

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 School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 21B-48 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-48 new)

7 Sec. 21B-48. Three-year degree completion program.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, every  
9 public university in this State that offers an educator  
10 preparation program must offer to those students enrolled in  
11 the educator preparation program a 3-year degree completion  
12 program. The program may include, but is not limited to:

13 (1) the award of advanced placement credit;

14 (2) a waiver of degree or credit hour requirements  
15 based upon completion of proficiency exams or online  
16 programs; or

17 (3) completion of coursework during summer semesters.

18 (b) Prior to implementation of the 3-year program, a public  
19 university shall submit to the Board of Higher Education the  
20 curriculum and requirements of its 3-year program for approval.

21 (c) Upon completion of the 3-year program, a student shall  
22 receive a bachelor's degree and qualify for entitlement for  
23 licensure, subject to the other requirements of this Article.

1           (d) The Board of Higher Education, in consultation with the  
2           State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board and the State  
3           Board of Education, shall adopt rules to implement this  
4           Section.

5           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6           becoming law.