

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.