



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4343

Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Dave Vella

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Board of Higher Education Act, various Acts relating to the governance of public universities in Illinois, and the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a pathway program in which any public high school student in this State who graduates in the top 10% of the student's graduating class or meets other standardized thresholds is guaranteed admission to at least one public university. Requires the Board to submit an annual report to the General Assembly (and make the report publicly available) that includes, with respect to public universities: (1) how many in-state residents were admitted in the prior academic year compared to the number of out-of-state residents that were admitted; (2) the tuition trends for students who are residents of this State; and (3) how many university graduates continue to reside within this State following graduation. With respect to each academic program of a public university that has a limited capacity to admit students due to a high demand for admission to the program, provides that at least 70% of the students admitted to the program must be residents of this State. Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, prohibits the governing board of each public university from increasing its in-state tuition rate for a given academic year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12 months ending on the previous December 31. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to establish a workforce incentive program in which a student who enrolls in a high-need field at an institution of higher learning may receive a grant to reduce tuition costs or loan forgiveness if the student commits to working in this State for at least 3 after graduation. Provides that under the program, a student from an underserved region of this State may also receive additional admission and tuition support from the Commission.

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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 Board of Higher Education Act is amended by
5 adding Sections 9.47 and 9.48 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.47 new)

7 Sec. 9.47. Guaranteed admission pathway program.

8 (a) The Board shall establish a pathway program in which
9 any public high school student in this State who graduates in
10 the top 10% of the student's high school graduating class or
11 meets other standardized thresholds, as determined by the
12 Board, is guaranteed admission to at least one public
13 university.

14 (b) The Board shall adopt all rules necessary to carry out
15 its responsibilities under this Section.

16 (110 ILCS 205/9.48 new)

17 Sec. 9.48. Admission, tuition, and retention report. The
18 Board shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly
19 that includes all of the following information with respect to
20 public universities:

21 (1) How many in-state residents were admitted in the
22 prior academic year compared to the number of out-of-state

1 residents that were admitted.

2 (2) The tuition trends for students who are residents
3 of this State.

4 (3) How many university graduates continue to reside
5 within this State following graduation.

6 The Board shall make this report publicly available.

7 Section 10. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
8 changing Sections 8 and 25 as follows:

9 (110 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 144, par. 29)

10 Sec. 8. Admissions.

11 (a) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

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

1 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
2 agricultural sciences); and

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

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

1 either case, the institution incorporates in the
2 applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other
3 academic activities that compensate for course
4 deficiencies; and

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

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

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

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

26 (f) Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the

1 University shall provide all Illinois students transferring
2 from a public community college in this State with the
3 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
4 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or
5 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
6 University's transfer admissions process. The University is
7 encouraged to develop a policy to automatically waive the
8 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for
9 low-income Illinois students transferring from a public
10 community college in this State. The University shall post
11 this policy in an easily accessible place on the University's
12 Internet website.

13 (g) With respect to each academic program of the
14 University that has a limited capacity to admit students due
15 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of
16 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
17 State.

18 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

19 (110 ILCS 305/25)

20 Sec. 25. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
21 ~~tuition increase.~~

22 (a) This subsection (a) ~~Section~~ applies only to those
23 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
24 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment
25 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years

1 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
2 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
3 undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident shall not
4 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he
5 or she first enrolled in the University. However, if the
6 student changes majors during this time period, the tuition
7 charged the student shall equal the amount the student would
8 have been charged had he or she been admitted to the changed
9 major when he or she first enrolled. An undergraduate student
10 who is an Illinois resident and who has for 4 continuous
11 academic years been charged no more than the tuition amount
12 that he or she was charged at the time he or she first enrolled
13 in the University shall be charged tuition not to exceed the
14 amount the University charged students who first enrolled in
15 the University for the academic year following the academic
16 year the student first enrolled in the University for a
17 maximum of 2 additional continuous academic years.

18 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the Board
19 of Trustees may not increase the in-state tuition rate for a
20 given academic year by a percentage that exceeds the
21 percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for
22 All Urban Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of
23 Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for
24 the 12 months ending on the previous December 31.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

1 Section 15. The Southern Illinois University Management
2 Act is amended by changing Sections 8e and 15 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)
4 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (2) except that institutions may admit individual
25 applicants if the institution determines through

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

23 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework
24 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be
25 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from
26 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences

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

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

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

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

18 (e) Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the
19 University shall provide all Illinois students transferring
20 from a public community college in this State with the
21 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
22 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or
23 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
24 University's transfer admissions process. The University is
25 encouraged to develop a policy to automatically waive the
26 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for

1 low-income Illinois students transferring from a public
2 community college in this State. The University shall post
3 this policy in an easily accessible place on the University's
4 Internet website.

5 (f) With respect to each academic program of the
6 University that has a limited capacity to admit students due
7 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of
8 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
9 State.

10 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

11 (110 ILCS 520/15)

12 Sec. 15. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
13 ~~tuition increase.~~

14 (a) This subsection (a) ~~Section~~ applies only to those
15 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
16 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment
17 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years
18 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
19 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
20 undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident shall not
21 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he
22 or she first enrolled in the University. However, if the
23 student changes majors during this time period, the tuition
24 charged the student shall equal the amount the student would
25 have been charged had he or she been admitted to the changed

1 major when he or she first enrolled. An undergraduate student
2 who is an Illinois resident and who has for 4 continuous
3 academic years been charged no more than the tuition amount
4 that he or she was charged at the time he or she first enrolled
5 in the University shall be charged tuition not to exceed the
6 amount the University charged students who first enrolled in
7 the University for the academic year following the academic
8 year the student first enrolled in the University for a
9 maximum of 2 additional continuous academic years.

10 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the Board
11 may not increase the in-state tuition rate for a given
12 academic year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage
13 increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
14 Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of Labor
15 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12
16 months ending on the previous December 31.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

18 Section 20. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
19 changing Sections 5-85 and 5-120 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) Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the
10 University shall provide all Illinois students transferring
11 from a public community college in this State with the
12 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
13 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or
14 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
15 University's transfer admissions process. The University is
16 encouraged to develop a policy to automatically waive the
17 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for
18 low-income Illinois students transferring from a public
19 community college in this State. The University shall post
20 this policy in an easily accessible place on the University's
21 Internet website.

22 (f) With respect to each academic program of the
23 University that has a limited capacity to admit students due
24 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of
25 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
26 State.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

2 (110 ILCS 660/5-120)

3 Sec. 5-120. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
4 ~~tuition increase.~~

5 (a) This subsection (a) ~~Section~~ applies only to those
6 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
7 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment
8 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years
9 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
10 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
11 undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident shall not
12 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he
13 or she first enrolled in the University. However, if the
14 student changes majors during this time period, the tuition
15 charged the student shall equal the amount the student would
16 have been charged had he or she been admitted to the changed
17 major when he or she first enrolled. An undergraduate student
18 who is an Illinois resident and who has for 4 continuous
19 academic years been charged no more than the tuition amount
20 that he or she was charged at the time he or she first enrolled
21 in the University shall be charged tuition not to exceed the
22 amount the University charged students who first enrolled in
23 the University for the academic year following the academic
24 year the student first enrolled in the University for a
25 maximum of 2 additional continuous academic years.

1 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the Board
2 may not increase the in-state tuition rate for a given
3 academic year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage
4 increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
5 Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of Labor
6 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12
7 months ending on the previous December 31.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

9 Section 25. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
10 by changing Sections 10-85 and 10-120 as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

12 Sec. 10-85. Admissions.

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

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

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

22 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
23 and government);

24 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory through

1 advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or
2 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

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

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

1 organized special assistance programs that are tailored to
2 the needs of such students, providing that in either case,
3 the institution incorporates in the applicant's
4 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic
5 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and

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

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

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

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

1 (e) Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the
2 University shall provide all Illinois students transferring
3 from a public community college in this State with the
4 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
5 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or
6 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
7 University's transfer admissions process. The University is
8 encouraged to develop a policy to automatically waive the
9 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for
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11 community college in this State. The University shall post
12 this policy in an easily accessible place on the University's
13 Internet website.

14 (f) With respect to each academic program of the
15 University that has a limited capacity to admit students due
16 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of
17 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
18 State.

19 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

20 (110 ILCS 665/10-120)

21 Sec. 10-120. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
22 ~~tuition increase.~~

23 (a) This subsection (a) ~~Section~~ applies only to those
24 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
25 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment

1 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years
2 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
3 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
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5 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he
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24 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12
25 months ending on the previous December 31.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

1 Section 30. The Governors State University Law is amended
2 by changing Sections 15-85 and 15-120 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
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1 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for
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6 (f) With respect to each academic program of the
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8 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of
9 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
10 State.

11 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

12 (110 ILCS 670/15-120)

13 Sec. 15-120. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
14 ~~tuition increase.~~

15 (a) This subsection (a) ~~Section~~ applies only to those
16 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
17 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment
18 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years
19 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
20 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
21 undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident shall not
22 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he
23 or she first enrolled in the University. However, if the
24 student changes majors during this time period, the tuition
25 charged the student shall equal the amount the student would

1 have been charged had he or she been admitted to the changed
2 major when he or she first enrolled. An undergraduate student
3 who is an Illinois resident and who has for 4 continuous
4 academic years been charged no more than the tuition amount
5 that he or she was charged at the time he or she first enrolled
6 in the University shall be charged tuition not to exceed the
7 amount the University charged students who first enrolled in
8 the University for the academic year following the academic
9 year the student first enrolled in the University for a
10 maximum of 2 additional continuous academic years.

11 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the Board
12 may not increase the in-state tuition rate for a given
13 academic year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage
14 increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
15 Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of Labor
16 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12
17 months ending on the previous December 31.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

19 Section 35. The Illinois State University Law is amended
20 by changing Sections 20-85 and 20-125 as follows:

21 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

22 Sec. 20-85. Admissions.

23 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
24 of the departments or colleges of the Illinois State

1 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
2 completed:

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

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

8 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing history
9 and government);

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

13 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences or
14 agricultural sciences); and

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

19 (2) except that Illinois State University may admit
20 individual applicants if it determines through assessment
21 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the
22 coursework taken, including career and technical education
23 courses and courses taken in a charter school established
24 under Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant
25 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially equivalent
26 to the knowledge and skills expected to be acquired in the

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

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

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

25 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has
26 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or

1 SAT shall not be required to take a high school equivalency
2 test as a prerequisite to admission.

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

11 (e) Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the
12 University shall provide all Illinois students transferring
13 from a public community college in this State with the
14 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
15 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or
16 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
17 University's transfer admissions process. The University is
18 encouraged to develop a policy to automatically waive the
19 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for
20 low-income Illinois students transferring from a public
21 community college in this State. The University shall post
22 this policy in an easily accessible place on the University's
23 Internet website.

24 (f) With respect to each academic program of the
25 University that has a limited capacity to admit students due
26 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of

1 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
2 State.

3 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

4 (110 ILCS 675/20-125)

5 Sec. 20-125. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
6 ~~tuition increase.~~

7 (a) This subsection (a) ~~Section~~ applies only to those
8 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
9 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment
10 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years
11 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
12 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
13 undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident shall not
14 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he
15 or she first enrolled in the University. However, if the
16 student changes majors during this time period, the tuition
17 charged the student shall equal the amount the student would
18 have been charged had he or she been admitted to the changed
19 major when he or she first enrolled. An undergraduate student
20 who is an Illinois resident and who has for 4 continuous
21 academic years been charged no more than the tuition amount
22 that he or she was charged at the time he or she first enrolled
23 in the University shall be charged tuition not to exceed the
24 amount the University charged students who first enrolled in
25 the University for the academic year following the academic

1 year the student first enrolled in the University for a
2 maximum of 2 additional continuous academic years.

3 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the Board
4 may not increase the in-state tuition rate for a given
5 academic year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage
6 increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
7 Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of Labor
8 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12
9 months ending on the previous December 31.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

11 Section 40. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
12 amended by changing Sections 25-85 and 25-120 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.

4 (e) Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the
5 University shall provide all Illinois students transferring
6 from a public community college in this State with the
7 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
8 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or
9 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
10 University's transfer admissions process. The University is
11 encouraged to develop a policy to automatically waive the
12 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for
13 low-income Illinois students transferring from a public
14 community college in this State. The University shall post
15 this policy in an easily accessible place on the University's
16 Internet website.

17 (f) With respect to each academic program of the
18 University that has a limited capacity to admit students due
19 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of
20 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
21 State.

22 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

23 (110 ILCS 680/25-120)

24 Sec. 25-120. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
25 ~~tuition increase.~~

1 (a) This subsection (a) ~~Section~~ applies only to those
2 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
3 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment
4 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years
5 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
6 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
7 undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident shall not
8 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he
9 or she first enrolled in the University. However, if the
10 student changes majors during this time period, the tuition
11 charged the student shall equal the amount the student would
12 have been charged had he or she been admitted to the changed
13 major when he or she first enrolled. An undergraduate student
14 who is an Illinois resident and who has for 4 continuous
15 academic years been charged no more than the tuition amount
16 that he or she was charged at the time he or she first enrolled
17 in the University shall be charged tuition not to exceed the
18 amount the University charged students who first enrolled in
19 the University for the academic year following the academic
20 year the student first enrolled in the University for a
21 maximum of 2 additional continuous academic years.

22 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the Board
23 may not increase the in-state tuition rate for a given
24 academic year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage
25 increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
26 Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of Labor

1 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12
2 months ending on the previous December 31.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

4 Section 45. The Northern Illinois University Law is
5 amended by changing Sections 30-85 and 30-130 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

7 Sec. 30-85. Admissions.

8 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in any
9 of the departments or colleges of the Northern Illinois
10 University unless such student also has satisfactorily
11 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

24 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language

1 (which may be deemed to include American Sign
2 Language), music, career and technical education,
3 agricultural education, or art;

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

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

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

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

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

22 (e) Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year, the
23 University shall provide all Illinois students transferring
24 from a public community college in this State with the
25 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
26 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or

1 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
2 University's transfer admissions process. The University is
3 encouraged to develop a policy to automatically waive the
4 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for
5 low-income Illinois students transferring from a public
6 community college in this State. The University shall post
7 this policy in an easily accessible place on the University's
8 Internet website.

9 (f) With respect to each academic program of the
10 University that has a limited capacity to admit students due
11 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of
12 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
13 State.

14 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

15 (110 ILCS 685/30-130)

16 Sec. 30-130. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
17 ~~tuition increase.~~

18 (a) This subsection (a) Section applies only to those
19 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
20 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment
21 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years
22 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
23 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
24 undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident shall not
25 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he

1 or she first enrolled in the University. However, if the
2 student changes majors during this time period, the tuition
3 charged the student shall equal the amount the student would
4 have been charged had he or she been admitted to the changed
5 major when he or she first enrolled. An undergraduate student
6 who is an Illinois resident and who has for 4 continuous
7 academic years been charged no more than the tuition amount
8 that he or she was charged at the time he or she first enrolled
9 in the University shall be charged tuition not to exceed the
10 amount the University charged students who first enrolled in
11 the University for the academic year following the academic
12 year the student first enrolled in the University for a
13 maximum of 2 additional continuous academic years.

14 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the Board
15 may not increase the in-state tuition rate for a given
16 academic year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage
17 increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
18 Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of Labor
19 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12
20 months ending on the previous December 31.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

22 Section 50. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
23 by changing Sections 35-85 and 35-125 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
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) Beginning with the 20245-2026 academic year, the
15 University shall provide all Illinois students transferring
16 from a public community college in this State with the
17 University's undergraduate transfer admissions application fee
18 waiver policy and, if such a policy exists, any application or
19 forms necessary to apply for a fee waiver as part of the
20 University's transfer admissions process. The University is
21 encouraged to develop a policy to automatically waive the
22 undergraduate transfer admissions application fee for
23 low-income Illinois students transferring from a public
24 community college in this State. The University shall post
25 this policy in an easily accessible place on the University's
26 Internet website.

1 (f) With respect to each academic program of the
2 University that has a limited capacity to admit students due
3 to a high demand for admission to the program, at least 70% of
4 the students admitted to the program must be residents of this
5 State.

6 (Source: P.A. 103-936, eff. 8-9-24; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

7 (110 ILCS 690/35-125)

8 Sec. 35-125. Tuition increase limitations ~~Limitation on~~
9 ~~tuition increase.~~

10 (a) This subsection (a) ~~Section~~ applies only to those
11 students who first enroll after the 2003-2004 academic year.
12 For 4 continuous academic years following initial enrollment
13 (or for undergraduate programs that require more than 4 years
14 to complete, for the normal time to complete the program, as
15 determined by the University), the tuition charged an
16 undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident shall not
17 exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he
18 or she first enrolled in the University. However, if the
19 student changes majors during this time period, the tuition
20 charged the student shall equal the amount the student would
21 have been charged had he or she been admitted to the changed
22 major when he or she first enrolled. An undergraduate student
23 who is an Illinois resident and who has for 4 continuous
24 academic years been charged no more than the tuition amount
25 that he or she was charged at the time he or she first enrolled

1 in the University shall be charged tuition not to exceed the
2 amount the University charged students who first enrolled in
3 the University for the academic year following the academic
4 year the student first enrolled in the University for a
5 maximum of 2 additional continuous academic years.

6 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the Board
7 may not increase the in-state tuition rate for a given
8 academic year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage
9 increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
10 Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of Labor
11 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the 12
12 months ending on the previous December 31.

13 (Source: P.A. 96-1293, eff. 7-26-10.)

14 Section 55. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
15 amended by adding Section 65.135 as follows:

16 (110 ILCS 947/65.135 new)

17 Sec. 65.135. Illinois workforce incentive program.

18 (a) The Commission shall establish a workforce incentive
19 program in which a student who enrolls in a high-need field at
20 an institution, as designated by the Commission, may receive a
21 grant to reduce tuition costs or loan forgiveness if the
22 student commits to working in this State for at least 3 after
23 graduation. Under the program, a student from an underserved
24 region of this State may also receive additional admission and

1 tuition support from the Commission, based on criteria
2 developed by the Commission.

3 (b) The Commission shall adopt all rules necessary to
4 carry out its responsibilities under this Section.

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