

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 2024-2025 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.