

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 Vocational Education Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 2.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 435/2.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 697.1)

7 Sec. 2.1. Gender Equity Advisory Committee.

8 (a) The Superintendent of the State Board of Education  
9 shall appoint a Gender Equity Advisory Committee of at least 9  
10 members to advise and consult with the State Board of  
11 Education and the gender equity coordinator in all aspects  
12 relating to ensuring that all students have equal educational  
13 opportunities to pursue high wage, high skill occupations  
14 leading to economic self-sufficiency.

15 (b) Membership shall include without limitation one  
16 regional gender equity coordinator, 2 State Board of Education  
17 employees, an appointee of the Director of Labor, and 5  
18 citizen appointees who have expertise in one or more of the  
19 following areas: nontraditional training and placement,  
20 service delivery to single parents, service delivery to  
21 displaced homemakers, service delivery to female teens,  
22 business and industry experience, and Education-to-Careers  
23 experience. Membership also may include employees from the

1 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the  
2 Department of Human Services, and the Illinois Community  
3 College Board who have expertise in one or more of the areas  
4 listed in this subsection (b) for the citizen appointees.  
5 Appointments shall be made taking into consideration expertise  
6 of services provided in secondary, postsecondary and community  
7 based programs.

8 (c) Members shall initially be appointed to one year terms  
9 commencing in January 1, 1990, and thereafter to two year  
10 terms commencing on January 1 of each odd numbered year.  
11 Vacancies shall be filled as prescribed in subsection (b) for  
12 the remainder of the unexpired term.

13 (d) Each newly appointed committee shall elect a Chair and  
14 Secretary from its members. Members shall serve without  
15 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in  
16 the performance of their duties. The Committee shall meet at  
17 least bi-annually and at other times at the call of the Chair  
18 or at the request of the gender equity coordinator.

19 (e) On or before December 15, 2023, the Committee shall  
20 submit recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and  
21 State Board of Education regarding how school districts and  
22 the State Board of Education can better support historically  
23 disadvantaged males, including African American students and  
24 other students of color, to ensure educational equity.

25 (f) On and after December 31, 2023, subsection (e) is  
26 inoperative.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-739, eff. 7-16-14.)