

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 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). ~~No student shall be admitted to instruction in~~  
9 ~~any of the departments of the University who shall not have~~  
10 ~~attained to the age of fifteen (15) years, and who shall not~~  
11 ~~previously undergo a satisfactory examination in each of the~~  
12 ~~branches ordinarily taught in the common schools of the state.~~

13 (b) In addition, commencing in the fall of 1993, no new  
14 student shall then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in  
15 any of the departments or colleges of the University unless  
16 such student also has satisfactorily completed:

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

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

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

1 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through  
2 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or  
3 fundamentals of computer programming);

4 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

5 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
6 music, vocational education or art;

7 (2) except that institutions may admit individual  
8 applicants if the institution determines through  
9 assessment or through evaluation based on learning  
10 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational  
11 education courses and courses taken in a charter school  
12 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the  
13 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially  
14 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be  
15 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.  
16 The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois shall  
17 not discriminate in the University's admissions process  
18 against an applicant for admission because of the  
19 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established  
20 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also  
21 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to  
22 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in  
23 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants  
24 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance  
25 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,  
26 providing that in either case, the institution

1 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum  
2 courses or other academic activities that compensate for  
3 course deficiencies; and

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

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

13 (d) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
14 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT  
15 shall not be required to take the high school level General  
16 Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to  
17 admission.

18 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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