

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) The Board of Trustees shall establish an admissions
15 process in which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to
16 submit an application for admission to the University as a
17 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
18 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
19 University may request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs
20 confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably discharged
21 veteran who was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

23 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
24 Act is amended by changing Section 8e as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

2 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

3 (a) Commencing in the fall of 1993, no new student shall
4 then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in any of the
5 departments or colleges of the University unless such student
6 also has satisfactorily completed:

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

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

12 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
13 and government);

14 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
15 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
16 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

21 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
22 applicants if the institution determines through
23 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
24 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational
25 education courses and courses taken in a charter school
26 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the

1 applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially
2 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be
3 acquired in the high school courses required for admission.
4 The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall
5 not discriminate in the University's admissions process
6 against an applicant for admission because of the
7 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
8 under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also
9 admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to
10 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in
11 high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants
12 who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance
13 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
14 providing that in either case, the institution
15 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
16 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
17 course deficiencies; and

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

24 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
25 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
26 coursework required by subsection (a).

1 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
2 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
3 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
4 a prerequisite to admission.

5 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
6 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
7 application for admission to the University as a freshman
8 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
9 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
10 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
11 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
12 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

14 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
15 changing Section 5-85 as follows:

16 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

17 Sec. 5-85. Admissions ~~Admission requirements~~.

18 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
19 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University
20 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

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

23 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
24 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2

1 years may be collegiate level instruction;

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

4 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
5 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
6 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

11 (2) except that Chicago State University may admit
12 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
13 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
14 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
15 and courses taken in a charter school established under
16 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
17 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
18 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
19 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
20 Trustees of Chicago State University shall not
21 discriminate in the University's admissions process
22 against an applicant for admission because of the
23 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
24 under Article 27A of the School Code. Chicago State
25 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
26 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory

1 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
2 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
3 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
4 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
5 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
6 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
7 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

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

14 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
15 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
16 coursework required by subsection (a).

17 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
18 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
19 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
20 a prerequisite to admission.

21 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
22 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
23 application for admission to the University as a freshman
24 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
25 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
26 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the

1 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
2 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

4 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
5 by changing Section 10-85 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

7 Sec. 10-85. Admissions ~~Admission requirements~~.

8 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
9 of the departments or colleges of the Eastern Illinois
10 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
11 completed:

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

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

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

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

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

23 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language (which
24 may be deemed to include American Sign Language),

1 music, vocational education or art;

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

25 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
26 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be

1 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
2 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
3 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
4 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

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

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

12 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
13 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
14 application for admission to the University as a freshman
15 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
16 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
17 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
18 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
19 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

21 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended
22 by changing Section 15-85 as follows:

23 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

24 Sec. 15-85. Admissions ~~Admission requirements~~.

1 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
2 of the departments or colleges of the Governors State
3 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
4 completed:

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

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

10 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
11 and government);

12 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
13 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
14 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

19 (2) except that Governors State University may admit
20 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
21 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
22 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
23 and courses taken in a charter school established under
24 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
25 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
26 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the

1 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
2 Trustees of Governors State University shall not
3 discriminate in the University's admissions process
4 against an applicant for admission because of the
5 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
6 under Article 27A of the School Code. Governors State
7 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
8 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
9 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
10 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
11 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
12 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
13 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
14 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
15 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

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

22 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
23 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
24 coursework required by subsection (a).

25 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
26 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT

1 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
2 a prerequisite to admission.

3 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
4 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
5 application for admission to the University as a freshman
6 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
7 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
8 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
9 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
10 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

12 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by
13 changing Section 20-85 as follows:

14 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

15 Sec. 20-85. Admissions ~~Admission requirements~~.

16 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
17 of the departments or colleges of the Illinois State University
18 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

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

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

24 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history

1 and government);

2 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
3 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
4 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

9 (2) except that Illinois State University may admit
10 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
11 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
12 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
13 and courses taken in a charter school established under
14 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
15 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
16 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
17 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
18 Trustees of Illinois State University shall not
19 discriminate in the University's admissions process
20 against an applicant for admission because of the
21 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
22 under Article 27A of the School Code. Illinois State
23 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
24 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
25 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
26 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal

1 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
2 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
3 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
4 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
5 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

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

12 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
13 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
14 coursework required by subsection (a).

15 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
16 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
17 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
18 a prerequisite to admission.

19 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
20 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
21 application for admission to the University as a freshman
22 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
23 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
24 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
25 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
26 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

2 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
3 amended by changing Section 25-85 as follows:

4 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

5 Sec. 25-85. Admissions ~~Admission requirements~~.

6 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
7 of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern Illinois
8 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
9 completed:

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

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

15 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
16 and government);

17 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
18 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
19 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

24 (2) except that Northeastern Illinois University may

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

23 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
24 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
25 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
26 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences

1 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
2 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

3 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
4 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
5 coursework required by subsection (a).

6 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
7 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
8 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
9 a prerequisite to admission.

10 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
11 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
12 application for admission to the University as a freshman
13 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
14 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
15 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
16 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
17 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

19 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended
20 by changing Section 30-85 as follows:

21 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

22 Sec. 30-85. Admissions ~~Admission requirements~~.

23 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
24 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois

1 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
2 completed:

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

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

8 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
9 and government);

10 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
11 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
12 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

17 (2) except that Northern Illinois University may admit
18 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
19 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
20 coursework taken, including vocational education courses
21 and courses taken in a charter school established under
22 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
23 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
24 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
25 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
26 Trustees of Northern Illinois University shall not

1 discriminate in the University's admissions process
2 against an applicant for admission because of the
3 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
4 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northern Illinois
5 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
6 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
7 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
8 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
9 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
10 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
11 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
12 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
13 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

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

20 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
21 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
22 coursework required by subsection (a).

23 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
24 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
25 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
26 a prerequisite to admission.

1 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
2 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
3 application for admission to the University as a freshman
4 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
5 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
6 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
7 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
8 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

10 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
11 by changing Section 35-85 as follows:

12 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

13 Sec. 35-85. Admissions ~~Admission requirements~~.

14 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
15 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois
16 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
17 completed:

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

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

23 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
24 and government);

1 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
2 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
3 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

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

1 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
2 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
3 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
4 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

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

11 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
12 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
13 coursework required by subsection (a).

14 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
15 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT
16 shall not be required to take a high school equivalency test as
17 a prerequisite to admission.

18 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
19 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
20 application for admission to the University as a freshman
21 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
22 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
23 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
24 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
25 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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

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