

# HB0226



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB0226

Introduced 1/22/2021, by Rep. LaToya Greenwood

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Higher Education Fair Admissions Act. Provides that a public institution of higher education may not require applicants who are residents of Illinois to submit standardized college admissions test scores to the institution as a part of the admissions process. Provides that the submission of standardized test scores to the institution shall be at the option of the applicant. Requires the adoption of a policy. Effective January 1, 2022.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Higher  
5 Education Fair Admissions Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means  
8 the University of Illinois; Southern Illinois University;  
9 Chicago State University; Eastern Illinois University;  
10 Governors State University; Illinois State University;  
11 Northeastern Illinois University; Northern Illinois  
12 University; Western Illinois University; the public community  
13 colleges of the State; and any other public universities,  
14 colleges, and community colleges now or hereafter established  
15 or authorized by the General Assembly.

16 "Standardized test score" means the composite score or any  
17 subscores on the ACT or SAT college admissions test or any  
18 other standardized college admissions test.

19 Section 10. Test-optional admission policy.

20 (a) Each institution of higher education shall adopt a  
21 test-optional policy as part of its undergraduate admissions  
22 process. Under this policy, an institution may not require

1 applicants who are residents of the State of Illinois to  
2 submit standardized test scores to the institution as a part  
3 of the admissions process, and the submission of standardized  
4 test scores to the institution shall be at the option of the  
5 applicant.

6 (b) Subject to subsection (a), nothing in this Act shall  
7 be construed to limit the admissions requirements, standards,  
8 or policies of an institution of higher education.

9 Section 90. Rules. The Board of Higher Education may adopt  
10 any rules necessary to implement this Act.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
12 1, 2022.