

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 changing Section
5 13B-20.5 and by adding Section 34-18.78 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/13B-20.5)

7 Sec. 13B-20.5. Eligible activities and services.
8 Alternative learning opportunities programs may include,
9 without limitation, evening high school, in-school tutoring
10 and mentoring programs, in-school suspension programs, high
11 school completion programs to assist high school dropouts in
12 completing their education, high school completion programs to
13 allow students eligible for remote learning under Section
14 34-18.78 to complete their education while incarcerated in an
15 institution or facility of the Department of Corrections,
16 support services, parental involvement programs, and programs
17 to develop, enhance, or extend the transition for students
18 transferring back to the regular school program, an adult
19 education program, or a post-secondary education program.

20 (Source: P.A. 92-42, eff. 1-1-02.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.78 new)

22 Sec. 34-18.78. Pilot program for remote learning for

1 students in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The
2 board may offer the option of remote learning to allow a
3 student who is in the custody of the Department of Corrections
4 to successfully complete the course requirements necessary to
5 graduate from high school and receive a high school diploma.
6 The school district may offer a remote learning option to a
7 student if the student:

8 (1) is enrolled at Consuella B. York Alternative High
9 School at the time the student is transferred to a
10 Department of Corrections facility or institution or had
11 been enrolled at Consuella B. York Alternative High School
12 within the 6 months prior to being transferred to a
13 Department of Corrections facility or institution; and

14 (2) is within 2 school years of completing all of the
15 course requirements necessary to graduate from high school
16 and receive a high school diploma.

17 The Department of Corrections educators and security staff
18 shall be involved in assisting and supervising students
19 participating in the pilot program. The Department of
20 Corrections shall negotiate with all bargaining units involved
21 to ensure that the implementation of the pilot program is
22 consistent with collective bargaining agreements.

23 The school district may continue to offer the option of
24 remote learning to the student for up to one school year
25 following the student's release from the custody of the
26 Department of Corrections to allow the student to complete any

1 remaining course requirements necessary to graduate from high
2 school and receive a high school diploma.

3 The establishment of the pilot program described in this
4 Section is contingent upon there being provided to the
5 Department of Corrections sufficient appropriations to
6 implement and administer the program.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.