

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 enrollment; 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 and who is eligible to receive military
14 educational benefits.

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

18 (b) The Board of Trustees shall give the earliest possible
19 enrollment opportunity that the University offers to a service
20 member or veteran.

21 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
22 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
23 certificate programs offered by the University after the

1 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
2 the University.

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

5 (110 ILCS 520/70 new)

6 Sec. 70. Priority enrollment; service member or veteran.

7 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

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

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 shall give the earliest possible enrollment
18 opportunity that the University offers to a service member or
19 veteran.

20 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
21 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
22 certificate programs offered by the University after the
23 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
24 the University.

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

3 (110 ILCS 660/5-180 new)

4 Sec. 5-180. Priority enrollment; 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 and who is eligible to receive military
12 educational benefits.

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

16 (b) The Board shall give the earliest possible enrollment
17 opportunity that the University offers to a service member or
18 veteran.

19 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
20 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
21 certificate programs offered by the University after the
22 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
23 the University.

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

3 (110 ILCS 665/10-180 new)

4 Sec. 10-180. Priority enrollment; 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 and who is eligible to receive military
12 educational benefits.

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

16 (b) The Board shall give the earliest possible enrollment
17 opportunity that the University offers to a service member or
18 veteran.

19 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
20 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
21 certificate programs offered by the University after the
22 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
23 the University.

24 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended

1 by adding Section 15-180 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 670/15-180 new)

3 Sec. 15-180. Priority enrollment; service member or
4 veteran.

5 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

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

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 give the earliest possible enrollment
16 opportunity that the University offers to a service member or
17 veteran.

18 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
19 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
20 certificate programs offered by the University after the
21 student's eligibility to receive benefits 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 enrollment; 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 and who is eligible to receive military
10 educational benefits.

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

14 (b) The Board shall give the earliest possible enrollment
15 opportunity that the University offers to a service member or
16 veteran.

17 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
18 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
19 certificate programs offered by the University after the
20 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
21 the University.

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

1 (110 ILCS 680/25-180 new)

2 Sec. 25-180. Priority enrollment; 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 and who is eligible to receive military
10 educational benefits.

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

14 (b) The Board shall give the earliest possible enrollment
15 opportunity that the University offers to a service member or
16 veteran.

17 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
18 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
19 certificate programs offered by the University after the
20 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
21 the University.

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

24 (110 ILCS 685/30-190 new)

1 Sec. 30-190. Priority enrollment; service member or
2 veteran.

3 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

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

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 give the earliest possible enrollment
14 opportunity that the University offers to a service member or
15 veteran.

16 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
17 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
18 certificate programs offered by the University after the
19 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
20 the University.

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

23 (110 ILCS 690/35-185 new)

24 Sec. 35-185. Priority enrollment; service member or

1 veteran.

2 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

3 "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a
4 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any
5 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the
6 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the
7 United States and who is eligible to receive military
8 educational benefits.

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

12 (b) The Board shall give the earliest possible enrollment
13 opportunity that the University offers to a service member or
14 veteran.

15 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
16 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
17 certificate programs offered by the University after the
18 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
19 the University.

20 Section 50. The Public Community College Act is amended by
21 adding Section 3-29.10 as follows:

22 (110 ILCS 805/3-29.10 new)

23 Sec. 3-29.10. Priority enrollment; service member or
24 veteran.

1 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

2 "Service member" means a resident of this State who is a
3 member of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces, including any
4 reserve component, or the National Guard of any state, the
5 District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the
6 United States and who is eligible to receive military
7 educational benefits.

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

11 (b) A board shall give the earliest possible enrollment
12 opportunity that a community college offers to a service member
13 or veteran.

14 (c) The priority enrollment provided pursuant to this
15 Section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and
16 certificate programs offered by a community college after the
17 student's eligibility to receive benefits has been verified by
18 the community college.