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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/125 new
110 ILCS 520/105 new
110 ILCS 660/5-215 new
110 ILCS 665/5-215 new
110 ILCS 670/15-215 new
110 ILCS 675/20-220 new
110 ILCS 680/25-215 new
110 ILCS 685/30-225 new
110 ILCS 690/35-220 new
110 ILCS 805/3-29.21 new

Amends the University of Illinois Act, the Southern Illinois University Management Act, the Chicago State University Law, the Eastern Illinois University Law, the Governors State University Law, the Illinois State University Law, the Northeastern Illinois University Law, the Northern Illinois University Law, the Western Illinois University Law, and the Public Community College Act. Requires a university or community college to provide all necessary coursework materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this Section who meets all of the following qualifications: (a) the student is a resident of the State; (b) the student graduated from an approved high school in the State; (c) the student is enrolled for the upcoming semester or term at the university or community college; and (d) as applicable to a university, the student has not previously earned or received a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or equivalent of coursework or as applicable to a community college, the student has not previously earned or received an associate's degree or attended 60 credit hours or equivalent of coursework. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

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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 125 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/125 new)

7 Sec. 125. Free course materials.

8 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
9 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
10 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
11 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
12 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
13 the University.

14 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
15 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
16 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
17 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
18 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

19 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

20 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
21 in the State.

22 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
23 or term at the University.

1 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
2 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or
3 equivalent of coursework.

4 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
5 Act is amended by adding Section 105 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 520/105 new)

7 Sec. 105. Free course materials.

8 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
9 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
10 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
11 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
12 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
13 the University.

14 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
15 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
16 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
17 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
18 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

19 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

20 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
21 in the State.

22 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
23 or term at the University.

24 (4) The student has not previously earned or received

1 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or
2 equivalent of coursework.

3 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
4 adding Section 5-215 as follows:

5 (110 ILCS 660/5-215 new)

6 Sec. 5-215. Free course materials.

7 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
8 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
9 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
10 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
11 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
12 the University.

13 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
14 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
15 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
16 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
17 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

18 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

19 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
20 in the State.

21 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
22 or term at the University.

23 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
24 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or

1 equivalent of coursework.

2 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
3 by adding Section 5-215 as follows:

4 (110 ILCS 665/5-215 new)

5 Sec. 5-215. Free course materials.

6 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
7 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
8 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
9 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
10 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
11 the University.

12 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
13 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
14 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
15 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
16 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

17 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

18 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
19 in the State.

20 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
21 or term at the University.

22 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
23 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or
24 equivalent of coursework.

1 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended
2 by adding Section 15-215 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 670/15-215 new)

4 Sec. 15-215. Free course materials.

5 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
6 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
7 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
8 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
9 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
10 the University.

11 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
12 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
13 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
14 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
15 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

16 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

17 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
18 in the State.

19 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
20 or term at the University.

21 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
22 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or
23 equivalent of coursework.

1 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended
2 by adding Section 20-220 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 675/20-220 new)

4 Sec. 20-220. Free course materials.

5 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
6 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
7 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
8 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
9 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
10 the University.

11 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
12 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
13 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
14 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
15 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

16 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

17 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
18 in the State.

19 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
20 or term at the University.

21 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
22 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or
23 equivalent of coursework.

24 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is

1 amended by adding Section 25-215 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 680/25-215 new)

3 Sec. 25-215. Free course materials.

4 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
5 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
6 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
7 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
8 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
9 the University.

10 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
11 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
12 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
13 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
14 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

15 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

16 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
17 in the State.

18 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
19 or term at the University.

20 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
21 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or
22 equivalent of coursework.

23 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is
24 amended by adding Section 30-225 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 685/30-225 new)

2 Sec. 30-225. Free course materials.

3 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
4 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
5 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
6 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
7 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
8 the University.

9 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
10 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
11 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
12 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
13 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

14 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

15 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
16 in the State.

17 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
18 or term at the University.

19 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
20 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or
21 equivalent of coursework.

22 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
23 by adding Section 35-220 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 690/35-220 new)

2 Sec. 35-220. Free course materials.

3 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
4 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
5 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
6 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
7 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
8 the University.

9 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
10 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
11 2023, the University shall provide all necessary coursework
12 materials for rental, free of charge to any student under this
13 Section who meets all of the following qualifications:

14 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

15 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
16 in the State.

17 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
18 or term at the University.

19 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
20 a bachelor's degree or attended 135 credit hours or
21 equivalent of coursework.

22 Section 50. The Public Community College Act is amended by
23 adding Section 3-29.21 as follows:

24 (110 ILCS 805/3-29.21 new)

1 Sec. 3-29.21. Free course materials.

2 (a) For purposes of this Section, "coursework materials"
3 means all digital or non-digital books, workbooks, and
4 textbooks; required course software; computer disks; website
5 access; and electronically distributed materials utilized for,
6 or in conjunction with, a course in postsecondary education at
7 a community college.

8 (b) In order to make higher education more accessible and
9 attainable for everyone in the State, beginning on July 1,
10 2023, each community college shall provide all necessary
11 coursework materials for rental, free of charge to any student
12 under this Section who meets all of the following
13 qualifications:

14 (1) The student is a resident of the State.

15 (2) The student graduated from an approved high school
16 in the State.

17 (3) The student is enrolled for the upcoming semester
18 or term at the community college.

19 (4) The student has not previously earned or received
20 an associate's degree or attended 60 credit hours or
21 equivalent of coursework.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.