

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 2-3.169 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.169)

7 Sec. 2-3.169. State Global Scholar Certification.

8 (a) The State Global Scholar Certification Program is
9 established to recognized public and nonpublic high school
10 graduates who have attained global competence. State Global
11 Scholar Certification shall be awarded beginning with the
12 2017-2018 school year. School district or nonpublic school
13 participation in this certification is voluntary.

14 (b) The purposes of State Global Scholar Certification are
15 as follows:

16 (1) To recognize the value of a global education.

17 (2) To certify attainment of global competence.

18 (3) To provide employers with a method of identifying
19 globally competent employees.

20 (4) To provide colleges and universities with an
21 additional method to recognize applicants seeking
22 admission.

23 (5) To prepare students with 21st century skills.

1 (6) To encourage the development of a globally ready
2 workforce in the STEM (science, technology, engineering,
3 and mathematics), manufacturing, agriculture, and service
4 sectors.

5 (c) State Global Scholar Certification confirms attainment
6 of global competence, sufficient for meaningful use in college
7 and a career, by a graduating public or nonpublic high school
8 student.

9 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as
10 may be necessary to establish the criteria that students must
11 achieve to earn State Global Scholar Certification, which
12 shall minimally include attainment of units of credit in
13 globally focused courses, service learning experiences, global
14 collaboration and dialogue, and passage of a capstone project
15 demonstrating global competency, as approved by the
16 participating school district or nonpublic school for this
17 purpose.

18 (e) The State Board of Education shall do both of the
19 following:

20 (1) Prepare and deliver to participating school
21 districts or nonpublic schools an appropriate mechanism
22 for designating State Global Scholar Certification on the
23 diploma and transcript of a student indicating that the
24 student has been awarded State Global Scholar
25 Certification by the State Board of Education.

26 (2) Provide other information the State Board of

1 Education deems necessary for school districts or
2 nonpublic schools to successfully participate in the
3 certification.

4 (f) A school district or nonpublic school that
5 participates in certification under this Section shall do both
6 of the following:

7 (1) Maintain appropriate records in order to identify
8 students who have earned State Global Scholar
9 Certification.

10 (2) Make the appropriate designation on the diploma
11 and transcript of each student who earns State Global
12 Scholar Certification.

13 (g) No fee may be charged to a student to receive the
14 designation pursuant to the Section. Notwithstanding this
15 prohibition, costs may be incurred by the student in
16 demonstrating proficiency.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-780, eff. 8-12-16; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

18 Section 10. The College and Career Success for All
19 Students Act is amended by changing Section 30 as follows:

20 (105 ILCS 302/30)

21 Sec. 30. Postsecondary-level course credit.

22 (a) In this Section:

23 "Institution of higher education" means a public
24 university or public community college located in this State.

1 "International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject"
2 means an International Baccalaureate course taken by either
3 International Baccalaureate diploma candidates or by
4 International Baccalaureate course candidates.

5 "Subject score" means the total points awarded to a
6 candidate for an International Baccalaureate course based on
7 fulfillment of all subject requirements, including the
8 end-of-course examination.

9 (b) Beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, scores of
10 3, 4, and 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement
11 examinations and, beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year,
12 subject scores of 4 or higher for International Baccalaureate
13 Diploma Programme subjects shall be accepted for credit to
14 satisfy degree requirements by all institutions of higher
15 education. Each institution of higher education shall
16 determine for each Advanced Placement test and International
17 Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject whether credit will be
18 granted for electives, general education requirements, or
19 major requirements and the Advanced Placement and
20 International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject scores
21 required to grant credit for those purposes.

22 Beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, each
23 institution of higher education may award course credit to a
24 student who has received State Global Scholar Certification.
25 Each institution of higher education may determine whether
26 credit will be granted for electives, general education

1 requirements, or major requirements for students who received
2 State Global Scholar Certification.

3 (c) By the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic year, the
4 Board of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Illinois
5 Community College Board, shall analyze the Advanced Placement
6 examination and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
7 subject score course granting policy of each institution of
8 higher education and the research used by each institution in
9 determining the level of credit and the number of credits
10 provided for the Advanced Placement and International
11 Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject scores in accordance
12 with the requirements of this Section and file a report that
13 includes findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
14 and the Governor. Each institution of higher education shall
15 provide the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois
16 Community College Board with all necessary data, in accordance
17 with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of
18 1974, to conduct the analysis.

19 (d) Each institution of higher education shall publish its
20 updated Advanced Placement examination and International
21 Baccalaureate Diploma Programme subject score course granting
22 policy in accordance with the requirements of this Section on
23 its Internet website before the beginning of the 2017-2018
24 academic year.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-358, eff. 8-13-15; 99-624, eff. 7-22-16.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

1 2023.