

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 Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 39.5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/39.5 new)

7 Sec. 39.5. MAP Challenge Program.

8 (a) The MAP Challenge Program is established to do all of  
9 the following:

10 (1) Reduce the number of students who withdraw from  
11 high school before graduation.

12 (2) Increase the number of students who are prepared to  
13 enter the workforce upon graduation.

14 (3) Increase the number of students entering  
15 institutions of higher learning.

16 (4) Encourage eligible students to attend institutions  
17 of higher learning by reducing the financial burden on  
18 these students and their families.

19 (b) The Commission, the Board of Higher Education, the  
20 Illinois Community College Board, and the State Board of  
21 Education shall work cooperatively to develop the MAP Challenge  
22 Program as a pilot program that accomplishes the purposes set  
23 forth in subsection (a) of this Section by leveraging student

1 financial aid to college readiness.

2 (c) The MAP Challenge Program shall include cooperation  
3 between school districts and State agencies in outreach and  
4 student services. The program shall include minimum course  
5 requirements based on a college preparatory core curriculum to  
6 ensure students are ready for college. Students who  
7 successfully complete this program must be provided with an  
8 incentive in the form of State financial aid.

9 (d) Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that  
10 may exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head  
11 under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to  
12 make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions  
13 of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If,  
14 however, the Governor believes that rules are necessary to  
15 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of  
16 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to  
17 the General Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House  
18 and the Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the  
19 General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those  
20 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action  
21 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this  
22 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be  
23 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other  
24 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise  
25 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of  
26 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning

1 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative  
2 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the  
3 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois  
4 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such  
5 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the  
6 jurisdiction of the Governor.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
8 2008.