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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/80 new  
110 ILCS 520/65 new  
110 ILCS 660/5-175 new  
110 ILCS 665/10-175 new  
110 ILCS 670/15-175 new  
110 ILCS 675/20-180 new  
110 ILCS 680/25-175 new  
110 ILCS 685/30-185 new  
110 ILCS 690/35-180 new

Amends various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois. Authorizes the governing board of each public university to develop a fixed tuition rate program for qualified students who agree to transfer to the university within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's degree at a public community college in this State. Provides that under the program, the university must (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an associate's degree program at a public community college, on successful completion of the associate's degree program, transfer admission to the university within the 12-month period; and (2) charge tuition to a participating student for any semester or other academic term during a period of at least 24 months following the student's initial enrollment in the university at the same rate the university would have charged to the student during the later of (i) the fall semester of the student's freshman year at the public community college had the student entered the university as a freshman student or (ii) the fall semester of the second academic year preceding the academic year of the student's initial enrollment in the university.

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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 University of Illinois Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 80 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/80 new)

7 Sec. 80. Fixed tuition rate program for certain transfer  
8 students.

9 (a) The Board of Trustees may develop a fixed tuition rate  
10 program for qualified students who agree to transfer to the  
11 University within 12 months after successfully earning an  
12 associate's degree at a public community college in this State.  
13 Under a program developed under this Section, the University  
14 must do the following:

15 (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an  
16 associate's degree program at a public community college,  
17 on successful completion of the associate's degree  
18 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
19 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

20 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
21 charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
22 or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
23 months following the student's initial enrollment in the

1 University at the same rate the University would have  
2 charged to the student during the later of:

3 (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
4 year at the public community college had the student  
5 entered the University as a freshman student; or

6 (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
7 preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
8 enrollment in the University.

9 (b) The Board of Trustees shall prescribe eligibility  
10 requirements for participation in the program and notify  
11 applicants for transfer admission from public community  
12 colleges regarding the program.

13 Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management  
14 Act is amended by adding Section 65 as follows:

15 (110 ILCS 520/65 new)

16 Sec. 65. Fixed tuition rate program for certain transfer  
17 students.

18 (a) The Board may develop a fixed tuition rate program for  
19 qualified students who agree to transfer to the University  
20 within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's  
21 degree at a public community college in this State. Under a  
22 program developed under this Section, the University must do  
23 the following:

24 (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an

1 associate's degree program at a public community college,  
2 on successful completion of the associate's degree  
3 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
4 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

5 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
6 charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
7 or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
8 months following the student's initial enrollment in the  
9 University at the same rate the University would have  
10 charged to the student during the later of:

11 (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
12 year at the public community college had the student  
13 entered the University as a freshman student; or

14 (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
15 preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
16 enrollment in the University.

17 (b) The Board shall prescribe eligibility requirements for  
18 participation in the program and notify applicants for transfer  
19 admission from public community colleges regarding the  
20 program.

21 Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by  
22 adding Section 5-175 as follows:

23 (110 ILCS 660/5-175 new)

24 Sec. 5-175. Fixed tuition rate program for certain transfer

1 students.

2 (a) The Board may develop a fixed tuition rate program for  
3 qualified students who agree to transfer to the University  
4 within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's  
5 degree at a public community college in this State. Under a  
6 program developed under this Section, the University must do  
7 the following:

8 (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an  
9 associate's degree program at a public community college,  
10 on successful completion of the associate's degree  
11 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
12 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

13 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
14 charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
15 or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
16 months following the student's initial enrollment in the  
17 University at the same rate the University would have  
18 charged to the student during the later of:

19 (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
20 year at the public community college had the student  
21 entered the University as a freshman student; or

22 (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
23 preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
24 enrollment in the University.

25 (b) The Board shall prescribe eligibility requirements for  
26 participation in the program and notify applicants for transfer

1 admission from public community colleges regarding the  
2 program.

3 Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended  
4 by adding Section 10-175 as follows:

5 (110 ILCS 665/10-175 new)

6 Sec. 10-175. Fixed tuition rate program for certain  
7 transfer students.

8 (a) The Board may develop a fixed tuition rate program for  
9 qualified students who agree to transfer to the University  
10 within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's  
11 degree at a public community college in this State. Under a  
12 program developed under this Section, the University must do  
13 the following:

14 (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an  
15 associate's degree program at a public community college,  
16 on successful completion of the associate's degree  
17 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
18 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

19 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
20 charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
21 or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
22 months following the student's initial enrollment in the  
23 University at the same rate the University would have  
24 charged to the student during the later of:

1           (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
2           year at the public community college had the student  
3           entered the University as a freshman student; or

4           (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
5           preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
6           enrollment in the University.

7           (b) The Board shall prescribe eligibility requirements for  
8           participation in the program and notify applicants for transfer  
9           admission from public community colleges regarding the  
10           program.

11           Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended  
12           by adding Section 15-175 as follows:

13           (110 ILCS 670/15-175 new)

14           Sec. 15-175. Fixed tuition rate program for certain  
15           transfer students.

16           (a) The Board may develop a fixed tuition rate program for  
17           qualified students who agree to transfer to the University  
18           within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's  
19           degree at a public community college in this State. Under a  
20           program developed under this Section, the University must do  
21           the following:

22           (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an  
23           associate's degree program at a public community college,  
24           on successful completion of the associate's degree

1 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
2 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

3 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
4 charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
5 or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
6 months following the student's initial enrollment in the  
7 University at the same rate the University would have  
8 charged to the student during the later of:

9 (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
10 year at the public community college had the student  
11 entered the University as a freshman student; or

12 (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
13 preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
14 enrollment in the University.

15 (b) The Board shall prescribe eligibility requirements for  
16 participation in the program and notify applicants for transfer  
17 admission from public community colleges regarding the  
18 program.

19 Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by  
20 adding Section 20-180 as follows:

21 (110 ILCS 675/20-180 new)

22 Sec. 20-180. Fixed tuition rate program for certain  
23 transfer students.

24 (a) The Board may develop a fixed tuition rate program for



1 qualified students who agree to transfer to the University  
2 within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's  
3 degree at a public community college in this State. Under a  
4 program developed under this Section, the University must do  
5 the following:

6 (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an  
7 associate's degree program at a public community college,  
8 on successful completion of the associate's degree  
9 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
10 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

11 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
12 charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
13 or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
14 months following the student's initial enrollment in the  
15 University at the same rate the University would have  
16 charged to the student during the later of:

17 (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
18 year at the public community college had the student  
19 entered the University as a freshman student; or

20 (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
21 preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
22 enrollment in the University.

23 (b) The Board shall prescribe eligibility requirements for  
24 participation in the program and notify applicants for transfer  
25 admission from public community colleges regarding the  
26 program.

1 Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is  
2 amended by adding Section 25-175 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 680/25-175 new)

4 Sec. 25-175. Fixed tuition rate program for certain  
5 transfer students.

6 (a) The Board may develop a fixed tuition rate program for  
7 qualified students who agree to transfer to the University  
8 within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's  
9 degree at a public community college in this State. Under a  
10 program developed under this Section, the University must do  
11 the following:

12 (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an  
13 associate's degree program at a public community college,  
14 on successful completion of the associate's degree  
15 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
16 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

17 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
18 charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
19 or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
20 months following the student's initial enrollment in the  
21 University at the same rate the University would have  
22 charged to the student during the later of:

23 (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
24 year at the public community college had the student

1 entered the University as a freshman student; or

2 (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
3 preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
4 enrollment in the University.

5 (b) The Board shall prescribe eligibility requirements for  
6 participation in the program and notify applicants for transfer  
7 admission from public community colleges regarding the  
8 program.

9 Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended  
10 by adding Section 30-185 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 685/30-185 new)

12 Sec. 30-185. Fixed tuition rate program for certain  
13 transfer students.

14 (a) The Board may develop a fixed tuition rate program for  
15 qualified students who agree to transfer to the University  
16 within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's  
17 degree at a public community college in this State. Under a  
18 program developed under this Section, the University must do  
19 the following:

20 (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an  
21 associate's degree program at a public community college,  
22 on successful completion of the associate's degree  
23 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
24 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

1           (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
2           charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
3           or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
4           months following the student's initial enrollment in the  
5           University at the same rate the University would have  
6           charged to the student during the later of:

7                   (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
8                   year at the public community college had the student  
9                   entered the University as a freshman student; or

10                   (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
11                   preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
12                   enrollment in the University.

13           (b) The Board shall prescribe eligibility requirements for  
14           participation in the program and notify applicants for transfer  
15           admission from public community colleges regarding the  
16           program.

17           Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended  
18           by adding Section 35-180 as follows:

19                   (110 ILCS 690/35-180 new)

20                   Sec. 35-180. Fixed tuition rate program for certain  
21                   transfer students.

22                   (a) The Board may develop a fixed tuition rate program for  
23                   qualified students who agree to transfer to the University  
24                   within 12 months after successfully earning an associate's

1 degree at a public community college in this State. Under a  
2 program developed under this Section, the University must do  
3 the following:

4 (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an  
5 associate's degree program at a public community college,  
6 on successful completion of the associate's degree  
7 program, transfer admission to the University within the  
8 12-month period prescribed in this subsection (a); and

9 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
10 charge tuition to a participating student for any semester  
11 or other academic term during a period of at least 24  
12 months following the student's initial enrollment in the  
13 University at the same rate the University would have  
14 charged to the student during the later of:

15 (A) the fall semester of the student's freshman  
16 year at the public community college had the student  
17 entered the University as a freshman student; or

18 (B) the fall semester of the second academic year  
19 preceding the academic year of the student's initial  
20 enrollment in the University.

21 (b) The Board shall prescribe eligibility requirements for  
22 participation in the program and notify applicants for transfer  
23 admission from public community colleges regarding the  
24 program.