

HB3712



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3712

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Mary Beth Canty

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.84

Amends the School Board Article of the School Code. Provides that a school district that elects to implement College and Career Pathway Endorsements by July 1, 2025 is encouraged to provide job coaching to students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs. Provides that duties of the job coaches may include teaching skills, such as resume preparation, career counseling and exploration, and acting as a liaison to the business community. Effective July 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR

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 and
5 renumbering Section 10-20.83, as added by Public Act 102-917,
6 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.84)

8 Sec. 10-20.84 ~~10-20.83~~. College and career readiness
9 systems.

10 (a) Subject to subsection (d) of this Section, by July 1,
11 2025, a school district that enrolls students in any of grades
12 6 through 12 shall adopt and commence implementation of career
13 exploration and career development activities in accordance
14 with a postsecondary and career expectations framework for
15 each of grades 6 through 12 served by the district that
16 substantially aligns to the model framework adopted by State
17 agencies pursuant to Section 15 of the Postsecondary and
18 Workforce Readiness Act. The local postsecondary and career
19 expectations framework shall be available on a prominent
20 location on the school district's website.

21 The career exploration and career development activities
22 offered in alignment with the postsecondary and career
23 expectations framework shall prepare students enrolled in

1 grades 6 through 12 to make informed plans and decisions about
2 their future education and career goals, including possible
3 participation in a career and technical education pathway, by
4 providing students with opportunities to explore a wide
5 variety of high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand career fields.

6 (b) By no later than July 1, 2025, a school district that
7 enrolls students in any of grades 9 through 12 shall either
8 elect to implement College and Career Pathway Endorsements in
9 accordance with subsection (c) of this Section or opt out of
10 implementation in accordance with subsection (d) of this
11 Section.

12 (c) A school district that enrolls students in any of
13 grades 9 through 12 electing to implement College and Career
14 Pathway Endorsements shall become an eligible school district
15 and either (i) independently, (ii) through an area career
16 center, or (iii) through an inter-district cooperative, award
17 College and Career Pathway Endorsements pursuant to the
18 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act and pursuant to the
19 following schedule:

20 (1) for the high school graduating class of 2027, a
21 school district shall offer College and Career Pathway
22 Endorsements in at least one endorsement area;

23 (2) for the high school graduating class of 2029, a
24 school district shall offer College and Career Pathway
25 Endorsements in at least 2 endorsement areas; and

26 (3) for the high school graduating class of 2031, a

1 school district with a grade 9 through 12 enrollment of
2 more than 350 students, as calculated by the State Board
3 of Education for the 2022-2023 school year, shall offer
4 College and Career Pathway Endorsements in at least 3
5 endorsement areas.

6 A school district may elect to implement College and
7 Career Pathway Endorsements by July 1, 2025, either by
8 submitting the necessary application materials to the State
9 Board of Education to award the number of endorsements
10 required by this subsection or by the school board of the
11 district adopting a timeline for implementation consistent
12 with the requirements of this subsection.

13 (d) The school board of any school district may, by action
14 of the board, opt out of implementation of all or any part of
15 this Section through adoption of a set of findings that
16 considers the following:

17 (1) the school district's current systems for college
18 and career readiness;

19 (2) the school district's cost of implementation
20 balanced against the potential benefits to students and
21 families through improved postsecondary education and
22 career outcomes;

23 (3) the willingness and capacity of local businesses
24 to partner with the school district for successful
25 implementation of pathways other than education;

26 (4) the willingness of institutions of higher

1 education to partner with the school district for
2 successful implementation of the pathway and whether the
3 district has sought and established a partnership
4 agreement with a community college district incorporating
5 the provisions of the Model Partnership Agreement under
6 the Dual Credit Quality Act;

7 (5) the availability of a statewide database of
8 participating local business partners, as provided under
9 the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act, for the
10 purpose of career readiness and the accessibility of those
11 work experiences and apprenticeships listed in the
12 database to the students of the school district; and

13 (6) the availability of properly licensed teachers or
14 teachers meeting faculty credential standards for dual
15 credit courses to instruct in the program required for the
16 endorsement areas.

17 (d-5) A school district that elects to implement College
18 and Career Pathway Endorsements by July 1, 2025 is encouraged
19 to provide job coaching to students enrolled in Career and
20 Technical Education programs. Duties of the job coaches may
21 include teaching skills, such as resume preparation, career
22 counseling and exploration, and acting as a liaison to the
23 business community.

24 A school district must report its board findings and
25 decision on implementation to the State Board of Education. A
26 school district electing to opt out of implementation may

1 reverse its decision in whole or in part at any time.

2 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules
3 necessary to implement this Section.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-917, eff. 1-1-23; revised 1-10-23.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
6 2025.