



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB2046

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. William E. Brady

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.69 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.61 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that each school district that maintains a secondary school must offer an early college high school program for its secondary school students to be completed by the student within 2 school years; defines "early college high school program". Provides that a student enrolled in an early college high school program is exempt from the payment of any registration, tuition, or laboratory fees charged by an institution of higher learning and the school district is responsible for all costs associated with the program.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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. This Act may be referred to as the Early College
5 High School Program Act.

6 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
7 10-20.69 and 34-18.61 as follows:

8 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.69 new)

9 Sec. 10-20.69. Early college high school.

10 (a) In this Section:

11 "Early college high school program" means an academic
12 program consisting of a series of dual credit courses that
13 allows a high school student to earn, within 2 school years,
14 both a high school diploma and (i) an associate degree issued
15 by an institution of higher learning or (ii) up to 2 years of
16 academic credit toward a bachelor's degree at an institution of
17 higher learning.

18 "Institution of higher learning" has the meaning given to
19 that term under Section 10 of the Higher Education Student
20 Assistance Act.

21 (b) Each school district that maintains a secondary school
22 must offer an early college high school program for its

1 secondary school students to be completed by the student within
2 2 school years. A student enrolled in an early college high
3 school program is exempt from the payment of any registration,
4 tuition, or laboratory fees charged by the institution of
5 higher learning. The school district is responsible for all
6 costs associated with the program.

7 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.61 new)

8 Sec. 34-18.61. Early college high school.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Early college high school program" means an academic
11 program consisting of a series of dual credit courses that
12 allows a high school student to earn, within 2 school years,
13 both a high school diploma and (i) an associate degree issued
14 by an institution of higher learning or (ii) up to 2 years of
15 academic credit toward a bachelor's degree at an institution of
16 higher learning.

17 "Institution of higher learning" has the meaning given to
18 that term under Section 10 of the Higher Education Student
19 Assistance Act.

20 (b) The school district must offer an early college high
21 school program for its secondary school students to be
22 completed by the student within 2 school years. A student
23 enrolled in an early college high school program is exempt from
24 the payment of any registration, tuition, or laboratory fees
25 charged by the institution of higher learning. The school

1 district is responsible for all costs associated with the
2 program.