



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0556

Introduced 2/4/2009, by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.07

from Ch. 144, par. 189.07

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year, the minimum admission standards established by the Board of Higher Education for public community colleges and universities must provide for a preference for persons who were engaged in the active military or naval service of the United States for a period of at least one year and who were honorably discharged and for persons who were engaged in such military or naval service who are currently or may thereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in such military or naval service, not including, however, persons who were convicted by court-martial of disobedience of orders.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 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. Beginning with the 2010-2011
20 academic year, the minimum admission standards must provide for
21 a preference for persons who were engaged in the active
22 military or naval service of the United States for a period of
23 at least one year and who were honorably discharged and for

1 persons who were engaged in such military or naval service who
2 are currently or may thereafter be on inactive or reserve duty
3 in such military or naval service, not including, however,
4 persons who were convicted by court-martial of disobedience of
5 orders.

6 (b) Implementation of the new statewide minimum admission
7 requirements and standards for public colleges and
8 universities in Illinois established and announced by the Board
9 in December, 1985 shall be deferred as provided in this
10 subsection. The Board shall not attempt to implement or
11 otherwise effect adoption and establishment of those minimum
12 admission requirements and standards in any public community
13 college, college or State university prior to the fall of 1993,
14 and no public community college, college or State university
15 shall be under any duty or obligation to implement, establish
16 or otherwise apply those minimum admission requirements and
17 standards to any entering freshmen prior to the fall of 1993.
18 The Board of Higher Education shall provide the State
19 Superintendent of Education, on or before January 1, 1990,
20 descriptions of course content, and such other criteria as are
21 necessary to determine and certify whether all school districts
22 maintaining grades 9-12 are offering courses which satisfy the
23 minimum admission requirements and standards established and
24 announced by the Board. In addition, there shall be established
25 a 9 member committee composed of 3 members selected by the
26 Board of Higher Education, 3 members selected by the State

1 Superintendent of Education and 3 members selected by the
2 President of the Illinois Vocational Association. The
3 committee shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective
4 date of this amendatory Act. It shall be the duty and
5 responsibility of the committee to identify and develop courses
6 and curricula in the vocational education area which meet the
7 minimum admission requirements and standards to be established
8 and implemented under this Section. The first meeting of the
9 committee shall be called by the Executive Director of the
10 Board of Higher Education within 10 days after the committee is
11 appointed. At its first meeting the committee shall organize
12 and elect a chairperson. The committee's report shall be
13 prepared and submitted by the committee to the Board of Higher
14 Education, the Illinois State Board of Education and the
15 General Assembly by April 1, 1989.

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

1 pursuing his or her major course of study.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-272, eff. 8-17-07.)