



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3741

by Rep. Adam Brown

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Act. Establishes the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program, to be implemented and administered by the Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College Board, with the goal of creating a model of articulation and coordination among grade K-12 schools, community colleges, and public universities that will allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including textbooks. Provides that the Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College Board, shall determine which public universities, public community colleges, and school districts are to participate in the pilot program (in 3 areas of this State). Requires the universities, community colleges, and school districts participating in the pilot program to coordinate their efforts to expedite the progress of participating students from high school to community college to university to earn their baccalaureate degrees for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including textbooks. Sets forth the components of the pilot program.

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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the  
7 General Assembly to establish a pilot program with the goal of  
8 creating a model of articulation and coordination among grade  
9 K-12 schools, community colleges, and public universities that  
10 will allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total  
11 cost not exceeding \$10,000, including textbooks.

12 Section 10. Establishment of pilot program.

13 (a) The Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program is hereby  
14 established, to be implemented and administered by the Board of  
15 Higher Education, in conjunction with the State Board of  
16 Education and the Illinois Community College Board. The pilot  
17 program shall include participating public universities,  
18 public community colleges, and school districts in 3 areas of  
19 this State. The Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with  
20 the State Board of Education and the Illinois Community College  
21 Board, shall determine which universities, community colleges,  
22 and school districts are to participate in the pilot program.

1           (b) The universities, community colleges, and school  
2 districts participating in the pilot program shall coordinate  
3 their efforts to expedite the progress of participating  
4 students from high school to community college to university to  
5 earn their baccalaureate degrees for a total cost not exceeding  
6 \$10,000, including textbooks.

7           Section 15. Components of pilot program. The Baccalaureate  
8 Degree Pilot Program shall consist of all of the following  
9 components, notwithstanding any other law:

10           (1) The number of Advanced Placement (AP) course  
11 credits that a participating high school pupil may earn is  
12 unlimited.

13           (2) A participating student may attend and earn college  
14 course credit at either his or her high school or at a  
15 participating community college.

16           (3) In order to earn college course credit under the  
17 pilot program for college-level course work undertaken  
18 before graduation from high school, a participating  
19 student shall earn a score of 3 or better on the AP  
20 examination for each college-level course.

21           (4) A participating student shall receive priority  
22 enrollment status at a participating community college and  
23 be required to enroll at that community college either in  
24 the summer term or the fall semester immediately succeeding  
25 that pupil's graduation from high school.

1           (5) In order to remain in the pilot program, a  
2 participating student shall maintain a grade point average  
3 of at least a 2.0 on a 4-point scale or its equivalent at  
4 the community college he or she attends pursuant to the  
5 pilot program.

6           (6) A participating student shall attend community  
7 college full time, shall take no less than 12 semester  
8 units each semester, and shall complete his or her  
9 associate's degree in not less than 2 years from the date  
10 he or she enrolled at the community college.

11           (7) A participating university shall accept a minimum  
12 of 60 semester units earned by a participating student at  
13 either a high school or a community college pursuant to the  
14 pilot program.

15           Section 90. Rules. The State Board of Education, the Board  
16 of Higher Education, and the Illinois Community College Board  
17 may adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer this  
18 Act.