

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 Technology Entrepreneur Center Act.

6 Section 5. Technology entrepreneur centers; creation. The
7 board of trustees of each public university and community
8 college district in this State is authorized to create a
9 technology entrepreneur center for each campus of the
10 university or for each community college. In creating a center,
11 the board of trustees may use as a model the Technology
12 Entrepreneur Center and Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership
13 located within the College of Engineering of the University of
14 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

15 Section 10. Duties of center. A technology entrepreneur
16 center created under the authority of this Act shall provide
17 material and personal infrastructure to selected innovators
18 who possess an inventive concept that has not yet been offered
19 for sale in the private-sector market, with the goal being to
20 develop a concept to the point where it can become a business
21 venture. The concept may or may not have been patented or be
22 patentable.

1 A technology entrepreneur center may offer, but is not
2 required to offer, mentors, workshops, contacts with potential
3 private-sector investors, and a structured course or courses of
4 work-study to bring an innovation from conception to market.
5 The work-study program, if offered, may offer business
6 instruction, engineering instruction, or a structured
7 combination of both forms of knowledge.