

# HB4879



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

**HB4879**

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-87

Amends the School Code. With respect to the requirement that a high school student or his or her parent or guardian file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid with the United States Department of Education or, if applicable, an application for State financial aid, requires a school district to provide notice to each student and to the parent or guardian of each student about the option to file a waiver. Effective June 1, 2020.

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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 School Code is amended by renumbering and  
5 changing Section 22-85, as added by Public Act 101-180, as  
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/22-87)

8 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
9 delayed effective date)

10 Sec. 22-87 ~~22-85~~. Graduation requirements; Free  
11 Application for Federal Student Aid.

12 (a) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, in addition  
13 to any other requirements under this Code, as a prerequisite to  
14 receiving a high school diploma from a public high school, the  
15 parent or guardian of each student or, if a student is at least  
16 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student must comply  
17 with either of the following:

18 (1) File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
19 with the United States Department of Education or, if  
20 applicable, an application for State financial aid.

21 (2) On a form created by the State Board of Education,  
22 file a waiver with the student's school district indicating  
23 that the parent or guardian or, if applicable, the student

1 understands what the Free Application for Federal Student  
2 Aid and application for State financial aid are and has  
3 chosen not to file an application under paragraph (1). The  
4 school district must provide notice to each student and to  
5 the parent or guardian of each student about the option to  
6 file a waiver under this paragraph (2).

7 (b) Each school district with a high school must require  
8 each high school student to comply with this Section and must  
9 provide to each high school student and, if applicable, his or  
10 her parent or guardian any support or assistance necessary to  
11 comply with this Section. A school district must award a high  
12 school diploma to a student who is unable to meet the  
13 requirements of subsection (a) due to extenuating  
14 circumstances, as determined by the school district, if (i) the  
15 student has met all other graduation requirements under this  
16 Code and (ii) the principal attests that the school district  
17 has made a good faith effort to assist the student or, if  
18 applicable, his or her parent or guardian in filing an  
19 application or a waiver under subsection (a).

20 (c) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
21 implement this Section.

22 (Source: P.A. 101-180, eff. 6-1-20; revised 10-21-19.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 1,  
24 2020.