



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5561

by Rep. David McSweeney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.58 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.50 new
110 ILCS 805/3-42.4 new

Amends the Public Community College Act. Creates the Accelerate College pilot program. Authorizes a community college district board of trustees to enter into an Accelerate College educational partnership agreement with any school district wholly contained within the community college district's jurisdiction. Provides that an agreement must offer a group of high school students the right to take community college courses without paying tuition for those courses. Provides for the size of the program. Allows community colleges to charge fees limited to the actual operating costs and related student activities. Provides that any coursework completed by high school students in a community college shall be transferrable to all public universities in this State on the same basis as coursework completed by community college students who have previously earned high school diplomas. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to study the effectiveness of the program and to issue an annual report. Repeals the provisions 36 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the School Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 adding Sections
5 10-20.58 and 34-18.50 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.58 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.58. Accelerate College pilot program. School
8 districts may enter into Accelerate College educational
9 partnership agreements as authorized under Section 3-42.4 of
10 the Public Community College Act.

11 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.50 new)

12 Sec. 34-18.50. Accelerate College pilot program. The
13 district may enter into an Accelerate College educational
14 partnership agreement as authorized under Section 3-42.4 of the
15 Public Community College Act.

16 Section 10. The Public Community College Act is amended by
17 adding Section 3-42.4 as follows:

18 (110 ILCS 805/3-42.4 new)

19 Sec. 3-42.4. Accelerate College pilot program.

20 (a) As used in this Section, "district board" means a

1 community college district board of trustees.

2 (b) A district board may elect to enter into an Accelerate
3 College educational partnership agreement with any school
4 district wholly contained within the community college
5 district's jurisdiction. If the district board and a school
6 district enter into an Accelerate College educational
7 partnership agreement, the district board must offer a group of
8 high school students the right to take community college
9 courses without paying tuition for those courses.

10 (c) In the first full academic year after the effective
11 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, no
12 school district may enroll more than 45 students in college
13 courses under an Accelerate College educational partnership
14 agreement, and the students enrolled shall be limited to one
15 year of community college credits.

16 In the second full academic year after the effective date
17 of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, no school
18 district may enroll more than 90 students in college courses
19 under an Accelerate College educational partnership agreement.
20 No more than 45 of those students may be in the final year
21 before school graduation and no more than 45 of those students
22 may be in the second to last year before high school graduation
23 in this academic year.

24 In the third full academic year and more after the
25 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General
26 Assembly, no school district may enroll more than 90 students

1 in college courses under an Accelerate College educational
2 partnership agreement.

3 (d) Subject to the terms of its Accelerate College
4 educational partnership agreement, the community college may
5 limit the courses offered to high school students and may
6 charge non-tuition fees to the students. Allowable non-tuition
7 fees include actual operating costs of the courses taken by
8 high school students and any student activities in which the
9 high school student may participate at the community college.

10 (e) Any coursework completed by high school students in a
11 community college under this Section shall be transferrable to
12 all public universities in this State on the same basis as
13 coursework completed by community college students who have
14 previously earned high school diplomas.

15 (f) The State Board must study agreements established under
16 this Section and, by January 1 each year after the effective
17 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly,
18 deliver a report based on the State Board's findings to both
19 the General Assembly and the Governor.

20 The annual report must include, but is not limited to, the
21 ongoing success or lack thereof in growing the program from the
22 point of view of Illinois educational institutions, ongoing
23 success or lack thereof of the students who participate in the
24 program, and the advantage or lack thereof of authorizing the
25 expansion of the program from one year to 2 years of
26 college-level coursework for select groups of students.

1 (g) This Section is repealed 36 months after the effective
2 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.