



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2949

Introduced 2/1/2012, by Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 110/1.5 new

Amends the University Religious Observances Act. Provides that any student in an institution of higher learning, other than a religious or denominational institution of higher learning, who is unable, because of his or her religious beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, or work requirement on a particular day shall be excused from any such examination, study, or work requirement and shall be provided with an opportunity to make up the examination, study, or work requirement that he or she may have missed because of such absence on a particular day; provided that the make-up examination, study, or work does not create an unreasonable burden upon the institution. Prohibits fees of any kind from being charged by the institution for making available to the student such an opportunity. Provides that no adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his or her availing himself or herself of these provisions. Requires publication of these provisions.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 University Religious Observances Act is
5 amended by adding Section 1.5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 110/1.5 new)

7 Sec. 1.5. Absence of student due to religious beliefs.

8 (a) In this Section, "institution of higher learning" has
9 the meaning ascribed to that term in the Higher Education
10 Student Assistance Act.

11 (b) Any student in an institution of higher learning, other
12 than a religious or denominational institution of higher
13 learning, who is unable, because of his or her religious
14 beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any
15 examination, study, or work requirement on a particular day
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17 requirement and shall be provided with an opportunity to make
18 up the examination, study, or work requirement that he or she
19 may have missed because of such absence on a particular day;
20 provided that the make-up examination, study, or work does not
21 create an unreasonable burden upon the institution. No fees of
22 any kind shall be charged by the institution for making
23 available to the student such an opportunity. No adverse or

1 prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his
2 or her availing himself or herself of the provisions of this
3 Section.

4 (c) A copy of this Section shall be published by each
5 institution of higher learning in the catalog of the
6 institution containing the list of available courses.