



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4200

Introduced 1/5/2022, by Rep. Cyril Nichols

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.82 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.77 new

Amends the School Code. Permits a school district to implement a program to allow school personnel, including athletic coaches, school counselors, and administrative staff, who possess comprehensive knowledge about postsecondary academic or vocational options to provide mentoring services or guidance related to postsecondary academic and vocational options to high school students. Sets forth the services and guidance that a postsecondary mentor may provide to a student; allows the State Board of Education to establish guidelines. Provides that the participation of school personnel in the program shall be on a voluntary basis only; prohibits school personnel from receiving compensation for participating in the program. Provides that a school district may issue a certificate to school personnel who participate in the program certifying that the participant possesses sufficient knowledge. Provides that the State Board of Education may provide for the form of the certificate. Provides for rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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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 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.82 and 34-18.77 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.82 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.82. Postsecondary mentoring program;
8 certificate.

9 (a) A school district may implement a program to allow
10 school personnel, including, but not limited to, athletic
11 coaches, school counselors, and administrative staff, who
12 possess comprehensive knowledge about postsecondary academic
13 or vocational options and opportunities to provide mentoring
14 services or guidance related to postsecondary academic and
15 vocational options to high school students.

16 (b) The services or guidance that postsecondary mentors
17 may provide or offer to students under this Section may
18 include, without limitations, the following services:

19 (1) connecting students to postsecondary opportunities
20 through college fairs, job fairs, and college visits;

21 (2) assisting students with the college application
22 and enrollment processes;

23 (3) informing students about postsecondary career

1 options;

2 (4) providing assistance to students with financial
3 aid, including grants, scholarships, student loans, and
4 work-study programs; and

5 (5) assisting students in developing strategies for
6 reaching their postsecondary academic or career goals.

7 The State Board of Education may establish guidelines for
8 the services and guidance that may be offered to students
9 under the program.

10 (c) The participation of school personnel in the program
11 shall be on a voluntarily basis only. School personnel
12 participating in the program may not receive any compensation
13 for their participation in the program.

14 (d) If a school district offers a program under this
15 Section, the school district may issue to school personnel who
16 participate in the program a certificate certifying that the
17 participant possesses sufficient knowledge to provide advice
18 and guidance to students about postsecondary academic or
19 vocational options and opportunities. The State Board of
20 Education may provide for the form of the certificate to be
21 made available for use by school districts.

22 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules that
23 are necessary to implement this Section.

24 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.77 new)

25 Sec. 34-18.77. Postsecondary mentoring program;

1 certificate.

2 (a) The school district may implement a program to allow
3 school personnel, including, but not limited to, athletic
4 coaches, school counselors, and administrative staff, who
5 possess comprehensive knowledge about postsecondary academic
6 or vocational options and opportunities to provide mentoring
7 services or guidance related to postsecondary academic and
8 vocational options to high school students.

9 (b) The services or guidance that postsecondary mentors
10 may provide or offer to students under this Section may
11 include, without limitation, the following services:

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13 through college fairs, job fairs, and college visits;

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15 and enrollment processes;

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17 options;

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19 aid, including grants, scholarships, student loans, and
20 work-study programs; and

21 (5) assisting students in developing strategies for
22 reaching their postsecondary academic or career goals.

23 The State Board of Education may establish guidelines for
24 the services and guidance that may be offered to students
25 under the program.

26 (c) The participation of school personnel in the program

1 shall be on a voluntarily basis only. School personnel
2 participating in the program may not receive any compensation
3 for their participation in the program.

4 (d) If the school district offers a program under this
5 Section, the school district may issue to school personnel who
6 participate in the program a certificate certifying that the
7 participant possesses sufficient knowledge to provide advice
8 and guidance to students about postsecondary academic or
9 vocational options and opportunities. The State Board of
10 Education may provide for the form of the certificate to be
11 made available for use by the school district.

12 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules that
13 are necessary to implement this Section.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.