

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by
5 adding Section 141 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/141 new)

7 Sec. 141. Preventing Lost Potential Day. September 19 of
8 each year is designated as Preventing Lost Potential Day, to be
9 observed throughout the State as a day set apart to provide a
10 new focus on the importance of and dedication to educate,
11 encourage, protect, and develop our State's youth. The State of
12 Illinois must push to allow all youth to experience life in the
13 fullest, increasing exposure to positive community influences,
14 and enhancing the development of a positive and confident
15 approach to citizenship. This day shall serve as a continued
16 symbol of the movement to make the State of Illinois the best
17 place in the nation for youth.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.