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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/8	from Ch. 144, par. 29
110 ILCS 520/8e	from Ch. 144, par. 658e
110 ILCS 660/5-85	
110 ILCS 665/10-85	
110 ILCS 670/15-85	
110 ILCS 675/20-85	
110 ILCS 680/25-85	
110 ILCS 685/30-85	
110 ILCS 690/35-85	

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Provides that if a public university has a law school, medical school, or nursing program, the governing board of the university shall establish an admissions process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural students; defines "rural student". Provides that the governing board shall require each of these rural students to agree to return to the county where the student's primary residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation from the law school, medical school, or nursing program. Effective July 1, 2024.

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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 changing Section 8 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 29)

7 Sec. 8. Admissions.

8 (a) (Blank).

9 (b) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
10 of the departments or colleges of the University unless such
11 student also has satisfactorily completed:

12 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
13 the following 5 categories:

14 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
15 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
16 years may be collegiate level instruction;

17 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
18 and government);

19 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
20 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
21 fundamentals of computer programming);

22 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
23 agricultural sciences); and

1 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
2 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
3 Language), music, career and technical education,
4 agricultural education, or art;

5 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
6 applicants if the institution determines through
7 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
8 outcomes of the coursework taken, including career and
9 technical education courses and courses taken in a charter
10 school established under Article 27A of the School Code,
11 that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills
12 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills
13 expected to be acquired in the high school courses
14 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of the
15 University of Illinois shall not discriminate in the
16 University's admissions process against an applicant for
17 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a
18 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
19 Code. Institutions may also admit 1) applicants who did
20 not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college
21 preparatory curriculum in high school, and 2)
22 educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to
23 the formal organized special assistance programs that are
24 tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in
25 either case, the institution incorporates in the
26 applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other

1 academic activities that compensate for course
2 deficiencies; and

3 (3) except that up to 3 of the 15 units of coursework
4 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
5 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
6 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
7 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
8 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

9 (c) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
10 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
11 coursework required by subsection (b).

12 (d) A student who has graduated from high school and has
13 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
14 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
15 test as a prerequisite to admission.

16 (e) The Board of Trustees shall establish an admissions
17 process in which honorably discharged veterans are permitted
18 to submit an application for admission to the University as a
19 freshman student enrolling in the spring semester if the
20 veteran was on active duty during the fall semester. The
21 University may request that the Department of Veterans'
22 Affairs confirm the status of an applicant as an honorably
23 discharged veteran who was on active duty during the fall
24 semester.

25 (f) For purposes of this subsection (f), "rural student"
26 means a student residing in this State whose primary residence

1 is not in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake
2 County, McHenry County, or Will County.

3 If the University has a law school, medical school, or
4 nursing program, the Board of Trustees shall establish an
5 admissions process in which 25% of the students admitted to
6 the law school, medical school, or nursing program shall be
7 rural students. The Board of Trustees shall require each of
8 these rural students to agree to return to the county where the
9 student's primary residence was located for a period of 3
10 years after graduation from the law school, medical school, or
11 nursing program.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

13 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management
14 Act is amended by changing Section 8e as follows:

15 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)

16 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

17 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
18 of the departments or colleges of the University unless such
19 student also has satisfactorily completed:

20 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
21 the following 5 categories:

22 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
23 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
24 years may be collegiate level instruction;

1 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
2 and government);

3 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
4 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
5 fundamentals of computer programming);

6 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
7 agricultural sciences); and

8 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
9 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
10 Language), music, career and technical education,
11 agricultural education, or art;

12 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
13 applicants if the institution determines through
14 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
15 outcomes of the coursework taken, including career and
16 technical education courses and courses taken in a charter
17 school established under Article 27A of the School Code,
18 that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills
19 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills
20 expected to be acquired in the high school courses
21 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Southern
22 Illinois University shall not discriminate in the
23 University's admissions process against an applicant for
24 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a
25 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
26 Code. Institutions may also admit 1) applicants who did

1 not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college
2 preparatory curriculum in high school, and 2)
3 educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to
4 the formal organized special assistance programs that are
5 tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in
6 either case, the institution incorporates in the
7 applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other
8 academic activities that compensate for course
9 deficiencies; and

10 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
11 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
12 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
13 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
14 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
15 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

16 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
17 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
18 coursework required by subsection (a).

19 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
20 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
21 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
22 test as a prerequisite to admission.

23 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
24 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
25 application for admission to the University as a freshman
26 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on

1 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
2 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
3 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
4 was on active duty during the fall semester.

5 (e) For purposes of this subsection (e), "rural student"
6 means a student residing in this State whose primary residence
7 is not in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake
8 County, McHenry County, or Will County.

9 If the University has a law school, medical school, or
10 nursing program, the Board shall establish an admissions
11 process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law
12 school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural
13 students. The Board shall require each of these rural students
14 to agree to return to the county where the student's primary
15 residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation
16 from the law school, medical school, or nursing program.

17 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

18 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
19 changing Section 5-85 as follows:

20 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

21 Sec. 5-85. Admissions.

22 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
23 of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University
24 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

1 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
2 the following 5 categories:

3 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
4 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
5 years may be collegiate level instruction;

6 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
7 and government);

8 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
9 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
10 fundamentals of computer programming);

11 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
12 agricultural sciences); and

13 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
14 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
15 Language), music, career and technical education,
16 agricultural education, or art;

17 (2) except that Chicago State University may admit
18 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
19 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
20 coursework taken, including career and technical education
21 courses and courses taken in a charter school established
22 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
23 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
24 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
25 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
26 Trustees of Chicago State University shall not

1 discriminate in the University's admissions process
2 against an applicant for admission because of the
3 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
4 under Article 27A of the School Code. Chicago State
5 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
6 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
7 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
8 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
9 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
10 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
11 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
12 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
13 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

14 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
15 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
16 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
17 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
18 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
19 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

20 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
21 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
22 coursework required by subsection (a).

23 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
24 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
25 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
26 test as a prerequisite to admission.

1 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
2 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
3 application for admission to the University as a freshman
4 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
5 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
6 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
7 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
8 was on active duty during the fall semester.

9 (e) For purposes of this subsection (e), "rural student"
10 means a student residing in this State whose primary residence
11 is not in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake
12 County, McHenry County, or Will County.

13 If the University has a law school, medical school, or
14 nursing program, the Board shall establish an admissions
15 process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law
16 school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural
17 students. The Board shall require each of these rural students
18 to agree to return to the county where the student's primary
19 residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation
20 from the law school, medical school, or nursing program.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

22 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
23 by changing Section 10-85 as follows:

24 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

1 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

2 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
3 of the departments or colleges of the Eastern Illinois
4 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
5 completed:

6 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
7 the following 5 categories:

8 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
9 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
10 years may be collegiate level instruction;

11 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
12 and government);

13 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
14 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
15 fundamentals of computer programming);

16 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
17 agricultural sciences); and

18 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
19 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
20 Language), music, career and technical education,
21 agricultural education, or art;

22 (2) except that Eastern Illinois University may admit
23 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
24 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
25 coursework taken, including career and technical education
26 courses and courses taken in a charter school established

1 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
2 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
3 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
4 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
5 Trustees of Eastern Illinois University shall not
6 discriminate in the University's admissions process
7 against an applicant for admission because of the
8 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
9 under Article 27A of the School Code. Eastern Illinois
10 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
11 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
12 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
13 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
14 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
15 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
16 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
17 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
18 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

19 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
20 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
21 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
22 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
23 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
24 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

25 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
26 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the

1 coursework required by subsection (a).

2 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
3 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
4 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
5 test as a prerequisite to admission.

6 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
7 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
8 application for admission to the University as a freshman
9 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
10 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
11 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
12 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
13 was on active duty during the fall semester.

14 (e) For purposes of this subsection (e), "rural student"
15 means a student residing in this State whose primary residence
16 is not in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake
17 County, McHenry County, or Will County.

18 If the University has a law school, medical school, or
19 nursing program, the Board shall establish an admissions
20 process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law
21 school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural
22 students. The Board shall require each of these rural students
23 to agree to return to the county where the student's primary
24 residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation
25 from the law school, medical school, or nursing program.

26 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

1 Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended
2 by changing Section 15-85 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

4 Sec. 15-85. Admissions.

5 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
6 of the departments or colleges of the Governors State
7 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
8 completed:

9 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
10 the following 5 categories:

11 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
12 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
13 years may be collegiate level instruction;

14 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
15 and government);

16 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
17 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
18 fundamentals of computer programming);

19 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
20 agricultural sciences); and

21 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
22 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
23 Language), music, career and technical education,
24 agricultural education, or art;

1 (2) except that Governors State University may admit
2 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
3 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
4 coursework taken, including career and technical education
5 courses and courses taken in a charter school established
6 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
7 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
8 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
9 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
10 Trustees of Governors State University shall not
11 discriminate in the University's admissions process
12 against an applicant for admission because of the
13 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
14 under Article 27A of the School Code. Governors State
15 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
16 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
17 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
18 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
19 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
20 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
21 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
22 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
23 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

24 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
25 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
26 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from

1 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
2 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
3 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

4 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
5 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
6 coursework required by subsection (a).

7 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
8 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
9 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
10 test as a prerequisite to admission.

11 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
12 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
13 application for admission to the University as a freshman
14 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
15 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
16 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
17 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
18 was on active duty during the fall semester.

19 (e) For purposes of this subsection (e), "rural student"
20 means a student residing in this State whose primary residence
21 is not in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake
22 County, McHenry County, or Will County.

23 If the University has a law school, medical school, or
24 nursing program, the Board shall establish an admissions
25 process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law
26 school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural

1 students. The Board shall require each of these rural students
2 to agree to return to the county where the student's primary
3 residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation
4 from the law school, medical school, or nursing program.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

6 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended
7 by changing Section 20-85 as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

9 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

10 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
11 of the departments or colleges of the Illinois State
12 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
13 completed:

14 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
15 the following 5 categories:

16 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
17 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
18 years may be collegiate level instruction;

19 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
20 and government);

21 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
22 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
23 fundamentals of computer programming);

24 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or

1 agricultural sciences); and

2 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
3 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
4 Language), music, career and technical education,
5 agricultural education, or art;

6 (2) except that Illinois State University may admit
7 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
8 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
9 coursework taken, including career and technical education
10 courses and courses taken in a charter school established
11 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
12 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
13 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
14 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
15 Trustees of Illinois State University shall not
16 discriminate in the University's admissions process
17 against an applicant for admission because of the
18 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
19 under Article 27A of the School Code. Illinois State
20 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
21 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
22 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
23 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
24 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
25 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
26 the institution incorporates in the applicant's

1 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
2 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

3 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
4 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
5 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
6 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
7 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
8 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

9 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
10 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
11 coursework required by subsection (a).

12 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
13 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
14 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
15 test as a prerequisite to admission.

16 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
17 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
18 application for admission to the University as a freshman
19 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
20 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
21 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
22 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
23 was on active duty during the fall semester.

24 (e) For purposes of this subsection (e), "rural student"
25 means a student residing in this State whose primary residence
26 is not in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake

1 County, McHenry County, or Will County.

2 If the University has a law school, medical school, or
3 nursing program, the Board shall establish an admissions
4 process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law
5 school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural
6 students. The Board shall require each of these rural students
7 to agree to return to the county where the student's primary
8 residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation
9 from the law school, medical school, or nursing program.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

11 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
12 amended by changing Section 25-85 as follows:

13 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

14 Sec. 25-85. Admissions.

15 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
16 of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern Illinois
17 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
18 completed:

19 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
20 the following 5 categories:

21 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
22 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
23 years may be collegiate level instruction;

24 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history

1 and government);

2 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
3 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
4 fundamentals of computer programming);

5 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
6 agricultural sciences); and

7 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
8 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
9 Language), music, career and technical education,
10 agricultural education, or art;

11 (2) except that Northeastern Illinois University may
12 admit individual applicants if it determines through
13 assessment or through evaluation based on learning
14 outcomes of the coursework taken, including career and
15 technical education courses and courses taken in a charter
16 school established under Article 27A of the School Code,
17 that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills
18 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills
19 expected to be acquired in the high school courses
20 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of
21 Northeastern Illinois University shall not discriminate in
22 the University's admissions process against an applicant
23 for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a
24 charter school established under Article 27A of the School
25 Code. Northeastern Illinois University may also admit (i)
26 applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the

1 minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and
2 (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are
3 admitted to the formal organized special assistance
4 programs that are tailored to the needs of such students,
5 providing that in either case, the institution
6 incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum
7 courses or other academic activities that compensate for
8 course deficiencies; and

9 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
10 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
11 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
12 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
13 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
14 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

15 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
16 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
17 coursework required by subsection (a).

18 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
19 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
20 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
21 test as a prerequisite to admission.

22 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
23 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
24 application for admission to the University as a freshman
25 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
26 active duty during the fall semester. The University may

1 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
2 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
3 was on active duty during the fall semester.

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5 means a student residing in this State whose primary residence
6 is not in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake
7 County, McHenry County, or Will County.

8 If the University has a law school, medical school, or
9 nursing program, the Board shall establish an admissions
10 process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law
11 school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural
12 students. The Board shall require each of these rural students
13 to agree to return to the county where the student's primary
14 residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation
15 from the law school, medical school, or nursing program.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

17 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is
18 amended by changing Section 30-85 as follows:

19 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

20 Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

21 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
22 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
23 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
24 completed:

1 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
2 the following 5 categories:

3 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
4 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
5 years may be collegiate level instruction;

6 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
7 and government);

8 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
9 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
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12 agricultural sciences); and

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20 coursework taken, including career and technical education
21 courses and courses taken in a charter school established
22 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
23 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
24 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
25 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
26 Trustees of Northern Illinois University shall not

1 discriminate in the University's admissions process
2 against an applicant for admission because of the
3 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
4 under Article 27A of the School Code. Northern Illinois
5 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
6 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
7 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
8 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
9 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
10 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
11 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
12 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
13 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

14 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
15 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
16 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
17 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
18 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
19 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

20 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall
21 recognize their obligation to their students to offer the
22 coursework required by subsection (a).

23 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
24 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or
25 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
26 test as a prerequisite to admission.

1 (d) The Board shall establish an admissions process in
2 which honorably discharged veterans are permitted to submit an
3 application for admission to the University as a freshman
4 student enrolling in the spring semester if the veteran was on
5 active duty during the fall semester. The University may
6 request that the Department of Veterans' Affairs confirm the
7 status of an applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who
8 was on active duty during the fall semester.

9 (e) For purposes of this subsection (e), "rural student"
10 means a student residing in this State whose primary residence
11 is not in Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake
12 County, McHenry County, or Will County.

13 If the University has a law school, medical school, or
14 nursing program, the Board shall establish an admissions
15 process in which 25% of the students admitted to the law
16 school, medical school, or nursing program shall be rural
17 students. The Board shall require each of these rural students
18 to agree to return to the county where the student's primary
19 residence was located for a period of 3 years after graduation
20 from the law school, medical school, or nursing program.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-403, eff. 1-1-22; 102-404, eff. 1-1-22.)

22 Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
23 by changing Section 35-85 as follows:

24 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

1 Sec. 35-85. Admissions.

2 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
3 of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois
4 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
5 completed:

6 (1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from
7 the following 5 categories:

8 (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and
9 oral communications and literature), of which up to 2
10 years may be collegiate level instruction;

11 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
12 and government);

13 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through
14 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
15 fundamentals of computer programming);

16 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
17 agricultural sciences); and

18 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language
19 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
20 Language), music, career and technical education,
21 agricultural education, or art;

22 (2) except that Western Illinois University may admit
23 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
24 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
25 coursework taken, including career and technical education
26 courses and courses taken in a charter school established

1 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
2 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
3 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the
4 high school courses required for admission. The Board of
5 Trustees of Western Illinois University shall not
6 discriminate in the University's admissions process
7 against an applicant for admission because of the
8 applicant's enrollment in a charter school established
9 under Article 27A of the School Code. Western Illinois
10 University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have
11 an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory
12 curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally
13 disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal
14 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
15 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
16 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
17 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
18 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

19 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
20 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
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22 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences
23 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5
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1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 2024.