

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 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 23 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 150/23 new)

7 Sec. 23. Reverse transfer of credits.

8 (a) In this Section, "reverse transfer of credit" means the  
9 transfer of earned academic credit from a State university to a  
10 community college for the purpose of obtaining an associate  
11 degree at the community college.

12 (b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the Board  
13 of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board  
14 shall develop a policy to foster the reverse transfer of credit  
15 for any student who has accumulated at least 15 hours of  
16 academic credit at a community college and a sufficient number  
17 of hours of academic credit at a State university in the  
18 prescribed courses necessary to meet a community college's  
19 requirements to be awarded an associate degree.

20 (c) A student wishing to reverse transfer earned academic  
21 credit under this Section to obtain an associate degree shall  
22 agree to the exchange of transcript information between each  
23 community college and State university that he or she has

1 attended. A student must submit an application and his or her  
2 transcripts to a community college in order to be considered  
3 for conferral of an associate degree. In awarding an associate  
4 degree, the community college shall evaluate the applicant's  
5 coursework completed, along with the transfer credit earned,  
6 and shall determine whether the associate degree requirements  
7 have been met. No later than 30 business days after receiving  
8 an application, a community college shall notify an applicant  
9 if he or she qualifies for an associate degree based on the  
10 total earned credits.

11 (d) The Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community  
12 College Board, and the Midwestern Higher Education Compact's  
13 Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit shall adopt a  
14 policy regarding the award of academic credit for military  
15 training applicable to meeting a community college's  
16 requirements for awarding an associate degree.

17 (e) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
18 Community College Board shall adopt rules to implement this  
19 Section.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
21 2018.