AN ACT regarding higher education.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:
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Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by changing Section 8 as follows:
(110 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 29)
Sec. 8. Admissions.
(a) No student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments of the University who shall not have attained to the age of fifteen (15) years, and who shall not previously undergo a satisfactory examination in each of the branches ordinarily taught in the common schools of the state.
(b) In addition, commencing in the fall of 1993 , no new student shall then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language, music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that institutions may admit individual applicants if the institution determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of the 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(c) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (b).
(d) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(e) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

Section 10. The Southern Illinois University Management Act is amended by changing Section $8 e$ as follows:
(110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)
Sec. 8e. Admissions.
(a) Commencing in the fall of 1993 , no new student shall then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework
from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that institutions may admit individual applicants if the institution determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Institutions may also admit 1) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and 2) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (a).
(c) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(d) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

Section 15. The Chicago State University Law is amended by changing Section $5-85$ as follows:
(110 ILCS 660/5-85)
Sec. 5-85. Admission requirements.
(a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the Chicago State University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that Chicago State University may admit individual applicants if it determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Chicago State University shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Chicago State University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (a).
(c) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(d) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

Section 20. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended by changing Section $10-85$ as follows:
(110 ILCS 665/10-85)
Sec. 10-85. Admission requirements.
(a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the Eastern Illinois University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that Eastern Illinois University may admit individual applicants if it determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Eastern Illinois University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (a).
(c) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(d) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

Section 25. The Governors State University Law is amended by changing Section 15-85 as follows:
(110 ILCS 670/15-85)
Sec. 15-85. Admission requirements.
(a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the Governors state University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that Governors State University may admit individual applicants if it determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Governors State University shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Governors State University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (a).
(c) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(d) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

Section 30. The Illinois State University Law is amended by changing Section $20-85$ as follows:
(110 ILCS 675/20-85)
Sec. 20-85. Admission requirements.
(a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the Illinois state University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that Illinois State University may admit individual applicants if it determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Illinois State University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (a).
(c) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(d) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

Section 35. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is amended by changing Section $25-85$ as follows:
(110 ILCS 680/25-85)
Sec. 25-85. Admission requirements.
(a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the Northeastern Illinois University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework
from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that Northeastern Illinois University may admit individual applicants if it determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Northeastern Illinois University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (a).
(c) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(d) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

Section 40. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended by changing Section $30-85$ as follows:
(110 ILCS 685/30-85)
Sec. 30-85. Admission requirements.
(a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that Northern Illinois University may admit individual applicants if it determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Northern Illinois University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (a).
(c) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(d) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

Section 45. The Western Illinois University Law is amended by changing Section $35-85$ as follows:
(110 ILCS 690/35-85)
Sec. 35-85. Admission requirements.
(a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments or colleges of the Western Illinois University unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:
(1) at least 15 units of high school coursework from the following 5 categories:
(A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written and oral communications and literature), of which up to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;
(B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history and government);
(C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming);
(D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences); and
(E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,
music, vocational education or art;
(2) except that Western Illinois University may admit individual applicants if it determines through assessment or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational education courses and courses taken in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the high school courses required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University shall not discriminate in the University's admissions process against an applicant for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school established under Article 27A of the School Code. Western Illinois University may also admit (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted to the formal organized special assistance programs that are tailored to the needs of such students, providing that in either case, the institution incorporates in the applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and
(3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).
(b) When allocating funds, local boards of education shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer the coursework required by subsection (a).
(c) A student who has graduated from high school and has scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or SAT shall not be required to take the high school level General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite to admission.
(d) If the University denies admission to an applicant based on any academic deficiencies of the applicant, the University must suggest to the applicant coursework that the applicant should take to qualify for admission to the University.
(Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

