

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 Board of Higher Education Act is amended by
5 adding Section 9.33 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.33 new)

7 Sec. 9.33. Collaborative Baccalaureate Degree Development
8 Grant Program.

9 (a) The Board shall implement and administer a grant
10 program, to be referred to as the Collaborative Baccalaureate
11 Degree Development Grant Program, to help deliver upper
12 division courses and bachelor's degree programs offered by
13 bachelor's degree-granting colleges and universities at a
14 location geographically convenient to student populations
15 currently being served by existing public community colleges.
16 The Board shall adopt rules regarding eligibility criteria and
17 a process for the annual application and awarding of grants.
18 The grant application and award process shall be as efficient
19 as possible to encourage collaborative applications and shall
20 include consideration of existing programs and facilities.

21 (b) A grant application must be jointly submitted by one
22 public community college and one or more public or private,
23 not-for-profit, 4-year colleges or universities.

1 (c) Grants may be used for any combination of the
2 following:

3 (1) Instructional space on or near a community college.

4 (2) Required training and advanced education of
5 faculty for the new programs.

6 (3) Instructional technology tools.

7 (4) Marketing and promotion for joint efforts.

8 (5) Other purposes related to the collaboration
9 efforts, as allowed by the Board's program rules.

10 (d) In order to better ensure the commitment of the
11 partnering institutions, the Board shall require that each
12 partnering institution (both the community college and the
13 4-year institution or institutions) must also invest in the
14 partnership. Each grant application must include how the
15 State's grant will be matched by dollars from the partner
16 institutions. The combined investment of the partner
17 institutions must equal no less than 50% of the amount of the
18 grant.

19 (e) The Board shall adopt any rules that are necessary for
20 the implementation of this Section.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.