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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 205

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 205 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 3-80 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-80 new)

7 Sec. 3-80. Baccalaureate degree in nursing pilot program.

8 (a) The Board of Trustees of Community College District No.  
9 508 may establish and offer at Malcolm X College a  
10 baccalaureate-level nursing education pilot program, commonly  
11 referred to as a baccalaureate completion program (RN to BSN),  
12 that confers a bachelor of science degree in nursing if all of  
13 the following conditions are met:

14 (1) The Board of Trustees meets all of the requirements  
15 as set forth in subsection (b), and the program has been  
16 approved by the State Board to offer a bachelor of science

1 degree in nursing.

2 (2) After the program has been approved by the State  
3 Board, the Board of Higher Education shall consider the  
4 program for approval in a manner consistent with new  
5 bachelor's degree programs at public and private  
6 universities in this State.

7 (3) The Board of Trustees has identified and  
8 documented, in writing, unmet workforce needs in the  
9 subject area of the baccalaureate degree to be offered. The  
10 Board of Trustees shall publish on the community college  
11 district's website and make publicly available the  
12 documentation and shall present the documentation to the  
13 State Board.

14 (4) The community college shall hold a national  
15 professional nursing accreditation or have applied for the  
16 accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing  
17 Education, the Accreditation Commission for Education in  
18 Nursing, or the Commission for Nursing Education  
19 Accreditation.

20 (5) The community college shall offer and maintain an  
21 associate degree in nursing.

22 (6) The Board of Trustees must demonstrate, in writing,  
23 how the community college will enhance future  
24 opportunities for minority and bilingual populations by  
25 focusing outreach efforts and giving preference to those  
26 students in order to meet workforce needs.

1       (b) The Board of Trustees shall demonstrate that the  
2 community college has the expertise, resources, and student  
3 interest to offer a quality bachelor of science degree in  
4 nursing. An application for approval from the State Board shall  
5 include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

6           (1) The Board of Trustees shall describe the labor  
7 market need as specified in paragraph (3) of subsection  
8 (a).

9           (2) The Board of Trustees shall describe the program's  
10 purpose, its target population, related occupations, and  
11 career paths.

12           (3) The Board of Trustees shall demonstrate that the  
13 community college has developed quality curricula that  
14 aligns with federal, State, and local requirements and will  
15 prepare graduates with the appropriate level of skill to  
16 meet their educational goals.

17           (4) The Board of Trustees shall verify the community  
18 college district has the fiscal resources in place or has  
19 budgeted for financial support for the program in a  
20 cost-effective manner.

21           (5) The Board of Trustees shall identify and document  
22 the faculty available for teaching the program, including  
23 the number of full-time faculty anticipated to teach in the  
24 program, a description of their qualifications (including  
25 highest degree earned), teaching experience, professional  
26 experience, and licenses held. The Board of Trustees must

1       also indicate how faculty are to be evaluated.

2       (c) The community college district is prohibited from using  
3 semester credit hours generated in baccalaureate degree  
4 programs for grants received pursuant to Section 2-16.02 of  
5 this Act.

6       (d) The State Board shall conduct a statewide evaluation of  
7 a pilot program established under this Section. The results of  
8 the evaluation shall be reported on or before July 1, 2023 to  
9 all of the following:

10           (1) The Board of Higher Education.

11           (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

12           (3) The Minority Leader of the House of  
13 Representatives.

14           (4) The President of the Senate.

15           (5) The Minority Leader of the Senate.

16           (6) The Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

17       The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, all of  
18 the following:

19           (A) Information identifying applicants, admissions,  
20 enrollment, the demographic characteristics of students,  
21 and degree recipients.

22           (B) The extent to which the program fulfills identified  
23 workforce needs.

24           (C) Information on the pace of employment of students  
25 and the subsequent job placement of graduates.

26           (D) The cost of the program and the funding sources

1 that were used to finance the program.

2 (E) Time-to-degree rates and completion rates for the  
3 program.

4 (F) The extent to which the program is in compliance  
5 with the requirements of this Section.

6 The Board of Trustees shall submit the information  
7 necessary to conduct the evaluation required under this  
8 subsection, as determined by the evaluator, to the State  
9 Board."