



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

**HB4446**

by Rep. Barbara Wheeler

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the College Admission Inquiries Act. Provides that during the admission decision-making process, a college (defined as an institution of higher education authorized to confer degrees in this State) may not inquire about arrests that did not result in a criminal conviction and criminal convictions that have been sealed or expunged or make any inquiry or consider information about any arrest or criminal accusation of an individual that was followed by a termination of that criminal action or proceeding in favor of the individual. Provides that a college may not make any inquiry or consider information about an individual's past criminal conviction or convictions at any time during the admission decision-making process. Provides that after an individual has been admitted as a student, a college may make inquiries about and consider information about the individual's past criminal conviction history for the purpose of offering support counseling and services. Provides that a college may also make inquiries about and consider information about the individual's past criminal conviction history for the purpose of making decisions about participation in activities and aspects of campus life associated with the individual's status as a student. Provides that a college may not use the information to rescind an offer of admission. Provides that a college is not required to make inquiries into or consider an individual's criminal conviction history for any reason. Effective immediately.

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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 College Admission Inquiries Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Section:

7 "Admission decision-making process" means the submission  
8 of a college application and all aspects of the college  
9 application process through admission.

10 "College" means an institution of higher education  
11 authorized to confer degrees in this State and includes a  
12 college, university, professional school, or technical school.

13 Section 10. Inquiry on arrests prohibited. During the  
14 admission decision-making process, a college may not inquire  
15 about arrests that did not result in a criminal conviction and  
16 criminal convictions that have been sealed or expunged. At no  
17 time during the admission decision-making process may a college  
18 make any inquiry or consider information about any arrest or  
19 criminal accusation of an individual who is applying for  
20 admission that was followed by a termination of that criminal  
21 action or proceeding in favor of the individual.

1           Section 15. Inquiry on convictions prohibited. A college  
2 may not make any inquiry or consider information about an  
3 individual's past criminal conviction or convictions at any  
4 time during the admission decision-making process.

5           Section 20. Permitted inquiries.

6           (a) After an individual has been admitted as a student, a  
7 college may make inquiries about and consider information about  
8 the individual's past criminal conviction history for the  
9 purpose of offering support counseling and services. A college  
10 may also make inquiries about and consider information about  
11 the individual's past criminal conviction history for the  
12 purpose of making decisions about participation in activities  
13 and aspects of campus life associated with the individual's  
14 status as a student, including, but not limited to, housing.

15           (b) A college may not use the information gathered in  
16 making an inquiry under this Section to rescind an offer of  
17 admission.

18           Section 25. Inquiries not required. A college is not  
19 required to make inquiries into or consider an individual's  
20 criminal conviction history for any reason.

21           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.