



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2755

Introduced 1/16/2024, by Sen. Donald P. DeWitte

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.204 new

Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall create and maintain a comprehensive training program in advanced manufacturing to ensure an adequate supply of trained and skilled individuals to work in advanced manufacturing and to ensure appropriate representation of racial and ethnic groups in all phases of the industry. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop the program to be taught as part of the curriculum of the public school system from grades kindergarten through 12 and made readily available to all school districts. Provides that school districts may include programs in education in advanced manufacturing as a part of the curriculum of those districts. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to implement these provisions. Provides that the rules may not create any new State mandates on school districts as a condition of districts receiving federal, State, or local funds. Provides that the State Board of Education shall assume responsibility for the administration of the program throughout all school districts, as well as developing the program to match the requirements and mandates of federal programming.

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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 2-3.204 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.204 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.204. Advanced manufacturing education.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that manufacturing is the
9 most basic and singularly important industry in this State,
10 that advanced manufacturing is of central importance to the
11 welfare and economic stability of this State, and that the
12 maintenance of this vital industry requires a continued source
13 of trained and qualified individuals for employment in
14 advanced manufacturing. It is the intent of the General
15 Assembly that, although this Section does not create any new
16 mandates, school districts be encouraged to follow this
17 Section.

18 (b) The State Board of Education shall create and maintain
19 a comprehensive training program in advanced manufacturing to
20 ensure an adequate supply of trained and skilled individuals
21 to work in advanced manufacturing and to ensure appropriate
22 representation of racial and ethnic groups in all phases of
23 the industry. The State Board of Education shall develop the

1 program to be taught as part of the curriculum of the public
2 school system from grades kindergarten through 12 and made
3 readily available to all school districts. School districts
4 may include programs in education in advanced manufacturing as
5 a part of the curriculum of those districts.

6 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as
7 may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.
8 The rules may not create any new State mandates on school
9 districts as a condition of districts receiving federal,
10 State, or local funds.

11 (d) The State Board of Education shall assume
12 responsibility for the administration of the program created
13 under this Section throughout all school districts, as well as
14 developing the program to match the requirements and mandates
15 of federal programming.