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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/7f-5 new
110 ILCS 520/8f-5 new
110 ILCS 660/5-92 new
110 ILCS 665/10-90.5 new
110 ILCS 670/15-92 new
110 ILCS 675/20-92 new
110 ILCS 680/25-92 new
110 ILCS 685/30-92 new
110 ILCS 690/35-92 new

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that each academic year the board of trustees of each public university shall offer a full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus under the board's governance or supervision to any Illinois resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard, the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps program related to any of these armed service branches and was relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's undergraduate education. Provides that to be eligible to receive a waiver, the individual must: (i) apply for the waiver; (ii) provide documentary proof of service, of prior tuition assistance, and of discharge; and (iii) qualify for admission to the university under the same admission requirements, standards, and policies that the university applies to applicants for admission generally to the university's respective undergraduate colleges and programs. Provides that an eligible applicant who has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate full-tuition benefits. Requires the board to adopt rules as necessary for implementation and administration.

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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 University of Illinois Act is amended by
5 adding Section 7f-5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/7f-5 new)

7 Sec. 7f-5. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

8 (a) Each academic year the Board of Trustees shall offer a
9 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
10 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
11 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,
12 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
13 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
14 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
15 program related to any of these armed service branches and was
16 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
17 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
18 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
19 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to
20 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
21 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
22 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's
23 undergraduate education.

1 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
2 individual must:

3 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set
4 forth by the Board;

5 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
6 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
7 involuntary; and

8 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
9 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
10 the University applies to applicants for admission
11 generally to the University's respective undergraduate
12 colleges and programs.

13 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
14 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress
15 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
16 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
17 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

18 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
19 and administer this Section.

20 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
21 Act is amended by adding Section 8f-5 as follows:

22 (110 ILCS 520/8f-5 new)

23 Sec. 8f-5. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

24 (a) Each academic year the Board shall offer a

1 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
2 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
3 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,
4 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
5 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
6 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
7 program related to any of these armed service branches and was
8 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
9 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
10 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
11 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to
12 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
13 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
14 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's
15 undergraduate education.

16 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
17 individual must:

18 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set
19 forth by the Board;

20 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
21 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
22 involuntary; and

23 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
24 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
25 the University applies to applicants for admission
26 generally to the University's respective undergraduate

1 colleges and programs.

2 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
3 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress
4 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
5 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
6 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

7 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
8 and administer this Section.

9 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
10 adding Section 5-92 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 660/5-92 new)

12 Sec. 5-92. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

13 (a) Each academic year the Board shall offer a
14 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
15 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
16 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,
17 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
18 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
19 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
20 program related to any of these armed service branches and was
21 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
22 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
23 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
24 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to

1 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
2 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
3 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's
4 undergraduate education.

5 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
6 individual must:

7 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set
8 forth by the Board;

9 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
10 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
11 involuntary; and

12 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
13 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
14 the University applies to applicants for admission
15 generally to the University's respective undergraduate
16 colleges and programs.

17 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
18 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress
19 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
20 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
21 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

22 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
23 and administer this Section.

24 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
25 by adding Section 10-90.5 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 665/10-90.5 new)

2 Sec. 10-90.5. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

3 (a) Each academic year the Board shall offer a
4 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
5 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
6 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,
7 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
8 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
9 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
10 program related to any of these armed service branches and was
11 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
12 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
13 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
14 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to
15 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
16 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
17 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's
18 undergraduate education.

19 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
20 individual must:

21 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set
22 forth by the Board;

23 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
24 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
25 involuntary; and

1 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
2 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
3 the University applies to applicants for admission
4 generally to the University's respective undergraduate
5 colleges and programs.

6 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
7 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress
8 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
9 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
10 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

11 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
12 and administer this Section.

13 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended
14 by adding Section 15-92 as follows:

15 (110 ILCS 670/15-92 new)

16 Sec. 15-92. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

17 (a) Each academic year the Board shall offer a
18 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
19 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
20 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,
21 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
22 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
23 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
24 program related to any of these armed service branches and was

1 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
2 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
3 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
4 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to
5 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
6 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
7 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's
8 undergraduate education.

9 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
10 individual must:

11 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set
12 forth by the Board;

13 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
14 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
15 involuntary; and

16 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
17 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
18 the University applies to applicants for admission
19 generally to the University's respective undergraduate
20 colleges and programs.

21 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
22 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress
23 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
24 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
25 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

26 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement

1 and administer this Section.

2 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended
3 by adding Section 20-92 as follows:

4 (110 ILCS 675/20-92 new)

5 Sec. 20-92. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

6 (a) Each academic year the Board shall offer a
7 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
8 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
9 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,
10 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
11 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
12 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
13 program related to any of these armed service branches and was
14 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
15 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
16 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
17 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to
18 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
19 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
20 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's
21 undergraduate education.

22 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
23 individual must:

24 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set

1 forth by the Board;

2 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
3 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
4 involuntary; and

5 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
6 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
7 the University applies to applicants for admission
8 generally to the University's respective undergraduate
9 colleges and programs.

10 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
11 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress
12 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
13 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
14 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

15 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
16 and administer this Section.

17 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
18 amended by adding Section 25-92 as follows:

19 (110 ILCS 680/25-92 new)

20 Sec. 25-92. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

21 (a) Each academic year the Board shall offer a
22 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
23 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
24 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,

1 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
2 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
3 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
4 program related to any of these armed service branches and was
5 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
6 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
7 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
8 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to
9 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
10 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
11 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's
12 undergraduate education.

13 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
14 individual must:

15 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set
16 forth by the Board;

17 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
18 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
19 involuntary; and

20 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
21 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
22 the University applies to applicants for admission
23 generally to the University's respective undergraduate
24 colleges and programs.

25 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
26 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress

1 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
2 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
3 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

4 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
5 and administer this Section.

6 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is
7 amended by adding Section 30-92 as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 685/30-92 new)

9 Sec. 30-92. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

10 (a) Each academic year the Board shall offer a
11 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
12 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
13 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,
14 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
15 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
16 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
17 program related to any of these armed service branches and was
18 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
19 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
20 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
21 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to
22 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
23 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
24 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's

1 undergraduate education.

2 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
3 individual must:

4 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set
5 forth by the Board;

6 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
7 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
8 involuntary; and

9 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
10 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
11 the University applies to applicants for admission
12 generally to the University's respective undergraduate
13 colleges and programs.

14 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
15 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress
16 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
17 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
18 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

19 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
20 and administer this Section.

21 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
22 by adding Section 35-92 as follows:

23 (110 ILCS 690/35-92 new)

24 Sec. 35-92. Tuition waiver for armed service discharge.

1 (a) Each academic year the Board shall offer a
2 full-tuition waiver for undergraduate education at any campus
3 under the Board's governance or supervision to any Illinois
4 resident who: (i) was serving in the Illinois National Guard,
5 the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the
6 United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United
7 States Space Force, or a Reserve Officers' Training Corps
8 program related to any of these armed service branches and was
9 relying on full-tuition or partial-tuition assistance to
10 complete the person's undergraduate education; (ii) has been
11 discharged from service, either forcibly or by being given the
12 choice of voluntary discharge or forced discharge, due to
13 changes in federal policy leading to that person's discharge
14 for reasons unrelated to performance; and (iii) has lost that
15 tuition assistance prior to completion of the person's
16 undergraduate education.

17 To be eligible to receive a waiver under this Section, the
18 individual must:

19 (1) apply for the waiver in a form and manner as set
20 forth by the Board;

21 (2) provide documentary proof of service, of prior
22 tuition assistance, and of discharge, whether voluntary or
23 involuntary; and

24 (3) qualify for admission to the University under the
25 same admission requirements, standards, and policies that
26 the University applies to applicants for admission

1 generally to the University's respective undergraduate
2 colleges and programs.

3 (b) Subject to subsection (a), an eligible applicant who
4 has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress
5 toward graduation may have the individual's waiver renewed
6 until the individual has expended 4 years of undergraduate
7 full-tuition benefits under this Section.

8 (c) The Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
9 and administer this Section.