

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Volunteer Emergency Worker Job Protection
5 Act is amended by adding Section 7 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 748/7 new)

7 Sec. 7. Protections for college students who are volunteer
8 emergency workers.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "postsecondary institution"
10 means a community college or public university in this State.

11 (b) Except as limited under subsection (c), a
12 postsecondary institution may not discipline a student who is
13 a volunteer emergency worker if the student, in the scope of
14 acting as a volunteer emergency worker, responds to an
15 emergency phone call or text message during work hours that
16 requests the person's volunteer emergency services during a
17 school day.

18 (c) A postsecondary institution must allow a student who
19 is a volunteer emergency worker to receive up to 5 excused days
20 from class when the student is acting in the scope of a
21 volunteer emergency worker.

22 (d) If a student who is a volunteer emergency worker loses
23 time from his or her classes in order to respond to an

1 emergency in the course of performing his or her duties as a
2 volunteer emergency worker, the postsecondary institution may
3 request the student to provide the postsecondary institution
4 with a written statement from a supervisor or acting
5 supervisor of the fire department or governmental entity that
6 the volunteer emergency worker serves stating that the student
7 responded to an emergency and stating the time and date of the
8 emergency.