



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB3296

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Suzanne Ness

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.73 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.67 new

Amends the School Code. Requires a school district to offer a program to prepare students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 for a career and technical education pathway by introducing students to career exploration opportunities that allow students to explore a wide variety of high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand career fields. Sets forth what a school district shall provide in its career and technical education pathway program. Provides for rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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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 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.73 and 34-18.67 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.73 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.73. Career and education pathway program.

8 (a) A school district that enrolls students in any of
9 grades 6 through 12 shall offer a program to prepare students
10 enrolled in grades 6 through 12 for a career and technical
11 education pathway by introducing students to career
12 exploration opportunities that allow students to explore a
13 wide variety of high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand career
14 fields.

15 (b) A school district shall provide in its career and
16 technical education pathway program both of the following:

17 (1) Career exploration and career development
18 activities through an organized, systematic framework that
19 is designed to aid students enrolled in grades 6 through
20 12 to make informed plans and decisions about their future
21 education, career opportunities, and programs of study
22 while participating in a career and technical education
23 program. The career exploration and career development

1 activities may include the following:

2 (A) introductory courses or activities that are
3 focused on career exploration and career awareness,
4 including the exploration of nontraditional careers or
5 fields;

6 (B) readily available career and labor market
7 information, including information on:

8 (i) occupational supply and demand;

9 (ii) educational requirements;

10 (iii) careers aligned to State or local
11 priorities, as appropriate; and

12 (iv) employment sectors;

13 (C) programs and activities related to the
14 development of student graduation and career plans;

15 (D) career guidance counselors and academic
16 counselors who provide information on postsecondary
17 education and career options;

18 (E) any other activity that advances student
19 knowledge of career opportunities and assists students
20 in making informed decisions about their future
21 education and employment goals, including
22 nontraditional careers or fields; or

23 (F) providing students with a strong experience in
24 an industry that allows the student to gain a
25 comprehensive understanding of all aspects of that
26 industry.

1 (2) Professional development opportunities for
2 teachers related to career and technical education for
3 students enrolled in grades 6 through 12.

4 (c) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules
5 necessary to implement this Section.

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.67 new)

7 Sec. 34-18.67. Career and education pathway program.

8 (a) The school district shall offer a program to prepare
9 students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 for a career and
10 technical education pathway by introducing students to career
11 exploration opportunities that allow students to explore a
12 wide variety of high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand career
13 fields.

14 (b) The school district shall provide in its career and
15 technical education pathway program both of the following:

16 (1) Career exploration and career development
17 activities through an organized, systematic framework that
18 is designed to aid students enrolled in grades 6 through
19 12 to make informed plans and decisions about their future
20 education, career opportunities, and programs of study
21 while participating in a career and technical education
22 program. The career exploration and career development
23 activities may include the following:

24 (A) introductory courses or activities that are
25 focused on career exploration and career awareness,

1 including the exploration of nontraditional careers or
2 fields;

3 (B) readily available career and labor market
4 information, including information on:

5 (i) occupational supply and demand;

6 (ii) educational requirements;

7 (iii) careers aligned to State or local
8 priorities, as appropriate; and

9 (iv) employment sectors;

10 (C) programs and activities related to the
11 development of student graduation and career plans;

12 (D) career guidance counselors and academic
13 counselors who provide information on postsecondary
14 education and career options;

15 (E) any other activity that advances student
16 knowledge of career opportunities and assists students
17 in making informed decisions about their future
18 education and employment goals, including
19 nontraditional careers or fields; or

20 (F) providing students with a strong experience in
21 an industry that allows the student to gain a
22 comprehensive understanding of all aspects of that
23 industry.

24 (2) Professional development opportunities for
25 teachers related to career and technical education for
26 students enrolled in grades 6 through 12.

1 (c) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules
2 necessary to implement this Section.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.