

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 27-22.10 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.10)

7 Sec. 27-22.10. Course credit for high school diploma.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the
9 school board of a school district that maintains any of grades
10 9 through 12 is authorized to adopt a policy under which a
11 student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 who is enrolled in the unit
12 school district or would be enrolled in the high school
13 district upon completion of elementary school, whichever is
14 applicable, may enroll in a course required under Section 27-22
15 of this Code, provided that the course is offered by the high
16 school that the student would attend, and (i) the student
17 participates in the course at the location of the high school,
18 and the elementary student's enrollment in the course would not
19 prevent a high school student from being able to enroll, or
20 (ii) the student participates in the course where the student
21 attends school as long as the course is taught by a ~~high school~~
22 teacher who holds a professional educator license issued under
23 Article 21B of this Code and endorsed for the grade level and

1 ~~content area of the course certified in accordance with Article~~
2 ~~21 of this Code who teaches in a high school of the school~~
3 ~~district where the student will attend when in high school and~~
4 ~~no high school students are enrolled in the course.~~

5 (b) A school board that adopts a policy pursuant to
6 subsection (a) of this Section must grant academic credit to an
7 elementary school student who successfully completes the high
8 school course, and that credit shall satisfy the requirements
9 of Section 27-22 of this Code for that course.

10 (c) A school board must award high school course credit to
11 a student transferring to its school district for any course
12 that the student successfully completed pursuant to subsection
13 (a) of this Section, unless evidence about the course's rigor
14 and content shows that it does not address the relevant
15 Illinois Learning Standard at the level appropriate for the
16 high school grade during which the course is usually taken, and
17 that credit shall satisfy the requirements of Section 27-22 of
18 this Code for that course.

19 (d) A student's grade in any course successfully completed
20 under this Section must be included in his or her grade point
21 average in accordance with the school board's policy for making
22 that calculation.

23 (Source: P.A. 95-299, eff. 8-20-07; 96-412, eff. 8-13-09.)

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