such student also has satisfactorily  
19 completed:

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

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

1 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history  
2 and government);

3 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through  
4 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or  
5 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

8 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language  
9 (which may be deemed to include American Sign  
10 Language), music, career and technical education,  
11 agricultural education, or art;

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

1 applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the  
2 minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and  
3 (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are  
4 admitted to the formal organized special assistance  
5 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,  
6 providing that in either case, the institution  
7 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum  
8 courses or other academic activities that compensate for  
9 course deficiencies; ~~and~~

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

16 (4) except that the University may not require a  
17 graduate of a public high school in this State, as a  
18 condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
19 foreign language coursework while in high school if it was  
20 determined in high school that the student was not  
21 required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
22 coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the  
23 School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
24 student out of a second year of foreign language  
25 coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
26 year of foreign language coursework in high school, the

1        University may require the student to take no less than  
2        one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
3        an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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

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

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

19       (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

20       Section 45. The Northern Illinois University Law is  
21       amended by changing Section 30-85 as follows:

22       (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

23       Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

24       (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any

1 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois  
2 University unless such student also has satisfactorily  
3 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 education,  
19 agricultural education, or art;

20 (2) except that Northern Illinois 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 education  
24 courses and courses taken in a charter school established  
25 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant  
26 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent



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

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

23 (4) except that the University may not require a  
24 graduate of a public high school in this State, as a  
25 condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
26 foreign language coursework while in high school if it was

1 determined in high school that the student was not  
2 required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
3 coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the  
4 School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
5 student out of a second year of foreign language  
6 coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
7 year of foreign language coursework in high school, the  
8 University may require the student to take no less than  
9 one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
10 an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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

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

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

26 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

1           Section 50. The Western Illinois University Law is amended  
2 by changing Section 35-85 as follows:

3           (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

4           Sec. 35-85. Admissions.

5           (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any  
6 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois  
7 University unless such student also has satisfactorily  
8 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 education,  
24 agricultural education, or art;

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

24           (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework  
25 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be  
26 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from

1 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences  
2 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5  
3 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1); ~~and~~

4 (4) except that the University may not require a  
5 graduate of a public high school in this State, as a  
6 condition of admission, to have completed 2 years of  
7 foreign language coursework while in high school if it was  
8 determined in high school that the student was not  
9 required to complete 2 years of foreign language  
10 coursework under subsection (e-10) of Section 27-22 of the  
11 School Code and the student's parent or guardian opted the  
12 student out of a second year of foreign language  
13 coursework; however, if the student completed only one  
14 year of foreign language coursework in high school, the  
15 University may require the student to take no less than  
16 one year of foreign language coursework while enrolled in  
17 an undergraduate degree program at the University.

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. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

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