



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/9/2010, by Rep. Roger L. Eddy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Re-enrollment Academics Act. Provides for grants to a school district that, in cooperation with community colleges, local employers, and community-based organizations, establishes a re-enrollment academy that meets specified criteria. Requires the State Board of Education to compile annual evaluations, in cooperation with school districts operating re-enrollment academy programs, and to prepare an annual report on re-enrollment academies. Provides that the grants are subject to appropriation or other available federal or private funding. Effective immediately.

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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Re-enrollment Academics Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to re-enroll
7 and successfully teach students who are at risk of or have
8 dropped out of school through comprehensive programs that
9 operate year-round, have at least 6 hours of instruction, and
10 offer after-school programs with strong support services
11 necessary to re-enroll, engage, and graduate students.

12 Section 10. Establishment. A school district, in
13 cooperation with community colleges, local employers, and
14 community-based organizations, may establish a re-enrollment
15 academy that is eligible for a grant under this Act if the
16 re-enrollment academy meets all of the following requirements:

17 (1) The re-enrollment academy must at a minimum provide
18 for a 5-clock-hour day and be under the direct supervision
19 of teachers.

20 (2) The re-enrollment academy must be at a 2-year
21 school within a school program for grades 10 through 12
22 that is organized around a career theme to educate,

1 graduate, and help students who entered the program as a
2 student at risk of dropping out of school or a student that
3 had dropped out of school make the transition into
4 postsecondary education, training, or employment.

5 (3) The re-enrollment academy must be a
6 standards-based educational program that prepares students
7 both academically and technically for entrance into
8 postsecondary education or careers.

9 (4) The re-enrollment academy must be a voluntary
10 program with small classes, an experienced teaching staff,
11 comprehensive support services, and innovative educational
12 approaches that include student learning opportunities
13 that incorporate action into study.

14 (5) The re-enrollment academy must integrate work
15 experience and education, including during the school year
16 and after school, and include summer school programs that
17 link internships, work, and learning.

18 Section 15. Evaluation; report. The State Board of
19 Education shall compile annual evaluations, in cooperation
20 with school districts operating re-enrollment academy
21 programs, and shall prepare an annual report on re-enrollment
22 academies.

23 On or before the second Wednesday of every even-numbered
24 year, the State Board of Education shall issue a report to the
25 General Assembly and the Governor on its findings for the

1 previous 2 school years. In the report required by this
2 Section, the State Board of Education shall report on, without
3 limitation, program enrollment, attendance, academic
4 achievement, skill gains, credit gains, graduations, and
5 entrance into jobs or college.

6 Section 20. Grants. Subject to appropriation or other
7 available federal or private funding, the State Board of
8 Education may provide grants to re-enrollment academies that
9 meet the requirements of this Act.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.