



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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by Rep. Reginald Phillips

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/8

from Ch. 144, par. 29

Amends the University of Illinois Act. Provides that not less than 90 days prior to accepting applications for any undergraduate program for an academic year, the University of Illinois shall publish the standards for admission to that undergraduate program. Provides that no student shall be admitted to an undergraduate program who does not meet the published standards for admission to that undergraduate program. Provides that once the standards are published, the standards for admission to an undergraduate program shall not be changed during that academic year.

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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 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
5 changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 29)

7 Sec. 8. Admissions.

8 (a) (Blank).

9 (b) In addition, commencing in the fall of 1993, no new
10 student shall then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in
11 any of the departments or colleges of the University unless
12 such student also has satisfactorily completed:

13 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
14 the following 5 categories:

15 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
16 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
17 years may be collegiate level instruction;

18 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
19 and government);

20 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
21 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
22 fundamentals of computer programming);

23 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and

1 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language (which
2 may be deemed to include American Sign Language),
3 music, vocational education or art;

4 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
5 applicants if the institution determines through
6 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
7 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
8 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
9 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the
10 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
11 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
12 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
13 The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois shall
14 not discriminate in the University's admissions process
15 against an applicant for admission because of the
16 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
17 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also
18 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to
19 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
20 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
21 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance
22 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
23 providing that in either case, the institution
24 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
25 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
26 course deficiencies; and

1 (3) except that up to 3 of the 15 units of coursework
2 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
3 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
4 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
5 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
6 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

7 (c) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
8 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
9 coursework required by subsection (b).

10 (d) A student who has graduated from high school and has
11 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
12 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
13 a prerequisite to admission.

14 (e) Not less than 90 days prior to accepting applications
15 for any undergraduate program for an academic year, the
16 University of Illinois shall publish the standards for
17 admission to that undergraduate program. No student shall be
18 admitted to an undergraduate program who does not meet the
19 published standards for admission to that undergraduate
20 program. Once published, the standards for admission to an
21 undergraduate program shall not be changed during that academic
22 year.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15.)