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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2225

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2225, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by  
6 changing Section 9.07 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 205/9.07) (from Ch. 144, par. 189.07)

8 Sec. 9.07. Admission standards.

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

21 (b) Implementation of the new statewide minimum admission  
22 requirements and standards for public colleges and  
23 universities in Illinois established and announced by the Board  
24 in December, 1985 shall be deferred as provided in this

1 subsection. The Board shall not attempt to implement or  
2 otherwise effect adoption and establishment of those minimum  
3 admission requirements and standards in any public community  
4 college, college or State university prior to the fall of 1993,  
5 and no public community college, college or State university  
6 shall be under any duty or obligation to implement, establish  
7 or otherwise apply those minimum admission requirements and  
8 standards to any entering freshmen prior to the fall of 1993.  
9 The Board of Higher Education shall provide the State  
10 Superintendent of Education, on or before January 1, 1990,  
11 descriptions of course content, and such other criteria as are  
12 necessary to determine and certify whether all school districts  
13 maintaining grades 9-12 are offering courses which satisfy the  
14 minimum admission requirements and standards established and  
15 announced by the Board. In addition, there shall be established  
16 a 9 member committee composed of 3 members selected by the  
17 Board of Higher Education, 3 members selected by the State  
18 Superintendent of Education and 3 members selected by the  
19 President of the Illinois Vocational Association. The  
20 committee shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective  
21 date of this amendatory Act. It shall be the duty and  
22 responsibility of the committee to identify and develop courses  
23 and curricula in the vocational education area which meet the  
24 minimum admission requirements and standards to be established  
25 and implemented under this Section. The first meeting of the  
26 committee shall be called by the Executive Director of the  
27 Board of Higher Education within 10 days after the committee is  
28 appointed. At its first meeting the committee shall organize  
29 and elect a chairperson. The committee's report shall be  
30 prepared and submitted by the committee to the Board of Higher  
31 Education, the Illinois State Board of Education and the  
32 General Assembly by April 1, 1989.

33 (c) By March 1, 1980, the Boards shall develop guidelines  
34 which: (1) place the emphasis on postsecondary remedial

1 programs at Public Community Colleges and (2) reduces the role  
2 of the state universities in offering remedial programs. By  
3 June 30, 1981, the Board shall report to the General Assembly  
4 the progress made toward this transition in the emphasis on  
5 remedial programs at the postsecondary level and any  
6 legislative action that it deems appropriate. Under the  
7 guidelines, if a State university determines that a student  
8 needs remedial coursework, then the university must require  
9 that the student complete the remedial coursework before  
10 pursuing his or her course of study.

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

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

14 (110 ILCS 947/35)

15 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

16 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider  
17 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject  
18 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is  
19 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission  
20 finds that the applicant:

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

23 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be  
24 deterred by financial considerations from completing an  
25 educational program at the qualified institution of his or  
26 her choice.

27 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the  
28 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that  
29 the applicant:

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

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

32 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to

1 warrant assistance.

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

6 (1) \$4,968, or such lesser amount as the Commission  
7 finds to be available, during an academic year; or

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

11 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be  
12 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial  
13 resources.

14 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section  
15 include the customary charge for instruction and use of  
16 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged  
17 for specified purposes, which are required generally of  
18 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the  
19 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees  
20 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent  
21 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The  
22 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this  
23 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of  
24 tuition and other necessary fees.

25 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving  
26 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary  
27 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a  
28 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit  
29 hours of award payments. However, a student is not ineligible  
30 for monetary award program consideration under this subsection  
31 (d) if all of the following apply:

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

34 (2) By subtracting the total number of semester credit

1       hours, not to exceed 15 semester credit hours, of required  
2       remedial coursework that the student successfully  
3       completed and received award payments for, the student has  
4       received less than the equivalent of 135 semester credit  
5       hours of award payments.

6       (3) The student began his or her post-secondary course  
7       of study during the 2007-2008 academic year.

8       (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to  
9       be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with  
10      the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission  
11      shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent  
12      upon the availability of appropriated funds.

13      (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit  
14      into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited  
15      into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended  
16      exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program  
17      grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary  
18      Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current  
19      annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

20      The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is  
21      to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students  
22      as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program  
23      grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.  
24      Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance  
25      the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,  
26      minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of  
27      adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary  
28      Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

29      (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and  
30      make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit  
31      institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this  
32      Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such  
33      for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

34      (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to

1 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer  
2 students who have attained an associate degree.

3 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to  
4 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have  
5 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a  
6 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and  
7 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

8 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all  
9 eligible students.

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