



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SB2245

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

- 110 ILCS 305/85 new
- 110 ILCS 520/70 new
- 110 ILCS 660/5-180 new
- 110 ILCS 665/10-180 new
- 110 ILCS 670/15-180 new
- 110 ILCS 675/20-185 new
- 110 ILCS 680/25-180 new
- 110 ILCS 685/30-190 new
- 110 ILCS 690/35-185 new

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that the governing board of each public university shall, with respect to each campus of the university that administers a priority registration system, grant the same priority in that system as graduate students receive to a service member or veteran who is a resident of this State for any academic term attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within 15 years after leaving military service. Provides that a former service member who received a dishonorable discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for priority registration. Provides that the priority registration shall apply to registration for all degree and certificate programs offered by the university after the military or veteran status of the student has been verified by the university.

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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 University of Illinois Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 85 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/85 new)

7 Sec. 85. Priority registration; service member or veteran.

8 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

9 "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
10 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
11 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
12 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the  
13 United States.

14 "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
15 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
16 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

17 (b) The Board of Trustees shall, with respect to each  
18 campus of the University that administers a priority  
19 registration system, grant the same priority in that system as  
20 graduate students receive to a service member or veteran for  
21 any academic term attended for 4 academic years, which he or  
22 she shall use within 15 years after leaving military service.

23 (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable

1 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
2 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

3 (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this  
4 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
5 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
6 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
7 the University.

8 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management  
9 Act is amended by adding Section 70 as follows:

10 (110 ILCS 520/70 new)

11 Sec. 70. Priority registration; service member or veteran.

12 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

13 "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
14 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
15 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
16 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the  
17 United States.

18 "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
19 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
20 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

21 (b) The Board shall, with respect to each campus of the  
22 University that administers a priority registration system,  
23 grant the same priority in that system as graduate students  
24 receive to a service member or veteran for any academic term

1 attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within  
2 15 years after leaving military service.

3 (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable  
4 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
5 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

6 (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this  
7 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
8 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
9 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
10 the University.

11 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by  
12 adding Section 5-180 as follows:

13 (110 ILCS 660/5-180 new)

14 Sec. 5-180. Priority registration; service member or  
15 veteran.

16 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

17 "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
18 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
19 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
20 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the  
21 United States.

22 "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
23 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
24 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

1       (b) The Board shall, with respect to each campus of the  
2 University that administers a priority registration system,  
3 grant the same priority in that system as graduate students  
4 receive to a service member or veteran for any academic term  
5 attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within  
6 15 years after leaving military service.

7       (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable  
8 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
9 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

10       (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this  
11 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
12 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
13 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
14 the University.

15       Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended  
16 by adding Section 10-180 as follows:

17       (110 ILCS 665/10-180 new)

18       Sec. 10-180. Priority registration; service member or  
19 veteran.

20       (a) For the purposes of this Section:

21       "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
22 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
23 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
24 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the

1 United States.

2 "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
3 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
4 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

5 (b) The Board shall, with respect to each campus of the  
6 University that administers a priority registration system,  
7 grant the same priority in that system as graduate students  
8 receive to a service member or veteran for any academic term  
9 attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within  
10 15 years after leaving military service.

11 (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable  
12 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
13 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

14 (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this  
15 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
16 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
17 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
18 the University.

19 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended  
20 by adding Section 15-180 as follows:

21 (110 ILCS 670/15-180 new)

22 Sec. 15-180. Priority registration; service member or  
23 veteran.

24 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

1       "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
2 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
3 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
4 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the  
5 United States.

6       "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
7 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
8 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

9       (b) The Board shall, with respect to each campus of the  
10 University that administers a priority registration system,  
11 grant the same priority in that system as graduate students  
12 receive to a service member or veteran for any academic term  
13 attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within  
14 15 years after leaving military service.

15       (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable  
16 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
17 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

18       (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this  
19 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
20 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
21 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
22 the University.

23       Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by  
24 adding Section 20-185 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 675/20-185 new)

2 Sec. 20-185. Priority registration; service member or  
3 veteran.

4 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

5 "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
6 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
7 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
8 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the  
9 United States.

10 "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
11 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
12 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

13 (b) The Board shall, with respect to each campus of the  
14 University that administers a priority registration system,  
15 grant the same priority in that system as graduate students  
16 receive to a service member or veteran for any academic term  
17 attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within  
18 15 years after leaving military service.

19 (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable  
20 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
21 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

22 (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this  
23 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
24 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
25 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
26 the University.



1 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is  
2 amended by adding Section 25-180 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 680/25-180 new)

4 Sec. 25-180. Priority registration; service member or  
5 veteran.

6 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

7 "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
8 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
9 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
10 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the  
11 United States.

12 "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
13 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
14 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

15 (b) The Board shall, with respect to each campus of the  
16 University that administers a priority registration system,  
17 grant the same priority in that system as graduate students  
18 receive to a service member or veteran for any academic term  
19 attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within  
20 15 years after leaving military service.

21 (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable  
22 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
23 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

24 (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this

1 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
2 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
3 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
4 the University.

5 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended  
6 by adding Section 30-190 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 685/30-190 new)

8 Sec. 30-190. Priority registration; service member or  
9 veteran.

10 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

11 "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
12 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
13 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
14 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the  
15 United States.

16 "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
17 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
18 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

19 (b) The Board shall, with respect to each campus of the  
20 University that administers a priority registration system,  
21 grant the same priority in that system as graduate students  
22 receive to a service member or veteran for any academic term  
23 attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within  
24 15 years after leaving military service.

1       (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable  
2 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
3 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

4       (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this  
5 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
6 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
7 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
8 the University.

9       Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended  
10 by adding Section 35-185 as follows:

11       (110 ILCS 690/35-185 new)

12       Sec. 35-185. Priority registration; service member or  
13 veteran.

14       (a) For the purposes of this Section:

15       "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a  
16 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any  
17 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the  
18 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the  
19 United States.

20       "Veteran" means a resident of this State who was a service  
21 member and who has received an honorable discharge, a general  
22 discharge, or an other than honorable discharge.

23       (b) The Board shall, with respect to each campus of the  
24 University that administers a priority registration system,

1 grant the same priority in that system as graduate students  
2 receive to a service member or veteran for any academic term  
3 attended for 4 academic years, which he or she shall use within  
4 15 years after leaving military service.

5 (c) A former service member who received a dishonorable  
6 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for  
7 priority registration pursuant to this Section.

8 (d) The priority registration provided pursuant to this  
9 Section shall apply to registration for all degree and  
10 certificate programs offered by the University after the  
11 military or veteran status of the student has been verified by  
12 the University.