

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 22-45 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-45)

7 Sec. 22-45. Illinois P-20 Council.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that preparing Illinoisans
9 for success in school and the workplace requires a continuum of
10 quality education from preschool through graduate school. This
11 State needs a framework to guide education policy and integrate
12 education at every level. A statewide coordinating council to
13 study and make recommendations concerning education at all
14 levels can avoid fragmentation of policies, promote improved
15 teaching and learning, and continue to cultivate and
16 demonstrate strong accountability and efficiency. Establishing
17 an Illinois P-20 Council will develop a statewide agenda that
18 will move the State towards the common goals of improving
19 academic achievement, increasing college access and success,
20 improving use of existing data and measurements, developing
21 improved accountability, fostering innovative approaches to
22 education, promoting lifelong learning, easing the transition
23 to college, and reducing remediation. A pre-kindergarten

1 through grade 20 agenda will strengthen this State's economic
2 competitiveness by producing a highly-skilled workforce. In
3 addition, lifelong learning plans will enhance this State's
4 ability to leverage funding.

5 (b) There is created the Illinois P-20 Council. The
6 Illinois P-20 Council shall include all of the following
7 members:

8 (1) The Governor or his or her designee, to serve as
9 chairperson.

10 (2) Four members of the General Assembly, one appointed
11 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one
12 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
13 Representatives, one appointed by the President of the
14 Senate, and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the
15 Senate.

16 (3) Six at-large members appointed by the Governor as
17 follows, with 2 members being from the City of Chicago, 2
18 members being from Lake County, McHenry County, Kane
19 County, DuPage County, Will County, or that part of Cook
20 County outside of the City of Chicago, and 2 members being
21 from the remainder of the State:

22 (A) one representative of civic leaders;

23 (B) one representative of local government;

24 (C) one representative of trade unions;

25 (D) one representative of nonprofit organizations
26 or foundations;

1 (E) one representative of parents' organizations;
2 and

3 (F) one education research expert.

4 (4) Five members appointed by statewide business
5 organizations and business trade associations.

6 (5) Six members appointed by statewide professional
7 organizations and associations representing
8 pre-kindergarten through grade 20 teachers, community
9 college faculty, and public university faculty.

10 (6) Two members appointed by associations representing
11 local school administrators and school board members. One
12 of these members must be a special education administrator.

13 (7) One member representing community colleges,
14 appointed by the Illinois Council of Community College
15 Presidents.

16 (8) One member representing 4-year independent
17 colleges and universities, appointed by a statewide
18 organization representing private institutions of higher
19 learning.

20 (9) One member representing public 4-year
21 universities, appointed jointly by the university
22 presidents and chancellors.

23 (10) Ex-officio members as follows:

24 (A) The State Superintendent of Education or his or
25 her designee.

26 (B) The Executive Director of the Board of Higher

1 Education or his or her designee.

2 (C) The Executive Director of the Illinois
3 Community College Board or his or her designee.

4 (D) The Executive Director of the Illinois Student
5 Assistance Commission or his or her designee.

6 (E) The Co-chairpersons of the Illinois Workforce
7 Investment Board or their designee.

8 (F) The Director of Commerce and Economic
9 Opportunity or his or her designee.

10 (G) The Chairperson of the Illinois Early Learning
11 Council or his or her designee.

12 (H) The President of the Illinois Mathematics and
13 Science Academy or his or her designee.

14 (I) The president of an association representing
15 educators of adult learners or his or her designee.

16 Ex-officio members shall have no vote on the Illinois P-20
17 Council.

18 Appointed members shall serve for staggered terms expiring
19 on July 1 of the first, second, or third calendar year
20 following their appointments or until their successors are
21 appointed and have qualified. Staggered terms shall be
22 determined by lot at the organizing meeting of the Illinois
23 P-20 Council.

24 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
25 appointments, and any member so appointed shall serve during
26 the remainder of the term for which the vacancy occurred.

1 (c) The Illinois P-20 Council shall be funded through State
2 appropriations to support staff activities, research,
3 data-collection, and dissemination. The Illinois P-20 Council
4 shall be staffed by the Office of the Governor, in coordination
5 with relevant State agencies, boards, and commissions. The
6 Illinois Education Research Council shall provide research and
7 coordinate research collection activities for the Illinois
8 P-20 Council.

9 (d) The Illinois P-20 Council shall have all of the
10 following duties:

11 (1) To make recommendations to do all of the following:

12 (A) Coordinate pre-kindergarten through grade 20
13 (graduate school) education in this State through
14 working at the intersections of educational systems to
15 promote collaborative infrastructure.

16 (B) Coordinate and leverage strategies, actions,
17 legislation, policies, and resources of all
18 stakeholders to support fundamental and lasting
19 improvement in this State's public schools, community
20 colleges, and universities.

21 (C) Better align the high school curriculum with
22 postsecondary expectations.

23 (D) Better align assessments across all levels of
24 education.

25 (E) Reduce the need for students entering
26 institutions of higher education to take remedial

1 courses.

2 (F) Smooth the transition from high school to
3 college.

4 (G) Improve high school and college graduation
5 rates.

6 (H) Improve the rigor and relevance of academic
7 standards for college and workforce readiness.

8 (I) Better align college and university teaching
9 programs with the needs of Illinois schools.

10 (2) To advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the
11 State's education and higher education agencies, and the
12 State's workforce and economic development boards and
13 agencies on policies related to lifelong learning for
14 Illinois students and families.

15 (3) To articulate a framework for systemic educational
16 improvement and innovation that will enable every student
17 to meet or exceed Illinois learning standards and be
18 well-prepared to succeed in the workforce and community.

19 (4) To provide an estimated fiscal impact for
20 implementation of all Council recommendations.

21 (e) The chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council may
22 authorize the creation of working groups focusing on areas of
23 interest to Illinois educational and workforce development,
24 including without limitation the following areas:

25 (1) Preparation, recruitment, and certification of
26 highly qualified teachers.

1 (2) Mentoring and induction of highly qualified
2 teachers.

3 (3) The diversity of highly qualified teachers.

4 (4) Funding for highly qualified teachers, including
5 developing a strategic and collaborative plan to seek
6 federal and private grants to support initiatives
7 targeting teacher preparation and its impact on student
8 achievement.

9 (5) Highly effective administrators.

10 (6) Illinois birth through age 3 education,
11 pre-kindergarten, and early childhood education.

12 (7) The assessment, alignment, outreach, and network
13 of college and workforce readiness efforts.

14 (8) Alternative routes to college access.

15 (9) Research data and accountability.

16 (10) Community schools, community participation, and
17 other innovative approaches to education that foster
18 community partnerships.

19 (11) Tuition, financial aid, and other issues related
20 to keeping postsecondary education affordable for Illinois
21 residents.

22 The chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council may designate
23 Council members to serve as working group chairpersons. Working
24 groups may invite organizations and individuals representing
25 pre-kindergarten through grade 20 interests to participate in
26 discussions, data collection, and dissemination.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-719, eff. 1-1-15.)