

**SB3526**



**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2013 and 2014**

**SB3526**

Introduced 2/14/2014, by Sen. Matt Murphy

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

110 ILCS 205/9.34 new

Amend the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a Big Ten Feasibility Study Commission to deliberate and determine the feasibility of having another public university in this State become a part of the Big Ten Conference and how this might be accomplished, while remaining revenue neutral to this State. Sets forth the membership of the Commission, and provides that members shall serve without compensation and without reimbursement for their expenses. Requires the Commission to meet within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, to hold public hearings, to invite witnesses of interest, to take testimony, and to file a report with the General Assembly and the Board on or before January 1, 2015. Dissolves the Commission upon filing of the report, and repeals these provisions on January 1, 2016. Effective immediately.

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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 adding Section 9.34 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.34 new)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

8 Sec. 9.34. Big Ten Feasibility Study Commission.

9 (a) The Board shall establish a Big Ten Feasibility Study  
10 Commission to deliberate and determine the feasibility of  
11 having another public university in this State become a part of  
12 the Big Ten Conference and how this might be accomplished,  
13 while remaining revenue neutral to this State.

14 (b) The Commission shall be comprised of all of the  
15 following members:

16 (1) One member of the Senate, appointed by the  
17 President of the Senate.

18 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority  
19 Leader of the Senate.

20 (3) One member of the House of Representatives,  
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

22 (4) One member of the House of Representatives,  
23 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House.

1           (5) The Executive Director of the Board or his or her  
2           designee.

3           (6) A resident of this State who is the parent of a  
4           student attending an out-of-state university that is a  
5           member of the Big Ten Conference, appointed by the  
6           Executive Director of the Board.

7           (7) A resident of this State who is a student attending  
8           an out-of-state university that is a member of the Big Ten  
9           Conference, appointed by the Executive Director of the  
10          Board.

11          (8) A resident of this State who is the parent of a  
12          student attending a public university in this State other  
13          than the University of Illinois, appointed by the Executive  
14          Director of the Board.

15          Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation  
16          and without reimbursement for their expenses.

17          (c) The Commission shall meet initially at the call of the  
18          Executive Director of the Board, which meeting must take place  
19          within 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
20          of the 98th General Assembly.

21          (d) The Commission shall hold public hearings, invite  
22          witnesses of interest, take testimony, and file a report with  
23          the General Assembly and the Board on or before January 1, 2015  
24          concerning the Commission's findings and recommendations. Upon  
25          filing its report, the Commission is dissolved.

26          (e) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2016.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.