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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22	from Ch. 122, par. 27-22
105 ILCS 5/27-22.3	from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3
105 ILCS 5/27-22.05	
30 ILCS 805/8.28 new	

Amends the School Code. Provides that as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each student entering the 9th grade in the 2005-2006 school year or a subsequent school year must perform 40 hours of community service, unless the student is exempted by the school board. Provides that each school board shall determine what constitutes 40 hours of community service and the criteria for exempting a student from the community service requirement. Provides that a student granted an exemption must complete an alternative assignment. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 Sections  
5 27-22, 27-22.05, and 27-22.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)

7 Sec. 27-22. Prerequisites for high school diploma ~~Required~~  
8 ~~high school courses.~~

9 (a) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,  
10 each pupil entering the 9th grade in 1984-1985 and subsequent  
11 years must, in addition to other course requirements,  
12 successfully complete the following courses:

- 13 1. three years of language arts;
- 14 2. two years of mathematics, one of which may be  
15 related to computer technology;
- 16 3. one year of science;
- 17 4. two years of social studies, of which at least one  
18 year must be history of the United States or a combination  
19 of history of the United States and American government;  
20 and
- 21 5. One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C) foreign  
22 language, which shall be deemed to include American Sign  
23 Language or (D) vocational education.

24 This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils  
25 entering the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior  
26 school years or to students with disabilities whose course of  
27 study is determined by an individualized education program.

28 The provisions of this subsection (a) ~~Section~~ are subject  
29 to the provisions of Section 27-22.05.

30 (b) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,  
31 each student entering the 9th grade in the 2005-2006 school  
32 year or a subsequent school years must perform 40 hours of

1 community service, unless the student is exempted by the school  
2 board. In accordance with guidelines established by the State  
3 Board of Education or its successor, each school board shall  
4 determine what constitutes 40 hours of community service, which  
5 may be incorporated into classroom instruction, and the  
6 criteria for exempting a student from the community service  
7 requirement. Criteria for exempting students shall include  
8 without limitation consideration for students who have to work,  
9 students with disabilities, students who experience family  
10 illness, and students with child-rearing responsibilities that  
11 prohibit them from fulfilling the community service  
12 requirement. A student granted an exemption must complete an  
13 alternative assignment, as defined by the school board.

14 (Source: P.A. 88-269; 89-397, eff. 8-20-95.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3)

16 Sec. 27-22.3. Volunteer service credit program.

17 (a) A school district may establish a volunteer service  
18 credit program that enables secondary school students to earn  
19 credit towards graduation through performance of community  
20 service. This community service may include participation in  
21 the organization of a high school or community blood drive or  
22 other blood donor recruitment campaign. Any program so  
23 established shall begin with students entering grade 9 in the  
24 1993-1994 school year or later. The amount of credit given for  
25 program participation shall not exceed that given for  
26 completion of one semester of language arts, math, science or  
27 social studies.

28 (b) Any community service performed as part of a course for  
29 which credit is given towards graduation shall not qualify  
30 under a volunteer service credit program. Any service for which  
31 a student is paid shall not qualify under a volunteer service  
32 credit program. Any community work assigned as a disciplinary  
33 measure shall not qualify under a volunteer service credit  
34 program. Community service performed as part of the  
35 prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma under

1 subsection (b) of Section 27-22 of this Code qualifies under a  
2 volunteer service credit program if the community service  
3 otherwise qualifies under this subsection (b).

4 (c) School districts that establish volunteer service  
5 credit programs shall establish any necessary rules,  
6 regulations and procedures.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-547, eff. 8-19-03.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.05)

9 Sec. 27-22.05. Required course substitute. Notwithstanding  
10 any other provision of this Article or this Code except  
11 subsection (b) of Section 27-22, a school board that maintains  
12 any of grades 9 through 12 is authorized to adopt a policy  
13 under which a student who is enrolled in any of those grades  
14 may satisfy one or more high school course or graduation  
15 requirements, including but not limited to any requirements  
16 under Section ~~Sections~~ 27-6 and subsection (a) of Section  
17 27-22, by substituting for and successfully completing in place  
18 of the high school course or graduation requirement a related  
19 vocational or technical education course. A vocational or  
20 technical education course shall not qualify as a related  
21 vocational or technical education course within the meaning of  
22 this Section unless it contains at least 50% of the content of  
23 the required course or graduation requirement for which it is  
24 substituted, as determined by the State Board of Education in  
25 accordance with standards that it shall adopt and uniformly  
26 apply for purposes of this Section. No vocational or technical  
27 education course may be substituted for a required course or  
28 graduation requirement under any policy adopted by a school  
29 board as authorized in this Section unless the pupil's parent  
30 or guardian first requests the substitution and approves it in  
31 writing on forms that the school district makes available for  
32 purposes of this Section.

33 (Source: P.A. 88-269.)

34 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding

1 Section 8.28 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 805/8.28 new)

3 Sec. 8.28. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8  
4 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the  
5 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of  
6 the 93rd General Assembly.