Approved by the Board of Trustees

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# REVISE THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM

# VICTIMS ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT (VESSA) POLICY

Action: Revise the University of Illinois System Policy to Comply with Victims Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) of 2003 and as amended in 2009, 2021, and 2023

Funding: No Funding Required

The University of Illinois System’s Victims Economic Security and Safety Act Policy was adopted in 2004 to comply with the Victims Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) of 2003. Effective January 1, 2024, the Illinois General Assembly amended the Victims Economic Security and Safety Act of 2003.

Revisions to the University of Illinois System policy are required to comply with the amendments to the Victims Economic Security and Safety Act. The amendments expand the reasons VESSA can be used and the documentation the employee may provide. Additional changes include minor clarifications to processes, procedures, and dates.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, *University of Illinois Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedures*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs recommends approval of the revisions to the University of Illinois System Victims Economic Security and Safety Act Policy to comply with the State Victims Economic Security and Safety Act set forth in the attached document.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.