

SB1639



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1639

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.40 new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish an online statewide direct admissions program to provide more high school seniors with the opportunity to obtain a postsecondary certificate or degree. Provides that the Board shall receive the grades of each high school student from district uploads to the Board. Provides that a student shall receive conditional acceptance to a public university or to a public community college based on his or her grade point average and college entrance examination scores relative to the benchmark grade point average and college entrance examination score set by the Board. Sets forth additional provisions of the program. Effective January 1, 2023.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning higher 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 9.40 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.40 new)

7 Sec. 9.40. Direct admissions program.

8 (a) The Board of Higher Education shall create an online
9 statewide direct admissions program to provide more high
10 school seniors with the opportunity to obtain a postsecondary
11 certificate or degree. The Board shall model the program after
12 the Direct Admissions initiative in Idaho. The Board shall
13 receive the grades of each high school student from school
14 district uploads to the State Board of Education. The Board
15 shall establish a benchmark grade point average and college
16 entrance examination score to determine a student's admission
17 eligibility. A student at or above the benchmark shall be
18 conditionally admitted, pending the student's successful
19 completion of high school, to the following public
20 universities: University of Illinois, Southern Illinois
21 University, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois
22 University, Governors State University, Illinois State
23 University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern

1 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or any other
2 public university or college now or hereafter established or
3 authorized by the General Assembly. A student who does not
4 meet the benchmark grade point average and college entrance
5 examination score shall be conditionally admitted, pending the
6 student's successful completion of high school, to the public
7 community college located in his or her district.

8 (b) A student and his or her family shall receive
9 notification separately about the student's conditional
10 acceptance. The notification shall encourage the student to
11 research the academic, professional, technical, and vocational
12 programs offered by the public universities and community
13 colleges located in the State. The student must complete and
14 submit a direct admissions application for admission to the
15 institution or institutions of his or her choice. The student
16 shall not be required to pay an application fee for admission
17 to the institution or institutions to which he or she applies.
18 Any application fee associated with the direct admissions
19 application form shall be credited on the student's first
20 tuition statement issued by the institution.

21 (c) The Board shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
22 this program.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
24 1, 2023.