

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 750

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 750 as follows:

3 by inserting immediately above the enacting clause the
4 following:

5 "WHEREAS, The establishment of a Danville Area Community
6 College/Lakeview Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Pilot Program
7 is based on the General Assembly's intent to create an
8 innovative means to increase access to nursing education at
9 the baccalaureate degree level for persons whose
10 circumstances restrict their access to a baccalaureate
11 nursing degree; this education is intended to address the
12 community's workforce needs for baccalaureate-prepared
13 nurses; and

14 WHEREAS, The primary purpose of a Danville Area Community
15 College/Lakeview Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Pilot Program
16 is to provide high quality baccalaureate nursing education;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The purpose of a Danville Area Community
19 College/Lakeview Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Pilot Program
20 is to promote economic development by preparing people for
21 nursing careers that require a baccalaureate degree and are
22 in demand by existing and emerging public and private

1 employers; therefore, be it"; and
 2 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
 3 following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended
 5 by adding Section 3-60 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-60 new)

7 Sec. 3-60. Danville Area Community College/Lakeview
 8 Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Pilot Program.

9 (a) In this Section, "program" means the Danville Area
 10 Community College/Lakeview Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Pilot
 11 Program.

12 (b) The Board of Trustees of Community College District
 13 No. 507 shall create a Danville Area Community
 14 College/Lakeview Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Pilot Program.
 15 The Board of Trustees shall seek approval of the program from
 16 the State Board and the Board of Higher Education and shall
 17 seek expanded accreditation from the Higher Learning
 18 Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and
 19 Schools for granting limited baccalaureate degrees.

20 (c) Under the program, the Board of Trustees shall have
 21 the following powers and duties:

22 (1) The Board of Trustees may offer baccalaureate
 23 nursing degrees.

24 (2) The Board of Trustees shall maintain the
 25 mission and policies of a community college, including
 26 the open-door admissions policy and the authority to
 27 offer all programs consistent with the authority of a
 28 community college.

29 (3) The Board of Trustees shall establish the
 30 amount of matriculation fees, tuition, and other
 31 authorized student fees.

32 (d) State funding shall continue to be determined as it

1 is calculated under Section 2-16.02 of this Act, and credit
2 hours generated by the program shall be included in the
3 calculation.

4 (e) The Board of Higher Education shall conduct a
5 comprehensive evaluation of the program and report its
6 findings to the General Assembly before July 1, 2008. The
7 evaluation shall determine whether the program has
8 successfully done the following:

9 (1) continued and increased access to nursing
10 education at the baccalaureate degree level in Vermilion
11 County; and

12 (2) addressed the community's workforce needs for
13 baccalaureate-prepared nurses.

14 (f) The Auditor General shall perform an audit of the
15 program and make recommendations to the General Assembly
16 regarding the program before July 1, 2009.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
18 January 1, 2004."