

SB0791



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3975/4.5
105 ILCS 5/27-22.05

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board may allow students to substitute the entirety of grades 11 and 12 with vocational or technical education courses. Requires substituted courses to be approved jointly by the State Board of Education and the Illinois Workforce Investment Board (instead of requiring the course to contain at least 50% of the content of the course to be substituted). Amends the Illinois Workforce Investment Board Act to make conforming changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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 Illinois Workforce Investment Board Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4.5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3975/4.5)

7 Sec. 4.5. Duties.

8 (a) The Board must perform all the functions of a state
9 workforce investment board under the federal Workforce
10 Investment Act of 1998, any amendments to that Act, and any
11 other applicable federal statutes. The Board must also perform
12 all other functions that are not inconsistent with the federal
13 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 or this Act and that are
14 assumed by the Board under its bylaws or assigned to it by the
15 Governor.

16 (b) The Board must cooperate with the General Assembly and
17 make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly
18 concerning legislation necessary to improve upon statewide and
19 local workforce investment systems in order to increase
20 occupational skill attainment, employment, retention, or
21 earnings of participants and thereby improve the quality of the
22 workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the
23 productivity and competitiveness of the State. The Board must

1 annually submit a report to the General Assembly on the
2 progress of the State in achieving state performance measures
3 under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, including
4 information on the levels of performance achieved by the State
5 with respect to the core indicators of performance and the
6 customer satisfaction indicator under that Act. The report must
7 include any other items that the Governor may be required to
8 report to the Secretary of the United States Department of
9 Labor under Section 136(d) of the federal Workforce Investment
10 Act of 1998.

11 (b-5) The Board shall implement a method for measuring the
12 progress of the State's workforce development system by using
13 specified benchmarks. Those benchmarks are: (i) the
14 educational level of working adults; (ii) the percentage of the
15 adult workforce in education and training; (iii) adult
16 literacy; (iv) the percentage of high school graduates
17 transitioning to education or training; (v) the high school
18 dropout rate; (vi) the number of youth transitioning from 8th
19 grade to 9th grade; (vii) the percentage of individuals and
20 families at economic self-sufficiency; (viii) the average
21 growth in pay; (ix) net job growth; and (x) productivity per
22 employee.

23 The Board shall identify the most significant early
24 indicators for each benchmark, establish a mechanism to collect
25 data and track the benchmarks on an annual basis, and then use
26 the results to set goals for each benchmark, to inform

1 planning, and to ensure the effective use of State resources.

2 (b-10) The Board shall jointly approve of vocational or
3 technical education programs with the State Board of Education
4 as required by Section 27-22.05 of the School Code.

5 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require or
6 allow the Board to assume or supersede the statutory authority
7 granted to, or impose any duties or requirements on, the State
8 Board of Education, the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois
9 Community College Board, any State agencies created under the
10 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, or any local education
11 agencies.

12 (d) No actions taken by the Illinois Human Resource
13 Investment Council before the effective date of this amendatory
14 Act of the 92nd General Assembly and no rights, powers, duties,
15 or obligations from those actions are impaired solely by this
16 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly. All actions taken
17 by the Illinois Human Resource Investment Council before the
18 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
19 Assembly are ratified and validated.

20 (Source: P.A. 92-588, eff. 7-1-02; 93-331, eff. 1-1-04.)

21 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing Section
22 27-22.05 as follows:

23 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.05)

24 Sec. 27-22.05. Required course substitute. Notwithstanding

1 any other provision of this Article or this Code, a school
2 board that maintains any of grades 9 through 12 is authorized
3 to adopt a policy under which a student who is enrolled in any
4 of those grades may satisfy one or more high school course or
5 graduation requirements, including but not limited to any
6 requirements under Sections 27-6 and 27-22, by substituting for
7 and successfully completing in place of the high school course
8 or graduation requirement a related vocational or technical
9 education course. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
10 Code, a school board may allow students to substitute the
11 entirety of grades 11 and 12 with vocational or technical
12 education courses. Vocational and technical education courses
13 must be approved jointly by the State Board of Education and
14 the Illinois Workforce Investment Board in order to be
15 substituted. A vocational or technical education course shall
16 not qualify as a related vocational or technical education
17 course within the meaning of this Section unless it contains at
18 least 50% of the content of the required course or graduation
19 requirement for which it is substituted, as determined by the
20 State Board of Education in accordance with standards that it
21 shall adopt and uniformly apply for purposes of this Section.
22 No vocational or technical education course may be substituted
23 for a required course or graduation requirement under any
24 policy adopted by a school board as authorized in this Section
25 unless the pupil's parent or guardian first requests the
26 substitution and approves it in writing on forms that the

1 school district makes available for purposes of this Section.

2 (Source: P.A. 88-269.)