

HB0379



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0379

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.36 new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires each public university to submit to the Board of Higher Education a study of the costs of making available online 4 of the university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the university. Sets forth what must be included in the cost study. Requires the Board of Higher Education to use new and existing data to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree plans identified by the universities; sets forth other Board requirements.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Board of Higher Education Act is amended by
5 adding Section 9.36 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.36 new)

7 Sec. 9.36. Online degree plans; cost study.

8 (a) Each public university shall submit to the Board a
9 study of the costs of making available online 4 of the
10 university's most popular degree programs, as determined by the
11 university. Each university's reported cost study must include
12 the methodology used for the cost study and an explanation for
13 each expense listed in the study.

14 (b) The Board shall use new and existing data, including
15 performance measures, ongoing research studies, and survey
16 data, to evaluate probable student outcomes for online degree
17 plans identified by the universities. The Board shall do the
18 following:

19 (1) analyze and compare all reported cost studies under
20 this Section and corresponding student outcomes to
21 determine the most efficient and effective of the proposed
22 online degree plans among those universities generally;
23 and

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(2) notify each university of its conclusions.