

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 Public Community College Act is amended by
5 adding Section 2-23 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/2-23 new)

7 Sec. 2-23. Student transfer to university; coordinator and
8 recruiter.

9 (a) The State Board shall establish a 3-year pilot program
10 under which each community college in Community College
11 District No. 505, Community College District No. 508, Community
12 College District No. 511, Community College District No. 520,
13 and Community College District No. 527 must employ one person
14 as a coordinator and one person as a recruiter to assist
15 inner-city students in transferring to public universities in
16 this State. The State Board shall provide a grant to each of
17 these districts to fund the positions, which amount must be
18 equally divided among the community colleges in these
19 districts.

20 (b) The coordinator shall do all of the following:

21 (1) Work with the district's academic advisement staff
22 to develop a program plan that will transition students to
23 universities.

24 (2) Interface with university admissions departments
25 to assist students during the transition.

26 (3) Assist students with course selection, majors,
27 housing, child care, and financial aid.

28 (4) Track student progress and the effectiveness of
29 campus events.

30 (5) Implement a transition strategy and work with
31 students on the strategy.

32 (6) Interface with the president, deans, academic

1 advisors, faculty, staff, and program directors.

2 (7) Oversee the activities of the recruiter.

3 (8) Assist students in filling out applications and
4 finding a university match.

5 (9) Establish financial aid initiatives and assist
6 students in finding and applying for funding sources.

7 (10) Coordinate housing arrangements.

8 (c) The recruiter shall do all of the following:

9 (1) Identify transfer candidates by working with deans
10 and faculty.

11 (2) Develop recruiting strategies, including a
12 proactive campus recruiting strategy that will attract
13 dedicated students.

14 (3) Design, implement, and execute on-campus
15 recruiting activities, including campus fairs, information
16 sessions, workshops, and seminars.

17 (4) Create on-campus marketing and communication
18 strategies to increase awareness and to educate students
19 about the opportunities that exist with universities.

20 (5) Develop and maintain a partnership with deans,
21 program directors, professors, and academic advisors.

22 (6) Establish partnerships with universities, as well
23 as other institutions of higher education and trade
24 schools.

25 (7) Report program effectiveness to the coordinator.

26 (d) After the pilot program has been in effect for 3 years,
27 the State Board shall study the overall success of the pilot
28 program and report its findings to the General Assembly. The
29 program shall be deemed successful if 50% or more of all
30 student participants have received their bachelor's degree.
31 After the report is filed, the General Assembly may continue
32 the program, increase funding for the program, expand the
33 program to all public community colleges in this State, or
34 terminate the program if it is unsuccessful.

35 (e) The State Board may adopt any rules necessary to carry
36 out its responsibilities under this Section.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 2006.