

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 Higher  
5 Education Green Jobs and Technology Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Community college" means a public community college in  
8 this State.

9 "Green jobs" means jobs in which green technology is  
10 employed and may include the occupation codes identified as  
11 green jobs by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and  
12 any codes identified as green jobs by the Illinois Department  
13 of Labor and the Department of Commerce and Economic  
14 Opportunity.

15 "Green technology" means technology that (i) promotes  
16 clean energy, renewable energy, or energy efficiency, (ii)  
17 reduces greenhouse gases or carbon emissions, or (iii) involves  
18 the invention, design, and application of chemical products and  
19 processes to eliminate the use and generation of hazardous  
20 substances.

21 "State university" means a public university in this State.

22 Section 10. Collaboration; promotion of industry.

1           (a) Representatives from each State university and  
2 community college, in conjunction with research centers  
3 affiliated with these institutions that focus on clean or  
4 sustainable energy and that are located within the same  
5 geographic regions, may meet annually to develop collaborative  
6 efforts with regard to the green technology industry.

7           (b) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
8 Community College Board shall annually publicize on their  
9 Internet websites information concerning efforts made by State  
10 universities and community colleges to promote the green  
11 technology industry, including the development of new academic  
12 degree and certificate programs, courses of instruction, and  
13 initiatives made by these State universities and community  
14 colleges to align green jobs programs with employer needs.

15           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.