

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 2-3.80a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.80a)

7 Sec. 2-3.80a. Agricultural ~~Agriculture~~ science teacher  
8 education.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education  
10 shall develop an agricultural science teacher education  
11 training continuum beginning at the secondary level and shall  
12 provide ~~incentive funding~~ grants to the following:

13 (1) institutions of higher education that offer  
14 State-approved agricultural science teacher preparation  
15 programs; and

16 (2) public community colleges in this State that  
17 provide an articulated agricultural science teacher  
18 education course of study. ~~the agriculture science teacher~~  
19 ~~education programs located at Illinois State University,~~  
20 ~~Southern Illinois University, the University of Illinois,~~  
21 ~~and Western Illinois University. Public community colleges~~  
22 ~~in this State that provide an articulated agriculture~~  
23 ~~science teacher education course of study are also eligible~~

1 ~~for funding.~~

2 (b) The funds provided by the State Board of Education  
3 under subsection (a) of this Section may be used to support the  
4 following activities:

5 (1) Teacher education candidate recruitment and  
6 retention incentives.

7 (2) Having Master teachers and practitioners assist  
8 with various aspects of the recruitment of potential  
9 candidates and the preparation of those candidates as  
10 skilled and qualified teachers of agricultural education  
11 ~~the preparation, coordination, and supervision of student~~  
12 ~~teachers.~~

13 (3) Establishing, ~~and~~ delivering, arranging for, or  
14 providing financial support for professional development  
15 experiences for new agricultural science teachers during  
16 their first 5 years of teaching.

17 (4) Professional development for faculty in  
18 universities' agricultural education teacher preparation  
19 programs and for community college agriculture faculty  
20 responsible for instruction in agricultural education  
21 teacher preparation transfer programs ~~university~~  
22 ~~agriculture education teacher education staff.~~

23 (Source: P.A. 95-153, eff. 1-1-08.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.