



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB1930

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Andy Manar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Grow Your Own STEM and Vocational Education Teachers Act. Provides that a public institution of higher education shall, if funds are appropriated to the Board of Higher Education under the Act, waive any tuition, fees, and on-campus housing costs for a student who (i) agrees to pursue a minimum of a bachelor's degree in agriculture, science, technology, engineering, or mathematics for certain teaching occupations, (ii) agrees to attend a public institution of higher education to pursue an undergraduate degree or an advanced degree in one of those concentrations, (iii) agrees to teach at a hard-to-staff school, as determined by the Board of Higher Education, (iv) maintains a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (or its equivalent) at all times, and (v) agrees to fully reimburse the public institution of higher education for any waived tuition, fees, or costs if the student fails to teach at least 3 years at a high school located in this State or at least 5 years at a public institution of higher education or a public community college located in this State. Provides that a public institution of higher education shall, if funds are appropriated to the Board of Higher Education under the Act, waive any tuition and fees for a student who is a licensed Illinois teacher with a master's degree and who (i) agrees to pursue up to a maximum of 18 graduate hours necessary to qualify the student to teach dual credit consistent with applicable accreditation and State standards for dual credit faculty and (ii) agrees to fully reimburse the public institution of higher education for any waived tuition or fees if the student fails to teach at least 5 years at a high school located in this State after the completion of the graduate hours. Requires the Board of Higher Education to adopt rules. Effective July 1, 2020.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Grow
5 Your Own STEM and Vocational Education Teachers Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. In this Act, "public institution of
7 higher education" means the University of Illinois, Southern
8 Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern
9 Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois
10 State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern
11 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or any other
12 public university or college, other than a community college,
13 new or hereafter established or authorized by the General
14 Assembly.

15 Section 10. Grow Your Own STEM and Vocational Education
16 Teachers Program. Subject to any tuition waiver limitation
17 established by the Board of Higher Education, a public
18 institution of higher education shall, if funds are
19 appropriated to the Board of Higher Education under this Act,
20 waive any tuition, fees, and on-campus housing costs for a
21 student who does all of the following:

22 (1) Agrees to pursue a minimum of a bachelor's degree

1 in agriculture, science, technology, engineering, or
2 mathematics for a teaching occupation that includes, but is
3 not limited to, mathematics, natural sciences, or career
4 and vocational education in the areas of agriculture
5 education teacher, technology teacher, industrial arts
6 teacher, trade teacher, health care teacher, or
7 information technology teacher.

8 (2) Agrees to attend a public institution of higher
9 education to pursue an undergraduate degree or an advanced
10 degree in one of the concentrations set forth under
11 paragraph (1).

12 (3) Agrees to teach at a hard-to-staff school, as
13 determined by the Board of Higher Education.

14 (4) Maintains a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point
15 average (or its equivalent as determined by the Board of
16 Higher Education) at all times.

17 (5) Agrees to fully reimburse the public institution of
18 higher education for any waived tuition, fees, or costs if
19 the student fails to teach at least 3 years at a high
20 school located in this State or at least 5 years at a
21 public institution of higher education or a public
22 community college located in this State.

23 Section 15. Grow Your Own Dual Credit Teachers Program.
24 Subject to any tuition waiver limitation established by the
25 Board of Higher Education, a public institution of higher

1 education shall, if funds are appropriated to the Board of
2 Higher Education under this Act, waive any tuition and fees for
3 a student who is a licensed Illinois teacher with a master's
4 degree and who does all of the following:

5 (1) Agrees to pursue up to a maximum of 18 graduate
6 hours necessary to qualify the student to teach dual credit
7 consistent with applicable accreditation and State
8 standards for dual credit faculty. These credit hours shall
9 be in disciplines consistent with the general education
10 areas specified in the General Education Core Curriculum or
11 with the student's major in the Illinois Articulation
12 Initiative, provided the institution has those courses.

13 (2) Agrees to fully reimburse the public institution of
14 higher education for any waived tuition or fees if the
15 student fails to teach at least 5 years at a high school
16 located in this State after the completion of the graduate
17 hours.

18 Section 20. Funding. Funding for this Act shall come from
19 the General Revenue Fund and shall be subject to appropriation.

20 Section 90. Rules. The Board of Higher Education shall
21 adopt rules it determines are necessary for the administration
22 of this Act.

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