

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 Section  
5 2-3.195 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.195 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.195. Direct support professional training  
8 program. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and  
9 continuing for not less than 2 years, the State Board of  
10 Education shall make available a model program of study that  
11 incorporates the training and experience necessary to serve as  
12 a direct support professional. By July 1, 2023, the State  
13 Board shall submit recommendations developed in consultation  
14 with stakeholders, including, but not limited to,  
15 organizations representing community-based providers serving  
16 children and adults with intellectual or developmental  
17 disabilities, and education practitioners, including, but not  
18 limited to, teachers, administrators, special education  
19 directors, and regional superintendents of schools, to the  
20 Department of Human Services for the training that would be  
21 required in order to be complete the model program of study.