



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1592

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 805/3-80 new

Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 to establish and offer at Malcolm X College and the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 536 to establish and offer at Lewis and Clark Community College a baccalaureate-level nursing education pilot program that confers a bachelor of science degree in nursing upon the meeting of specified conditions. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to conduct a statewide evaluation of the nursing program and report on the results of the evaluation by July 1, 2023; specifies evaluation requirements.

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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 Public Community College Act is amended by
5 adding Section 3-80 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-80 new)

7 Sec. 3-80. Baccalaureate degree in nursing pilot program.

8 (a) The Board of Trustees of Community College District No.
9 508 may establish and offer at Malcolm X College and the Board
10 of Trustees of Community College District No. 536 may establish
11 and offer at Lewis and Clark Community College a
12 baccalaureate-level nursing education pilot program, commonly
13 referred to as a baccalaureate completion program (RN to BSN),
14 that confers a bachelor of science degree in nursing if all of
15 the following conditions are met:

16 (1) The Board of Trustees meets all of the requirements
17 as set forth in subsection (b), and the program has been
18 approved by the State Board to offer a bachelor of science
19 degree in nursing.

20 (2) After the program has been approved by the State
21 Board, the Board of Higher Education shall consider the
22 program for approval in a manner consistent with new
23 bachelor's degree programs at public and private

1 universities in this State.

2 (3) The Board of Trustees has identified and
3 documented, in writing, unmet workforce needs in the
4 subject area of the baccalaureate degree to be offered. The
5 Board of Trustees shall publish on the community college
6 district's website and make publicly available the
7 documentation and shall present the documentation to the
8 State Board.

9 (4) The community college shall hold a national
10 professional nursing accreditation or have applied for the
11 accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing
12 Education, the Accreditation Commission for Education in
13 Nursing, or the Commission for Nursing Education
14 Accreditation.

15 (5) The community college shall offer and maintain an
16 associate degree in nursing.

17 (6) The Board of Trustees must demonstrate, in writing,
18 how the community college will enhance future
19 opportunities for minority and bilingual populations by
20 focusing outreach efforts and giving preference to those
21 students in order to meet workforce needs.

22 (b) The Board of Trustees shall demonstrate that the
23 community college has the expertise, resources, and student
24 interest to offer a quality bachelor of science degree in
25 nursing. An application for approval from the State Board shall
26 include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1 (1) The Board of Trustees shall describe the labor
2 market need as specified in paragraph (3) of subsection
3 (a).

4 (2) The Board of Trustees shall describe the program's
5 purpose, its target population, related occupations, and
6 career paths.

7 (3) The Board of Trustees shall demonstrate that the
8 community college has developed quality curricula that
9 aligns with federal, State, and local requirements and will
10 prepare graduates with the appropriate level of skill to
11 meet their educational goals.

12 (4) The Board of Trustees shall verify the community
13 college district has the fiscal resources in place or has
14 budgeted for financial support for the program in a
15 cost-effective manner.

16 (5) The Board of Trustees shall identify and document
17 the faculty available for teaching the program, including
18 the number of full-time faculty anticipated to teach in the
19 program, a description of their qualifications (including
20 highest degree earned), teaching experience, professional
21 experience, and licenses held. The Board of Trustees must
22 also indicate how faculty are to be evaluated.

23 (c) The community college district is prohibited from using
24 semester credit hours generated in baccalaureate degree
25 programs for grants received pursuant to Section 2-16.02 of
26 this Act.

1 (d) The State Board shall conduct a statewide evaluation of
2 a pilot program established under this Section. The results of
3 the evaluation shall be reported on or before July 1, 2023 to
4 all of the following:

5 (1) The Board of Higher Education.

6 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

7 (3) The Minority Leader of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 (4) The President of the Senate.

10 (5) The Minority Leader of the Senate.

11 (6) The Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

12 The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, all of
13 the following:

14 (A) Information identifying applicants, admissions,
15 enrollment, the demographic characteristics of students,
16 and degree recipients.

17 (B) The extent to which the program fulfills identified
18 workforce needs.

19 (C) Information on the pace of employment of students
20 and the subsequent job placement of graduates.

21 (D) The cost of the program and the funding sources
22 that were used to finance the program.

23 (E) Time-to-degree rates and completion rates for the
24 program.

25 (F) The extent to which the program is in compliance
26 with the requirements of this Section.

1 The Board of Trustees shall submit the information
2 necessary to conduct the evaluation required under this
3 subsection, as determined by the evaluator, to the State Board.