

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 Board of Higher Education Act is amended by
5 changing Section 9.07 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.07) (from Ch. 144, par. 189.07)

7 Sec. 9.07. Admission standards.

8 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), to
9 establish minimum admission standards for public community
10 colleges, colleges and state universities. However,
11 notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or any
12 other law of this State, the minimum admission standards
13 established by the Board shall not directly or indirectly
14 authorize or require a State college or university to
15 discriminate in the admissions process against an applicant for
16 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter
17 school established under Article 27A of the School Code.
18 Admission standards for out-of-state students may be higher
19 than for Illinois residents.

20 (b) Implementation of the new statewide minimum admission
21 requirements and standards for public colleges and
22 universities in Illinois established and announced by the Board
23 in December, 1985 shall be deferred as provided in this
24 subsection. The Board shall not attempt to implement or
25 otherwise effect adoption and establishment of those minimum
26 admission requirements and standards in any public community
27 college, college or State university prior to the fall of 1993,
28 and no public community college, college or State university
29 shall be under any duty or obligation to implement, establish
30 or otherwise apply those minimum admission requirements and
31 standards to any entering freshmen prior to the fall of 1993.
32 The Board of Higher Education shall provide the State

1 Superintendent of Education, on or before January 1, 1990,
2 descriptions of course content, and such other criteria as are
3 necessary to determine and certify whether all school districts
4 maintaining grades 9-12 are offering courses which satisfy the
5 minimum admission requirements and standards established and
6 announced by the Board. In addition, there shall be established
7 a 9 member committee composed of 3 members selected by the
8 Board of Higher Education, 3 members selected by the State
9 Superintendent of Education and 3 members selected by the
10 President of the Illinois Vocational Association. The
11 committee shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective
12 date of this amendatory Act. It shall be the duty and
13 responsibility of the committee to identify and develop courses
14 and curricula in the vocational education area which meet the
15 minimum admission requirements and standards to be established
16 and implemented under this Section. The first meeting of the
17 committee shall be called by the Executive Director of the
18 Board of Higher Education within 10 days after the committee is
19 appointed. At its first meeting the committee shall organize
20 and elect a chairperson. The committee's report shall be
21 prepared and submitted by the committee to the Board of Higher
22 Education, the Illinois State Board of Education and the
23 General Assembly by April 1, 1989.

24 (c) By March 1, 1980, the Boards shall develop guidelines
25 which: (1) place the emphasis on postsecondary remedial
26 programs at Public Community Colleges and (2) reduces the role
27 of the state universities in offering remedial programs. By
28 June 30, 1981, the Board shall report to the General Assembly
29 the progress made toward this transition in the emphasis on
30 remedial programs at the postsecondary level and any
31 legislative action that it deems appropriate. Under the
32 guidelines, if a State university determines that a student
33 needs remedial coursework, then the university must require
34 that the student complete the remedial coursework.

35 (Source: P.A. 89-450, eff. 4-10-96.)

1 Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
2 amended by changing Section 35 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 947/35)

4 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

5 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider
6 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject
7 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is
8 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission
9 finds that the applicant:

10 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or
11 permanent resident of the United States; and

12 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be
13 deterred by financial considerations from completing an
14 educational program at the qualified institution of his or
15 her choice.

16 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
17 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
18 the applicant:

19 (1) has remained a student in good standing;

20 (2) remains a resident of this State; and

21 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
22 warrant assistance.

23 (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and
24 necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant
25 amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of
26 the following amounts:

27 (1) \$4,968, or such lesser amount as the Commission
28 finds to be available, during an academic year; or

29 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters
30 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the
31 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

32 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be
33 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
34 resources.

35 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section

1 include the customary charge for instruction and use of
2 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged
3 for specified purposes, which are required generally of
4 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the
5 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees
6 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent
7 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The
8 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this
9 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of
10 tuition and other necessary fees.

11 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving
12 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary
13 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a
14 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit
15 hours of award payments. However, a student is not ineligible
16 for monetary award program consideration under this subsection
17 (d) if both of the following apply:

18 (1) A State university that the student was enrolled at
19 required that the student complete remedial coursework.

20 (2) By subtracting the total number of semester credit
21 hours, not to exceed 30 semester credit hours, of required
22 remedial coursework that the student successfully
23 completed and received award payments for, the student has
24 received less than the equivalent of 135 semester credit
25 hours of award payments.

26 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
27 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with
28 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission
29 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent
30 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

31 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit
32 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited
33 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended
34 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program
35 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary
36 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current

1 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

2 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is
3 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students
4 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program
5 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.
6 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance
7 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,
8 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of
9 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary
10 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

11 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and
12 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit
13 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this
14 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such
15 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

16 (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to
17 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer
18 students who have attained an associate degree.

19 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to
20 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have
21 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a
22 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and
23 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

24 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
25 eligible students.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-45, eff. 7-1-01; 93-1032, eff. 9-2-04.)