

1 AN ACT relating to distance education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 9.30 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.30 new)

7 Sec. 9.30. Consumer information system. The Board shall  
8 establish and maintain an Internet-based system to assist  
9 students, families, and others seeking information concerning  
10 the legitimacy of degree programs and degree-credit courses  
11 that are offered over the Internet. This system shall provide  
12 consumers with information concerning institutional and  
13 program accreditation and other information that will help  
14 consumers to identify fraudulent or misleading claims made by  
15 institutions that solicit enrollment from Illinois consumers,  
16 whether or not these institutions operate in this State and  
17 are subject to the regulatory authority of the Board. The  
18 Board may adopt any rules necessary to implement this  
19 Section.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.