

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Higher Education Fair Admissions Act.

Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

"Institution of higher education" or "institution" means the University of Illinois; Southern Illinois University; Chicago State University; Eastern Illinois University; Governors State University; Illinois State University; Northeastern Illinois University; Northern Illinois University; Western Illinois University; the public community colleges of the State; and any other public universities, colleges, and community colleges now or hereafter established or authorized by the General Assembly.

"Standardized test score" means the composite score or any subscores on the ACT or SAT college admissions test or any other standardized college admissions test.

Section 10. Test-optional admission policy.

(a) Each institution of higher education shall adopt a test-optional policy as part of its undergraduate admissions process. Under this policy, an institution may not require

applicants who are residents of the State of Illinois to submit standardized test scores to the institution as a part of the admissions process, and the submission of standardized test scores to the institution shall be at the option of the applicant.

(b) Subject to subsection (a), nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the admissions requirements, standards, or policies of an institution of higher education.

Section 90. Rules. The Board of Higher Education may adopt any rules necessary to implement this Act.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.