

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3620

Introduced 2/24/2005, by Rep. Constance A. Howard

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/7f from Ch. 144, par. 28f
110 ILCS 520/8f from Ch. 144, par. 658f
110 ILCS 660/5-90
110 ILCS 665/10-90
110 ILCS 670/15-90
110 ILCS 675/20-90
110 ILCS 680/25-90
110 ILCS 685/30-90
110 ILCS 690/35-90

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of the public universities in Illinois. Provides that the board of trustees of each university shall offer 100% tuition discounts (instead of 50% tuition waivers) for undergraduate education to the children of employees who have been employed by any one or more of these universities for at least 7 years. Requires 100% tuition discounts to also be offered to the spouses and domestic partners of these employees. Includes retired employees as university employees for the purpose of these provisions. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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University.

1 AN ACT relating to higher education.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by changing Section 7f as follows:
- 6 (110 ILCS 305/7f) (from Ch. 144, par. 28f)
- 7 Sec. 7f. Full tuition discount Partial tuition waivers.
- 8 (a) As used in this Section, "Illinois college or university" means any of the following: the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois
- 15 (b) Each year the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois shall offer 100% tuition discounts 50% tuition waivers 16 17 for undergraduate education at any campus under its governance or supervision to the children, spouses, and domestic partners 18 19 of employees, including retired employees, of an Illinois college or university who have been employed by any one or by 20 21 more than one Illinois college or university for an aggregate 22 period of at least 7 years. "Domestic partner" means 2 individuals of the same gender who (1) live together in a 23 long-term relationship of indefinite duration; (2) have 24 25 resided together at the same address for at least 12 months; 26 (3) are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they 27 28 legally reside; (4) are not married to any other person; and (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in which they agree to 29 30 be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and to share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person 31

receiving a retirement or disability retirement annuity under

- the Illinois Pension Code based on at least 7 years of service
- with one or more than one Illinois college or university,
- 3 <u>including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on</u>
- 4 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
- 5 Assembly.
- To be eligible to receive a <u>full tuition discount</u> partial
- 7 tuition waiver, the person child of an employee of an Illinois
- 8  $\frac{\text{college or university}}{\text{college or university}}$  (i)  $\frac{\text{if a child}_{L}}{\text{college or university}}$  must be under the age of
- 9 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the
- 10 full tuition discount partial tuition waiver is to be
- 11 effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to the
- 12 University of Illinois under the same admissions requirements,
- 13 standards and policies which the University of Illinois applies
- 14 to applicants for admission generally to its respective
- undergraduate colleges and programs.
- 16 (c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection
- 17 (b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain
- 18 satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his
- or her <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver renewed
- 20 until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of
- 21 undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> <del>partial tuition waiver</del>
- 22 benefits under this Section.
- 23 (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered
- or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the
- 25 provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition
- 26 waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher
- 27 Education.
- 28 (e) The Board of Trustees shall prescribe rules and
- 29 regulations as are necessary to implement and administer the
- 30 provisions of this Section.
- 31 (Source: P.A. 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.)
- 32 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
- 33 Act is amended by changing Section 8f as follows:
- 34 (110 ILCS 520/8f) (from Ch. 144, par. 658f)

- 1 Sec. 8f. Full tuition discount Partial tuition waivers.
- 2 (a) As used in this Section, "Illinois college or university" means any of the following: the University of
- 4 Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State
- 5 University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State
- 6 University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois
- 7 University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois
- 8 University.
- 9 (b) Each year the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois
- 10 University shall offer  $\underline{100\%}$  tuition discounts  $\underline{50\%}$  tuition
- 11 waivers for undergraduate education at any campus under its
- 12 governance or supervision to the children, spouses, and
- domestic partners of employees, including retired employees,
- of an Illinois college or university who have been employed by
- any one or by more than one Illinois college or university for
- an aggregate period of at least 7 years. "Domestic partner"
- means 2 individuals of the same gender who (1) live together in
- 18 <u>a long-term relationship of indefinite duration; (2) have</u>
- 19 <u>resided together at the same address for at least 12 months;</u>
- 20 (3) are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that
- 21 would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they
- legally reside; (4) are not married to any other person; and
- 23 (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in which they agree to
- 24 <u>be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and to</u>
- share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person
- 26 <u>receiving a retirement or disability retirement annuity under</u>
- 27 <u>the Illinois Pension Code based on at least 7 years of service</u>
- with one or more than one Illinois college or university,
- including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on
- 30 <u>the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General</u>
- 31 Assembly.
- To be eligible to receive a full tuition discount partial
- 33 tuition waiver, the person child of an employee of an Illinois
- 34  $\frac{\text{college or university}}{\text{college or university}}$  (i)  $\frac{\text{if a child,}}{\text{must be under the age of}}$
- 35 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the
- 36 <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver is to be

- 1 effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to Southern
- 2 Illinois University under the same admissions requirements,
- 3 standards and policies which Southern Illinois University
- 4 applies to applicants for admission generally to its respective
- 5 undergraduate colleges and programs.
- 6 (c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection
- 7 (b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain
- 8 satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his
- 9 or her <u>full tuition discount</u> <del>partial tuition waiver</del> renewed
- 10 until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of
- 11 undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver
- 12 benefits under this Section.
- 13 (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered
- or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the
- 15 provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition
- 16 waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher
- 17 Education.
- 18 (e) The Board of Trustees shall prescribe rules and
- 19 regulations as are necessary to implement and administer the
- 20 provisions of this Section.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.)
- 22 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
- changing Section 5-90 as follows:
- 24 (110 ILCS 660/5-90)
- Sec. 5-90. <u>Full tuition discount</u> <u>Partial tuition waivers</u>.
- 26 (a) As used in this Section, "Illinois college or
- 27 university" means any of the following: the University of
- 28 Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State
- 29 University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State
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- 33 (b) Each year the Board of Chicago State University shall
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undergraduate education at any campus under its governance to the children, spouses, and domestic partners of employees, including retired employees, of an Illinois college or university who have been employed by any one or by more than one Illinois college or university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years. "Domestic partner" means 2 individuals of the same gender who (1) live together in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration; (2) have resided together at the same address for at least 12 months; (3) are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside; (4) are not married to any other person; and (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in which they agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and to share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person receiving a retirement or disability retirement annuity under the Illinois Pension Code based on at <u>least 7 years of service with one or more than one Illinois</u> college or university, including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

To be eligible to receive a <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver, the <u>person child of an employee of an Illinois</u> college or university (i) <u>if a child</u>, must be under the age of 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the <u>full tuition discount partial tuition waiver</u> is to be effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to Chicago State University under the same admissions requirements, standards and policies which Chicago State University applies to applicants for admission generally to its respective undergraduate colleges and programs.

(c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection (b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his or her <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver renewed until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver

- 1 benefits under this Section.
- 2 (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered
- 3 or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the
- provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition 4
- 5 waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher
- 6 Education.
- (e) The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations as are 7
- 8 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this
- Section. 9
- (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96; 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.) 10
- 11 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
- by changing Section 10-90 as follows: 12
- 13 (110 ILCS 665/10-90)
- 14 Sec. 10-90. Full tuition discount Partial tuition waivers.
- 15 As used in this Section, "Illinois college or (a)
- university" means any of the following: the University of 16
- 17 Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago
- 18 University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State
- University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois 19
- University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois 20
- 21 University.

- (b) Each year the Board of Eastern Illinois University 22
- shall offer 100% tuition discounts 50% tuition waivers for 23
- 24 undergraduate education at any campus under its governance to
- 25 the children, spouses, and domestic partners of employees,
- including retired employees, of an Illinois college or 26
- university who have been employed by any one or by more than 27
- 28 one Illinois college or university for an aggregate period of
- 29 at least 7 years. "Domestic partner" means 2 individuals of the
- same gender who (1) live together in a long-term relationship 30
- of indefinite duration; (2) have resided together at the same
- address for at least 12 months; (3) are not related by blood to 32
- a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the 33
- state in which they legally reside; (4) are not married to any 34

other person; and (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in which they agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and to share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person receiving a retirement or disability retirement annuity under the Illinois Pension Code based on at least 7 years of service with one or more than one Illinois college or university, including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

To be eligible to receive a <u>full tuition discount partial</u> tuition waiver, the <u>person child of an employee of an Illinois</u> ellege or university (i) <u>if a child</u>, must be under the age of 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the <u>full tuition discount partial tuition waiver</u> is to be effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to Eastern Illinois University under the same admissions requirements, standards and policies which Eastern Illinois University applies to applicants for admission generally to its respective undergraduate colleges and programs.

- (c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection (b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his or her <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver renewed until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver benefits under this Section.
- (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- 32 (e) The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations as are 33 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this 34 Section.
- 35 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96; 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.)

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Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended by changing Section 15-90 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 670/15-90)

Sec. 15-90. Full tuition discount Partial tuition waivers.

- (a) As used in this Section, "Illinois college or university" means any of the following: the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University.
  - (b) Each year the Board of Governors State University shall 100% tuition discounts 50% tuition waivers for undergraduate education at any campus under its governance to the children, spouses, and domestic partners of employees, including retired employees, of an Illinois college or university who have been employed by any one or by more than one Illinois college or university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years. "Domestic partner" means 2 individuals of the same gender who (1) live together in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration; (2) have resided together at the same address for at least 12 months; (3) are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside; (4) are not married to any other person; and (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in which they agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and to share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person receiving a retirement or disability retirement annuity under the Illinois Pension Code based on at least 7 years of service with one or more than one Illinois college or university, including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.
  - To be eligible to receive a <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver, the <u>person</u> child of an employee of an Illinois

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college or university (i) if a child, must be under the age of
the academic year during which the
full tuition discount partial tuition waiver is to be
effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to Governors
State University under the same admissions requirements,
standards and policies which Governors State University
applies to applicants for admission generally to its respective

undergraduate colleges and programs.

- (c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection (b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his or her <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver renewed until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver benefits under this Section.
- (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- 21 (e) The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations as are 22 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this 23 Section.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96; 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.)
- Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by changing Section 20-90 as follows:
- 27 (110 ILCS 675/20-90)
- Sec. 20-90. <u>Full tuition discount</u> <del>Partial tuition waivers</del>.
- 29 (a) As used in this Section, "Illinois college or university" means any of the following: the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois

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(b) Each year the Board of Illinois State University shall 100% tuition discounts 50% tuition waivers for undergraduate education at any campus under its governance to the children, spouses, and domestic partners of employees, including retired employees, of an Illinois college or university who have been employed by any one or by more than one Illinois college or university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years. "Domestic partner" means 2 individuals of the same gender who (1) live together in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration; (2) have resided together at the same address for at least 12 months; (3) are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside; (4) are not married to any other person; and (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in which they agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and to share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person receiving a retirement or disability retirement annuity under the Illinois Pension Code based on at <u>least 7 years of service with one or more than one Illinois</u> college or university, including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

To be eligible to receive a <u>full tuition discount partial</u> tuition waiver, the <u>person child of an employee of an Illinois</u> college or university (i) <u>if a child</u>, must be under the age of 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the <u>full tuition discount partial tuition waiver</u> is to be effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to Illinois State University under the same admissions requirements, standards and policies which Illinois State University applies to applicants for admission generally to its respective undergraduate colleges and programs.

(c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection(b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintainsatisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his

- 1 or her <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver renewed
- 2 until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of
- 3 undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver
- 4 benefits under this Section.
- 5 (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered
- or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the
- 7 provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition
- 8 waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher
- 9 Education.
- 10 (e) The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations as are
- 11 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this
- 12 Section.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96; 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.)
- 14 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
- amended by changing Section 25-90 as follows:
- 16 (110 ILCS 680/25-90)
- 17 Sec. 25-90. <u>Full tuition discount</u> <del>Partial tuition waivers</del>.
- 18 (a) As used in this Section, "Illinois college or
- 19 university" means any of the following: the University of
- 20 Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State
- 21 University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State
- 22 University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois
- 23 University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois
- 24 University.
- 25 (b) Each year the Board of Northeastern Illinois University
- 26 shall offer 100% tuition discounts 50% tuition waivers for
- 27 undergraduate education at any campus under its governance to
- 28 the children, spouses, and domestic partners of employees,
- 29 <u>including retired employees</u>, of an Illinois college or
- 30 university who have been employed by any one or by more than
- 31 one Illinois college or university for an aggregate period of
- 32 at least 7 years. "Domestic partner" means 2 individuals of the
- 33 <u>same gender who (1) live together in a long-term relationship</u>
- of indefinite duration; (2) have resided together at the same

address for at least 12 months; (3) are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside; (4) are not married to any other person; and (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in which they agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and to share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person receiving a retirement or disability retirement annuity under the Illinois Pension Code based on at least 7 years of service with one or more than one Illinois college or university, including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

To be eligible to receive a <u>full tuition discount partial</u> tuition waiver, the <u>person child of an employee of an Illinois</u> college or university (i) <u>if a child</u>, must be under the age of 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the <u>full tuition discount partial tuition waiver</u> is to be effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to Northeastern Illinois University under the same admissions requirements, standards and policies which Northeastern Illinois University applies to applicants for admission generally to its respective undergraduate colleges and programs.

- (c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection (b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his or her <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver renewed until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver benefits under this Section.
- (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- (e) The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations as are necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this

- 1 Section.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96; 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.)
- 3 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended 4 by changing Section 30-90 as follows:
- 5 (110 ILCS 685/30-90)
- 6 Sec. 30-90. Full tuition discount Partial tuition waivers.
- 7 (a) As used in this Section, "Illinois college or university" means any of the following: the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois
- 13 University.
  - (b) Each year the Board of Northern Illinois University 14 15 shall offer 100% tuition discounts 50% tuition waivers for undergraduate education at any campus under its governance to 16 17 the children, spouses, and domestic partners of employees, 18 including retired employees, of an Illinois college or university who have been employed by any one or by more than 19 one Illinois college or university for an aggregate period of 20 21 at least 7 years. "Domestic partner" means 2 individuals of the same gender who (1) live together in a long-term relationship 22 of indefinite duration; (2) have resided together at the same 23 24 address for at least 12 months; (3) are not related by blood to 25 a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside; (4) are not married to any 26 other person; and (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in 27 which they agree to be jointly responsible for each other's 28 29 common welfare and to share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person receiving a retirement or disability 30 retirement annuity under the Illinois Pension Code based on at 31 least 7 years of service with one or more than one Illinois 32 33 college or university, including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on the effective date of this 34

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2 To be eligible to receive a full tuition discount partial tuition waiver, the person child of an employee of an Illinois 3 college or university (i) if a child, must be under the age of 4 5 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the full tuition discount partial tuition waiver is to be 6 effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to Northern 7 Illinois University under the same admissions requirements, 8 9 standards and policies which Northern Illinois University applies to applicants for admission generally to its respective 10 11 undergraduate colleges and programs.

- (c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection (b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his or her <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver renewed until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver benefits under this Section.
- 19 (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered 20 or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the 21 provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition 22 waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher 23 Education.
- 24 (e) The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations as are 25 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this 26 Section.
- 27 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96; 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.)
- Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended by changing Section 35-90 as follows:
- 30 (110 ILCS 690/35-90)
- 31 Sec. 35-90. Full tuition discount Partial tuition waivers.
- 32 (a) As used in this Section, "Illinois college or 33 university" means any of the following: the University of 34 Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State

1 University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State

University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois

3 University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois

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(b) Each year the Board of Western Illinois University shall offer 100% tuition discounts 50% tuition waivers for undergraduate education at any campus under its governance to the children, spouses, and domestic partners of employees, including retired employees, of an Illinois college or university who have been employed by any one or by more than one Illinois college or university for an aggregate period of at least 7 years. "Domestic partner" means 2 individuals of the same gender who (1) live together in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration; (2) have resided together at the same address for at least 12 months; (3) are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside; (4) are not married to any other person; and (5) have an exclusive mutual commitment in which they agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and to share financial obligations. "Retired employee" means a person receiving a retirement or disability retirement annuity under the Illinois Pension Code based on at least 7 years of service with one or more than one Illinois college or university, including a person who already is receiving such an annuity on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

To be eligible to receive a <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver, the <u>person child of an employee of an Illinois college or university</u> (i) <u>if a child,</u> must be under the age of 25 at the commencement of the academic year during which the <u>full tuition discount partial tuition waiver</u> is to be effective, and (ii) must qualify for admission to Western Illinois University under the same admissions requirements, standards and policies which Western Illinois University applies to applicants for admission generally to its respective undergraduate colleges and programs.

- (c) Subject to the provisions and limitations of subsection
  (b), an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain
  satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have his
  or her <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver renewed
  until the time as he or she has expended 4 years of
  undergraduate <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver
- 8 (d) No <u>full tuition discount</u> partial tuition waiver offered 9 or allocated to any eligible applicant in accordance with the 10 provisions of this Section shall be charged against any tuition 11 waiver limitation established by the Illinois Board of Higher
- 12 Education.

- 13 (e) The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations as are
  14 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this
- 15 Section.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96; 90-282, eff. 1-1-98.)

benefits under this Section.

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