



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB3378

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Dual Enrollment and Dual Credit Act. Requires each school board of a school district that maintains a high school and each board of trustees of a community college district to establish a dual enrollment and dual credit option program under which potential or recent high school student dropouts may dually enroll in their home high school and the local community college in a dual credit program consisting of high school completion coursework and a community college credential, certificate, or degree program. Provides that students completing the program may obtain their high school diploma while obtaining a community college credential, certificate, or degree. Requires the Department of Employment Security to assist students who have successfully completed the program in securing a job upon the application of the student or the participating high school or community college. Requires the State Board of Education to establish criteria for the program. Sets forth other program requirements. Provides for State funding. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES
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REIMBURSEMENT

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 Dual
5 Enrollment and Dual Credit Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Board of trustees" means the board of trustees of a public
8 community college district in this State.

9 "Program" means a dual enrollment and dual credit option
10 program for potential or recent high school student dropouts to
11 dually enroll in their home high school and the local community
12 college in a dual credit program consisting of high school
13 completion coursework and a credential, certificate, or degree
14 program at the community college.

15 "School board" means the school board of a public school
16 district located in this State that maintains a high school.

17 Section 10. Establishment of program.

18 (a) Each school board and board of trustees shall establish
19 a dual enrollment and dual credit option program under which
20 potential or recent high school student dropouts may dually
21 enroll in their home high school and the local community
22 college in a dual credit program consisting of high school

1 completion coursework and a community college credential,
2 certificate, or degree program. Students completing the
3 program may obtain their high school diploma while obtaining a
4 community college credential, certificate, or degree.

5 (b) The Department of Employment Security shall assist
6 students who have successfully completed the program in
7 securing a job upon the application of the student or the
8 participating high school or community college.

9 (c) The program shall be implemented statewide in the
10 2013-2014 school year and thereafter.

11 (d) The State Board of Education shall establish criteria
12 for the program.

13 (e) Students enrolled in the program are not eligible to
14 participate in interscholastic athletics or other
15 extracurricular activities at the home school district.

16 (f) Tuition and costs for community college courses offered
17 under the program must not be charged to the student or the
18 student's parents or legal guardians.

19 (g) If dually enrolled, the student shall be counted in the
20 average daily attendance of the school district in which the
21 student attends high school under Section 18-8.05 of the School
22 Code.

23 (h) Any transportation required by the student to
24 participate in the program is the responsibility of the parent
25 or legal guardian of the student, and transportation costs may
26 be paid from any available public or private sources, including

1 the school district.

2 (i) Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted
3 to the program must be recorded on the high school student
4 record and on the college transcript at the community college
5 and high school where the student attends classes. The
6 transcript of the community college coursework may be released
7 to another institution or applied toward college graduation
8 requirements. Any course that is required for graduation from
9 high school is eligible for dual credit, and courses eligible
10 for dual credit shall also include career, technical, and
11 degree program courses. All courses eligible for dual credit
12 must be approved by the superintendent of the school district
13 and the chief instructional officer at the participating
14 community college in order for college credit to be awarded. A
15 community college shall make the final decision on what courses
16 are eligible for semester hour credits, and the superintendent
17 of the school district, subject to approval by the State Board
18 of Education, shall make the final decision on the transfer of
19 college courses credited to the student's high school
20 transcript.

21 (j) The State Board of Education shall make payments for
22 programs to the home high school in which the student is
23 enrolled, in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board
24 of Education. The community college providing services to
25 students in a program shall require payment from the home
26 school district for services provided to such students at a

1 rate as determined by the State Board of Education. All State
2 funding shall cease upon completion of a student's high school
3 graduation requirements.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.