

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 Career and Workforce Transition Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 10 and 15 and by adding Section 20
6 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 151/10)

8 Sec. 10. Transfer of credits.

9 (a) A public community college district shall accept up to
10 30 credit hours transferred from an institution that has been
11 approved under Section 15 of this Act if a student has
12 completed one of the following programs at that institution:

13 (1) Medical Assisting.

14 (2) Medical Coding.

15 (3) Dental Assisting.

16 (4) HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning).

17 (5) Welding.

18 (6) Pharmacy Technician.

19 The program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a
20 credit-hour system.

21 (b) The public community college district may accept the
22 credits as direct equivalent credits or prior learning credits,
23 as determined by the district and consistent with the

1 accrediting standards and institutional and residency
2 requirements of the Board, the Higher Learning Commission,
3 other State and national accreditors, and State licensing
4 bodies, as appropriate.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-468, eff. 1-1-16.)

6 (110 ILCS 151/15)

7 Sec. 15. Board approval of institution.

8 (a) The Board may approve an institution as an institution
9 from which credits may be transferred under Section 10 of this
10 Act if all of the ~~following~~ conditions set forth in subsection
11 (b) of Section 20 of this Act have been met. are met:

12 ~~(1) The institution has submitted all proper~~
13 ~~documentation and application materials that the Board~~
14 ~~requests.~~

15 ~~(2) The institution has successfully completed a full~~
16 ~~term of national accreditation without probation, without~~
17 ~~being denied accreditation, and without withdrawing an~~
18 ~~application.~~

19 ~~(3) The Board has verified the institution's good standing~~
20 ~~during the period of its national accreditation. Credit~~
21 ~~transfers from the institution may be made only during the~~
22 ~~verified accreditation period. An institution that is under~~
23 ~~review due to probation, that is denied accreditation, or that~~
24 ~~withdraws an application for national accreditation may not be~~
25 ~~approved under this Section.~~

1 (b) The Board shall post on its website a list of all
2 institutions that have received Board approval. Approved
3 institutions must be listed on the Board's website beginning on
4 January 5, 2018.

5 (c) All decisions of the Board that result in non-approval
6 of an institution may be appealed within 30 days by that
7 institution after notification has been provided by the Board
8 in the form of a letter delivered by certified mail. During the
9 30-day appeal process, the institution must be provided with
10 information outlining the reasons for the institution's
11 non-approval by the Board, giving the institution the
12 opportunity to properly address the areas of contention. A
13 decision regarding the appeal must be rendered no later than 60
14 days after the conclusion of the 30-day appeal process.

15 (Source: P.A. 99-468, eff. 1-1-16.)

16 (110 ILCS 151/20 new)

17 Sec. 20. Board approval of program.

18 (a) In this Section, "program" means any of the programs
19 listed under subsection (a) of Section 10 of this Act.

20 (b) The Board may approve a program as eligible for credit
21 acceptance if all of the following conditions have been met:

22 (1) The institution has submitted all documentation
23 pertaining to the institution's structure, accreditation
24 and permit of approval, enrollment, and student
25 information and the completed application requested by the

1 Board.

2 (2) The institution has submitted all documentation
3 regarding its academic programs and curriculum for review
4 by the Board. The institution shall comply with the Board
5 of Higher Education's academic catalog requirements. The
6 institution shall make all disclosures required under
7 Section 37 of the Private Business and Vocational Schools
8 Act of 2012. The disclosure shall contain all required
9 information for the most recent 12-month reporting period
10 of July 1 through June 30 and may also include the
11 information for each 12-month reporting period during the
12 institution's 5-year national accreditation term. The
13 information submitted shall also include federally
14 mandated graduation and job placement rates.

15 (3) The institution has successfully completed a full
16 term of national accreditation without probation, without
17 being denied accreditation, and without withdrawing an
18 application.

19 (4) The Board has verified the institution's good
20 standing during the period of its national accreditation.
21 The institution shall provide any documents that validate
22 its good standing with its national accreditor.

23 (5) The Board has verified the institution's good
24 standing with the Board of Higher Education. The
25 institution shall provide any documents that validate its
26 good standing with the Board of Higher Education.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.