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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3081

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3081 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
10 of the departments or colleges of the University unless such
11 student also has satisfactorily completed:

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

14 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
15 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
16 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 institutions may admit individual
13 applicants if the institution 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 the
22 University of Illinois shall not discriminate in the
23 University's admissions process against an applicant for
24 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a
25 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
26 Code. Institutions may also admit 1) applicants who did

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

10 (3) except that up to 3 of the 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).

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

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

23 (e) The Board of Trustees shall establish an admissions
24 process in which honorably discharged veterans are permitted
25 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
26 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the

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

6 (f) Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Board
7 of Trustees shall provide all Illinois students transferring
8 from a public community college in this State with the
9 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
10 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or
11 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
12 University's transfer admissions process. The Board of
13 Trustees is encouraged to develop a policy to automatically
14 wave the undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
15 for low-income Illinois students transferring from a public
16 community college in this State. The Board of Trustees shall
17 post this policy in an easily accessible place on the
18 University's Internet website.

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

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

22 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

23 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

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

1 of the departments or colleges of the University unless such
2 student also has satisfactorily completed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has

1 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
2 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
3 test as a prerequisite to admission.

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

12 (e) Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Board
13 shall provide all Illinois students transferring from a public
14 community college in this State with the University's
15 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee waiver
16 policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or forms
17 necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the University's
18 transfer admissions process. The Board is encouraged to
19 develop a policy to automatically waive the undergraduate
20 transfer admissions application fee for low-income Illinois
21 students transferring from a public community college in this
22 State. The Board shall post this policy in an easily
23 accessible place on the University's Internet website.

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

25 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by

1 changing Section 5-85 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

3 Sec. 5-85. Admissions.

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

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 (e) Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Board
17 shall provide all Illinois students transferring from a public
18 community college in this State with the University's
19 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee waiver
20 policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or forms
21 necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the University's
22 transfer admissions process. The Board is encouraged to
23 develop a policy to automatically waive the undergraduate
24 transfer admissions application fee for low-income Illinois
25 students transferring from a public community college in this
26 State. The Board shall post this policy in an easily

1 accessible place on the University's Internet website.

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

3 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
4 by changing Section 10-85 as follows:

5 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

6 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

7 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
8 of the departments or colleges of the Eastern Illinois
9 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
10 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 Eastern Illinois University may admit
4 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
5 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
6 coursework taken, including career and technical education
7 courses and courses taken in a charter school established
8 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
9 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
10 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
11 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
12 Trustees of Eastern Illinois University shall not
13 discriminate in the University's admissions process
14 against an applicant for admission because of the
15 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
16 under Article 27A of the School Code. Eastern Illinois
17 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
18 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
19 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
20 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
21 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
22 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
23 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
24 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
25 activities that compensate for 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 (e) Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Board
22 shall provide all Illinois students transferring from a public
23 community college in this State with the University's
24 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee waiver
25 policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or forms
26 necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the University's

1 transfer admissions process. The Board is encouraged to
2 develop a policy to automatically waive the undergraduate
3 transfer admissions application fee for low-income Illinois
4 students transferring from a public community college in this
5 State. The Board shall post this policy in an easily
6 accessible place on the University's Internet website.

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

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

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

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

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 (e) Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Board

1 shall provide all Illinois students transferring from a public
2 community college in this State with the University's
3 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee waiver
4 policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or forms
5 necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the University's
6 transfer admissions process. The Board is encouraged to
7 develop a policy to automatically waive the undergraduate
8 transfer admissions application fee for low-income Illinois
9 students transferring from a public community college in this
10 State. The Board shall post this policy in an easily
11 accessible place on the University's Internet website.

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

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

15 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

16 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

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

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

23 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
24 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2

1 years may be collegiate level instruction;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (e) Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Board
6 shall provide all Illinois students transferring from a public
7 community college in this State with the University's
8 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee waiver
9 policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or forms
10 necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the University's
11 transfer admissions process. The Board is encouraged to
12 develop a policy to automatically waive the undergraduate
13 transfer admissions application fee for low-income Illinois
14 students transferring from a public community college in this
15 State. The Board shall post this policy in an easily
16 accessible place on the University's Internet website.

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

18 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
19 amended by changing Section 25-85 as follows:

20 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

21 Sec. 25-85. Admissions.

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

1 completed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (2) except that Northeastern Illinois University may
19 admit individual applicants if it determines through
20 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
21 outcomes of the coursework taken, including career and
22 technical education courses and courses taken in a charter
23 school established under Article 27A of the School Code,
24 that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills
25 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills
26 expected to be acquired in the high school courses

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

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

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 (e) Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Board
12 shall provide all Illinois students transferring from a public
13 community college in this State with the University's
14 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee waiver
15 policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or forms
16 necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the University's
17 transfer admissions process. The Board is encouraged to
18 develop a policy to automatically waive the undergraduate
19 transfer admissions application fee for low-income Illinois
20 students transferring from a public community college in this
21 State. The Board shall post this policy in an easily
22 accessible place on the University's Internet website.

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

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

1 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

2 Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

3 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
4 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
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 Northern Illinois 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 Northern Illinois 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. Northern Illinois
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).

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

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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 (e) Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, the Board
17 shall provide all Illinois students transferring from a public
18 community college in this State with the University's
19 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee waiver
20 policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or forms
21 necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the University's
22 transfer admissions process. The Board is encouraged to
23 develop a policy to automatically waive the undergraduate
24 transfer admissions application fee for low-income Illinois
25 students transferring from a public community college in this
26 State. The Board shall post this policy in an easily

1 accessible place on the University's Internet website.

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

3 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
4 by changing Section 35-85 as follows:

5 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

6 Sec. 35-85. Admissions.

7 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
8 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois
9 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
10 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 Western Illinois University may admit
4 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
5 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
6 coursework taken, including career and technical education
7 courses and courses taken in a charter school established
8 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
9 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
10 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
11 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
12 Trustees of Western Illinois University shall not
13 discriminate in the University's admissions process
14 against an applicant for admission because of the
15 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
16 under Article 27A of the School Code. Western Illinois
17 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
18 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
19 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
20 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
21 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
22 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
23 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
24 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
25 activities that compensate for 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.

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