

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 changing Section 8 as follows:

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

7 Sec. 8. Admissions.

8 (a) No student shall be admitted to instruction in any  
9 of the departments of the University who shall not have  
10 attained to the age of fifteen (15) years, and who shall not  
11 previously undergo a satisfactory examination in each of the  
12 branches ordinarily taught in the common schools of the  
13 state.

14 (b) In addition, commencing in the fall of 1993, no new  
15 student shall then or thereafter be admitted to instruction  
16 in any of the departments or colleges of the University  
17 unless such student also has satisfactorily completed:

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

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

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

25 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory  
26 through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or  
27 fundamentals of computer programming);

28 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences);  
29 and

30 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
31 music, vocational education or art;

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

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

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

1           (d) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
2 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or  
3 SAT shall not be required to take the high school level  
4 General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite  
5 to admission.

6           (e) In this subsection (e), "approved high school" means  
7 a public high school located in this State or a high school  
8 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,  
9 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
10 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
11 Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
12 level and maintains standards of instruction substantially  
13 equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
14 this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
15 applicant under this subsection (e) had at least 10 students  
16 graduate.

17           Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
18 2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
19 the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
20 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
21 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
22 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
23 an approved high school with a grade point average in the top  
24 5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
25 of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
26 particular academic year under this subsection (e) shall be  
27 limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number  
28 of persons who qualify under this subsection (e), whether  
29 applying for admission to this University or any other public  
30 university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
31 particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number  
32 of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
33 University for that academic year. This product shall be  
34 divided by the total number of openings for admission as an

1 undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
 2 this State for that academic year. This number shall  
 3 constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
 4 University is required to admit under this subsection (e) for  
 5 that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
 6 shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
 7 Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
 8 (e), an applicant must submit an application before the  
 9 expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
 10 the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
 11 any other entrance examination.

12 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (e),  
 13 the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
 14 other factor the University considers appropriate to  
 15 determine whether the applicant may require additional  
 16 preparation for college-level work or would benefit from  
 17 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
 18 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
 19 immediately after the student is admitted under this  
 20 subsection (e) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
 21 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (e) does  
 22 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
 23 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,  
 24 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
 25 the student is admitted under this subsection (e).

26 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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

29 (110 ILCS 520/8e) (from Ch. 144, par. 658e)  
 30 Sec. 8e. Admissions.

31 (a) Commencing in the fall of 1993, no new student shall  
 32 then or thereafter be admitted to instruction in any of the

1 departments or colleges of the University unless such student  
2 also has satisfactorily completed:

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

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

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

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

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

15 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
16 music, vocational education or art;

17 (2) except that institutions may admit individual  
18 applicants if the institution determines through  
19 assessment or through evaluation based on learning  
20 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational  
21 education courses and courses taken in a charter school  
22 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that  
23 the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills  
24 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills  
25 expected to be acquired in the high school courses  
26 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of  
27 Southern Illinois University shall not discriminate in  
28 the University's admissions process against an applicant  
29 for admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a  
30 charter school established under Article 27A of the  
31 School Code. Institutions may also admit 1) applicants  
32 who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum  
33 college preparatory curriculum in high school, and 2)  
34 educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted

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

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

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

16 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
17 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or  
18 SAT shall not be required to take the high school level  
19 General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite  
20 to admission.

21 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means  
22 a public high school located in this State or a high school  
23 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,  
24 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
25 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
26 Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
27 level and maintains standards of instruction substantially  
28 equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
29 this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
30 applicant under this subsection (d) had at least 10 students  
31 graduate.

32 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
33 2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
34 the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the

1 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
2 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
3 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
4 an approved high school with a grade point average in the top  
5 5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
6 of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
7 particular academic year under this subsection (d) shall be  
8 limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number  
9 of persons who qualify under this subsection (d), whether  
10 applying for admission to this University or any other public  
11 university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
12 particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number  
13 of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
14 University for that academic year. This product shall be  
15 divided by the total number of openings for admission as an  
16 undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
17 this State for that academic year. This number shall  
18 constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
19 University is required to admit under this subsection (d) for  
20 that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
21 shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
22 Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
23 (d), an applicant must submit an application before the  
24 expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
25 the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
26 any other entrance examination.

27 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d),  
28 the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
29 other factor the University considers appropriate to  
30 determine whether the applicant may require additional  
31 preparation for college-level work or would benefit from  
32 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
33 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
34 immediately after the student is admitted under this

1 subsection (d) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
 2 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (d) does  
 3 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
 4 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,  
 5 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
 6 the student is admitted under this subsection (d).

7 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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

10 (110 ILCS 660/5-85)

11 Sec. 5-85. Admission requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences);  
 27 and

28 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
 29 music, vocational education or art;

30 (2) except that Chicago State University may admit  
 31 individual applicants if it determines through assessment  
 32 or through evaluation based on learning outcomes of the



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

22 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework  
23 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be  
24 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from  
25 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences  
26 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the  
27 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

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

31 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
32 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or  
33 SAT shall not be required to take the high school level  
34 General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite

1 to admission.

2 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means  
3 a public high school located in this State or a high school  
4 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,  
5 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
6 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
7 Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
8 level and maintains standards of instruction substantially  
9 equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
10 this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
11 applicant under this subsection (d) had at least 10 students  
12 graduate.

13 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
14 2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
15 the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
16 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
17 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
18 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
19 an approved high school with a grade point average in the top  
20 5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
21 of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
22 particular academic year under this subsection (d) shall be  
23 limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number  
24 of persons who qualify under this subsection (d), whether  
25 applying for admission to this University or any other public  
26 university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
27 particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number  
28 of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
29 University for that academic year. This product shall be  
30 divided by the total number of openings for admission as an  
31 undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
32 this State for that academic year. This number shall  
33 constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
34 University is required to admit under this subsection (d) for

1 that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
 2 shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
 3 Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
 4 (d), an applicant must submit an application before the  
 5 expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
 6 the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
 7 any other entrance examination.

8 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d),  
 9 the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
 10 other factor the University considers appropriate to  
 11 determine whether the applicant may require additional  
 12 preparation for college-level work or would benefit from  
 13 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
 14 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
 15 immediately after the student is admitted under this  
 16 subsection (d) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
 17 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (d) does  
 18 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
 19 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,  
 20 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
 21 the student is admitted under this subsection (d).

22 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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

25 (110 ILCS 665/10-85)

26 Sec. 10-85. Admission requirements.

27 (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in  
 28 any of the departments or colleges of the Eastern Illinois  
 29 University unless such student also has satisfactorily  
 30 completed:

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

1           (A) 4 years of English (emphasizing written  
2           and oral communications and literature), of which up  
3           to 2 years may be collegiate level instruction;  
4           (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing  
5           history and government);  
6           (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory  
7           through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or  
8           fundamentals of computer programming);  
9           (D) 3 years of science (laboratory sciences);  
10          and  
11          (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
12          music, vocational education or art;  
13          (2) except that Eastern Illinois University may  
14          admit individual applicants if it determines through  
15          assessment or through evaluation based on learning  
16          outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational  
17          education courses and courses taken in a charter school  
18          established under Article 27A of the School Code, that  
19          the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills  
20          substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills  
21          expected to be acquired in the high school courses  
22          required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Eastern  
23          Illinois University shall not discriminate in the  
24          University's admissions process against an applicant for  
25          admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a  
26          charter school established under Article 27A of the  
27          School Code. Eastern Illinois University may also admit  
28          (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to  
29          complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in  
30          high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged  
31          applicants who are admitted to the formal organized  
32          special assistance programs that are tailored to the  
33          needs of such students, providing that in either case,  
34          the institution incorporates in the applicant's

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

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

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

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

17          (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means  
18          a public high school located in this State or a high school  
19          located in this State (whether designated as a high school,  
20          secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
21          that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
22          Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
23          level and maintains standards of instruction substantially  
24          equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
25          this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
26          applicant under this subsection (d) had at least 10 students  
27          graduate.

28          Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
29          2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
30          the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
31          University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
32          graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
33          year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
34          an approved high school with a grade point average in the top

1 5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
2 of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
3 particular academic year under this subsection (d) shall be  
4 limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number  
5 of persons who qualify under this subsection (d), whether  
6 applying for admission to this University or any other public  
7 university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
8 particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number  
9 of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
10 University for that academic year. This product shall be  
11 divided by the total number of openings for admission as an  
12 undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
13 this State for that academic year. This number shall  
14 constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
15 University is required to admit under this subsection (d) for  
16 that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
17 shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
18 Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
19 (d), an applicant must submit an application before the  
20 expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
21 the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
22 any other entrance examination.

23 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d),  
24 the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
25 other factor the University considers appropriate to  
26 determine whether the applicant may require additional  
27 preparation for college-level work or would benefit from  
28 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
29 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
30 immediately after the student is admitted under this  
31 subsection (d) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
32 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (d) does  
33 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
34 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,

1 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
2 the student is admitted under this subsection (d).

3 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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

6 (110 ILCS 670/15-85)

7 Sec. 15-85. Admission requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
25 music, vocational education or art;

26 (2) except that Governors State University may  
27 admit individual applicants if it determines through  
28 assessment or through evaluation based on learning  
29 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational  
30 education courses and courses taken in a charter school  
31 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that  
32 the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills

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

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

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

27 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
28 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or  
29 SAT shall not be required to take the high school level  
30 General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite  
31 to admission.

32 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means  
33 a public high school located in this State or a high school  
34 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,



1 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
2 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
3 Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
4 level and maintains standards of instruction substantially  
5 equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
6 this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
7 applicant under this subsection (d) had at least 10 students  
8 graduate.

9 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
10 2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
11 the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
12 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
13 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
14 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
15 an approved high school with a grade point average in the top  
16 5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
17 of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
18 particular academic year under this subsection (d) shall be  
19 limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number  
20 of persons who qualify under this subsection (d), whether  
21 applying for admission to this University or any other public  
22 university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
23 particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number  
24 of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
25 University for that academic year. This product shall be  
26 divided by the total number of openings for admission as an  
27 undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
28 this State for that academic year. This number shall  
29 constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
30 University is required to admit under this subsection (d) for  
31 that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
32 shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
33 Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
34 (d), an applicant must submit an application before the

1 expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
2 the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
3 any other entrance examination.

4 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d),  
5 the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
6 other factor the University considers appropriate to  
7 determine whether the applicant may require additional  
8 preparation for college-level work or would benefit from  
9 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
10 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
11 immediately after the student is admitted under this  
12 subsection (d) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
13 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (d) does  
14 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
15 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,  
16 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
17 the student is admitted under this subsection (d).

18 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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

21 (110 ILCS 675/20-85)

22 Sec. 20-85. Admission requirements.

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

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

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

32 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing

1 history and government);

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

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

7 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
8 music, vocational education or art;

9 (2) except that Illinois State 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 vocational education courses  
13 and courses taken in a charter school established under  
14 Article 27A of the School Code, that the applicant  
15 demonstrates knowledge and skills substantially  
16 equivalent to the knowledge and skills expected to be  
17 acquired in the high school courses required for  
18 admission. The Board of Trustees of Illinois State  
19 University shall not discriminate in the University's  
20 admissions process against an applicant for admission  
21 because of the applicant's enrollment in a charter school  
22 established under Article 27A of the School Code.  
23 Illinois State University may also admit (i) applicants  
24 who did not have an opportunity to complete the minimum  
25 college preparatory curriculum in high school, and (ii)  
26 educationally disadvantaged applicants who are admitted  
27 to the formal organized special assistance programs that  
28 are tailored to the needs of such students, providing  
29 that in either case, the institution incorporates in the  
30 applicant's baccalaureate curriculum courses or other  
31 academic activities that compensate for course  
32 deficiencies; and

33 (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework  
34 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be

1 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from  
2 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences  
3 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the  
4 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

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

8 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
9 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or  
10 SAT shall not be required to take the high school level  
11 General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite  
12 to admission.

13 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means  
14 a public high school located in this State or a high school  
15 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,  
16 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
17 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
18 Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
19 level and maintains standards of instruction substantially  
20 equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
21 this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
22 applicant under this subsection (d) had at least 10 students  
23 graduate.

24 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
25 2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
26 the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
27 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
28 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
29 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
30 an approved high school with a grade point average in the top  
31 5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
32 of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
33 particular academic year under this subsection (d) shall be  
34 limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number

1 of persons who qualify under this subsection (d), whether  
2 applying for admission to this University or any other public  
3 university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
4 particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number  
5 of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
6 University for that academic year. This product shall be  
7 divided by the total number of openings for admission as an  
8 undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
9 this State for that academic year. This number shall  
10 constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
11 University is required to admit under this subsection (d) for  
12 that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
13 shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
14 Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
15 (d), an applicant must submit an application before the  
16 expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
17 the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
18 any other entrance examination.

19 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d),  
20 the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
21 other factor the University considers appropriate to  
22 determine whether the applicant may require additional  
23 preparation for college-level work or would benefit from  
24 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
25 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
26 immediately after the student is admitted under this  
27 subsection (d) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
28 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (d) does  
29 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
30 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,  
31 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
32 the student is admitted under this subsection (d).

33 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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

3 (110 ILCS 680/25-85)

4 Sec. 25-85. Admission requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
22 music, vocational education or art;

23 (2) except that Northeastern Illinois University  
24 may admit individual applicants if it determines through  
25 assessment or through evaluation based on learning  
26 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational  
27 education courses and courses taken in a charter school  
28 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that  
29 the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills  
30 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills  
31 expected to be acquired in the high school courses  
32 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of  
33 Northeastern Illinois University shall not discriminate

1 in the University's admissions process against an  
2 applicant for admission because of the applicant's  
3 enrollment in a charter school established under Article  
4 27A of the School Code. Northeastern Illinois University  
5 may also admit (i) applicants who did not have an  
6 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  
10 to the needs of such students, providing that in either  
11 case, 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  
19 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

20 (b) When allocating funds, local boards of education  
21 shall recognize their obligation to their students to offer  
22 the 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 the high school level  
26 General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite  
27 to admission.

28 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means  
29 a public high school located in this State or a high school  
30 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,  
31 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
32 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
33 Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
34 level and maintains standards of instruction substantially

1 equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
2 this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
3 applicant under this subsection (d) had at least 10 students  
4 graduate.

5 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
6 2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
7 the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
8 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
9 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
10 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
11 an approved high school with a grade point average in the top  
12 5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
13 of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
14 particular academic year under this subsection (d) shall be  
15 limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number  
16 of persons who qualify under this subsection (d), whether  
17 applying for admission to this University or any other public  
18 university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
19 particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number  
20 of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
21 University for that academic year. This product shall be  
22 divided by the total number of openings for admission as an  
23 undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
24 this State for that academic year. This number shall  
25 constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
26 University is required to admit under this subsection (d) for  
27 that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
28 shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
29 Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
30 (d), an applicant must submit an application before the  
31 expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
32 the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
33 any other entrance examination.

34 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d),



1 the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
 2 other factor the University considers appropriate to  
 3 determine whether the applicant may require additional  
 4 preparation for college-level work or would benefit from  
 5 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
 6 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
 7 immediately after the student is admitted under this  
 8 subsection (d) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
 9 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (d) does  
 10 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
 11 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,  
 12 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
 13 the student is admitted under this subsection (d).

14 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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

17 (110 ILCS 685/30-85)

18 Sec. 30-85. Admission requirements.

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

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

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

28 (B) 3 years of social studies (emphasizing  
 29 history and government);

30 (C) 3 years of mathematics (introductory  
 31 through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or  
 32 fundamentals of computer programming);

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

3                   (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
4                   music, vocational education or art;

5                   (2) except that Northern Illinois University may  
6 admit individual applicants if it determines through  
7 assessment or through evaluation based on learning  
8 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational  
9 education courses and courses taken in a charter school  
10 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that  
11 the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills  
12 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills  
13 expected to be acquired in the high school courses  
14 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Northern  
15 Illinois University shall not discriminate in the  
16 University's admissions process against an applicant for  
17 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a  
18 charter school established under Article 27A of the  
19 School Code. Northern Illinois University may also admit  
20 (i) applicants who did not have an opportunity to  
21 complete the minimum college preparatory curriculum in  
22 high school, and (ii) educationally disadvantaged  
23 applicants who are admitted to the formal organized  
24 special assistance programs that are tailored to the  
25 needs of such students, providing that in either case,  
26 the institution incorporates in the applicant's  
27 baccalaureate curriculum courses or other academic  
28 activities that compensate for course deficiencies; and  
29                   (3) except that up to 3 of 15 units of coursework  
30 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be  
31 distributed by deducting no more than one unit each from  
32 the categories of social studies, mathematics, sciences  
33 and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the  
34 5 categories of coursework described in paragraph (1).

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

4 (c) A student who has graduated from high school and has  
5 scored within the University's accepted range on the ACT or  
6 SAT shall not be required to take the high school level  
7 General Educational Development (GED) Test as a prerequisite  
8 to admission.

9 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means  
10 a public high school located in this State or a high school  
11 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,  
12 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
13 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
14 Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
15 level and maintains standards of instruction substantially  
16 equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
17 this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
18 applicant under this subsection (d) had at least 10 students  
19 graduate.

20 Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
21 2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
22 the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
23 University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
24 graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
25 year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
26 an approved high school with a grade point average in the top  
27 5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
28 of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
29 particular academic year under this subsection (d) shall be  
30 limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number  
31 of persons who qualify under this subsection (d), whether  
32 applying for admission to this University or any other public  
33 university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
34 particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number

1 of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
2 University for that academic year. This product shall be  
3 divided by the total number of openings for admission as an  
4 undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
5 this State for that academic year. This number shall  
6 constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
7 University is required to admit under this subsection (d) for  
8 that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
9 shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
10 Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
11 (d), an applicant must submit an application before the  
12 expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
13 the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
14 any other entrance examination.

15 After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d),  
16 the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
17 other factor the University considers appropriate to  
18 determine whether the applicant may require additional  
19 preparation for college-level work or would benefit from  
20 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
21 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
22 immediately after the student is admitted under this  
23 subsection (d) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
24 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (d) does  
25 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
26 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,  
27 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
28 the student is admitted under this subsection (d).

29 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)

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

32 (110 ILCS 690/35-85)

1           Sec. 35-85. Admission requirements.

2           (a) No new student shall be admitted to instruction in  
3 any 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  
7 from the following 5 categories:

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

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

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

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

18           (E) 2 years of electives in foreign language,  
19 music, vocational education or art;

20           (2) except that Western Illinois University may  
21 admit individual applicants if it determines through  
22 assessment or through evaluation based on learning  
23 outcomes of the coursework taken, including vocational  
24 education courses and courses taken in a charter school  
25 established under Article 27A of the School Code, that  
26 the applicant demonstrates knowledge and skills  
27 substantially equivalent to the knowledge and skills  
28 expected to be acquired in the high school courses  
29 required for admission. The Board of Trustees of Western  
30 Illinois University shall not discriminate in the  
31 University's admissions process against an applicant for  
32 admission because of the applicant's enrollment in a  
33 charter school established under Article 27A of the  
34 School Code. Western Illinois University may also admit

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

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

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

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

24 (d) In this subsection (d), "approved high school" means  
25 a public high school located in this State or a high school  
26 located in this State (whether designated as a high school,  
27 secondary school, academy, preparatory school, or otherwise)  
28 that, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of  
29 Education, provides a course of instruction at the secondary  
30 level and maintains standards of instruction substantially  
31 equivalent to those of the public high schools located in  
32 this State, provided that the graduating class of an  
33 applicant under this subsection (d) had at least 10 students  
34 graduate.

1        Subject to the other provisions of this Section, for the  
2        2002-2003 academic year and each academic year thereafter,  
3        the University shall admit an applicant for admission to the  
4        University as an undergraduate student if the applicant  
5        graduated in one of the 2 school years preceding the academic  
6        year for which the applicant is applying for admission from  
7        an approved high school with a grade point average in the top  
8        5% of the student's high school graduating class. The number  
9        of applicants that the University is required to admit for a  
10       particular academic year under this subsection (d) shall be  
11       limited as provided under this paragraph. The total number  
12       of persons who qualify under this subsection (d), whether  
13       applying for admission to this University or any other public  
14       university in this State as an undergraduate student for that  
15       particular academic year, shall be multiplied by the number  
16       of openings for admission as an undergraduate student at the  
17       University for that academic year. This product shall be  
18       divided by the total number of openings for admission as an  
19       undergraduate student at all of the public universities in  
20       this State for that academic year. This number shall  
21       constitute the maximum number of applicants that the  
22       University is required to admit under this subsection (d) for  
23       that academic year. The figures set forth in this paragraph  
24       shall be determined and calculated by the Board of Higher  
25       Education. To qualify for admission under this subsection  
26       (d), an applicant must submit an application before the  
27       expiration of any application filing deadline established by  
28       the University, but does not have to take the ACT, SAT, or  
29       any other entrance examination.

30       After admitting an applicant under this subsection (d),  
31       the University shall review the applicant's record and any  
32       other factor the University considers appropriate to  
33       determine whether the applicant may require additional  
34       preparation for college-level work or would benefit from

1 inclusion in a retention program. The University may require  
2 a student so identified to enroll during the summer  
3 immediately after the student is admitted under this  
4 subsection (d) to participate in appropriate enrichment  
5 courses and orientation programs. This subsection (d) does  
6 not prohibit a student who is not determined to need  
7 additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling,  
8 if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after  
9 the student is admitted under this subsection (d).

10 (Source: P.A. 91-374, eff. 7-30-99.)