

HB3998



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 805/2-12

from Ch. 122, par. 102-12

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Illinois Community College Board's uniform financial accounting standards and principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more than 4 months of expenses in cash or cash equivalents. 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 5. The Public Community College Act is amended by
5 changing Section 2-12 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/2-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 102-12)

7 Sec. 2-12. The State Board shall have the power and it
8 shall be its duty:

9 (a) To provide statewide planning for community colleges as
10 institutions of higher education and co-ordinate the programs,
11 services and activities of all community colleges in the State
12 so as to encourage and establish a system of locally initiated
13 and administered comprehensive community colleges.

14 (b) To organize and conduct feasibility surveys for new
15 community colleges or for the inclusion of existing
16 institutions as community colleges and the locating of new
17 institutions.

18 (c) To approve all locally funded capital projects for
19 which no State monies are required, in accordance with
20 standards established by rule.

21 (d) To cooperate with the community colleges in continuing
22 studies of student characteristics, admission standards,
23 grading policies, performance of transfer students,

1 qualification and certification of facilities and any other
2 problem of community college education.

3 (e) To enter into contracts with other governmental
4 agencies and eligible providers, such as local educational
5 agencies, community-based organizations of demonstrated
6 effectiveness, volunteer literacy organizations of
7 demonstrated effectiveness, institutions of higher education,
8 public and private nonprofit agencies, libraries, and public
9 housing authorities; to accept federal funds and to plan with
10 other State agencies when appropriate for the allocation of
11 such federal funds for instructional programs and student
12 services including such funds for adult education and adult
13 literacy, vocational and technical education, and retraining
14 as may be allocated by state and federal agencies for the aid
15 of community colleges. To receive, receipt for, hold in trust,
16 expend and administer, for all purposes of this Act, funds and
17 other aid made available by the federal government or by other
18 agencies public or private, subject to appropriation by the
19 General Assembly. The changes to this subdivision (e) made by
20 this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly apply on and
21 after July 1, 2001.

22 (f) To determine efficient and adequate standards for
23 community colleges for the physical plant, heating, lighting,
24 ventilation, sanitation, safety, equipment and supplies,
25 instruction and teaching, curriculum, library, operation,
26 maintenance, administration and supervision, and to grant

1 recognition certificates to community colleges meeting such
2 standards.

3 (g) To determine the standards for establishment of
4 community colleges and the proper location of the site in
5 relation to existing institutions of higher education offering
6 academic, occupational and technical training curricula,
7 possible enrollment, assessed valuation, industrial, business,
8 agricultural, and other conditions reflecting educational
9 needs in the area to be served; however, no community college
10 may be considered as being recognized nor may the establishment
11 of any community college be authorized in any district which
12 shall be deemed inadequate for the maintenance, in accordance
13 with the desirable standards thus determined, of a community
14 college offering the basic subjects of general education and
15 suitable vocational and semiprofessional and technical
16 curricula.

17 (h) To approve or disapprove new units of instruction,
18 research or public service as defined in Section 3-25.1 of this
19 Act submitted by the boards of trustees of the respective
20 community college districts of this State. The State Board may
21 discontinue programs which fail to reflect the educational
22 needs of the area being served. The community college district
23 shall be granted 60 days following the State Board staff
24 recommendation and prior to the State Board's action to respond
25 to concerns regarding the program in question. If the State
26 Board acts to abolish a community college program, the

1 community college district has a right to appeal the decision
2 in accordance with administrative rules promulgated by the
3 State Board under the provisions of the Illinois Administrative
4 Procedure Act.

5 (i) To participate in, to recommend approval or
6 disapproval, and to assist in the coordination of the programs
7 of community colleges participating in programs of
8 interinstitutional cooperation with other public or nonpublic
9 institutions of higher education. If the State Board does not
10 approve a particular cooperative agreement, the community
11 college district has a right to appeal the decision in
12 accordance with administrative rules promulgated by the State
13 Board under the provisions of the Illinois Administrative
14 Procedure Act.

15 (j) To establish guidelines regarding sabbatical leaves.

16 (k) To establish guidelines for the admission into special,
17 appropriate programs conducted or created by community
18 colleges for elementary and secondary school dropouts who have
19 received truant status from the school districts of this State
20 in compliance with Section 26-14 of The School Code.

21 (l) The Community College Board shall conduct a study of
22 community college teacher education courses to determine how
23 the community college system can increase its participation in
24 the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers.

25 (m) To establish by July 1, 1997 uniform financial
26 accounting and reporting standards and principles for

1 community colleges and develop procedures and systems for
2 community colleges for reporting financial data to the State
3 Board. The uniform financial accounting standards and
4 principles shall prohibit community colleges from holding more
5 than 4 months of expenses in cash or cash equivalents.

6 (n) To create and participate in the conduct and operation
7 of any corporation, joint venture, partnership, association,
8 or other organizational entity that has the power: (i) to
9 acquire land, buildings, and other capital equipment for the
10 use and benefit of the community colleges or their students;
11 (ii) to accept gifts and make grants for the use and benefit of
12 the community colleges or their students; (iii) to aid in the
13 instruction and education of students of community colleges;
14 and (iv) to promote activities to acquaint members of the
15 community with the facilities of the various community
16 colleges.

17 (o) On and after July 1, 2001, to ensure the effective
18 teaching of adults and to prepare them for success in
19 employment and lifelong learning by administering a network of
20 providers, programs, and services to provide adult basic
21 education, adult secondary and high school equivalency testing
22 education, English as a second language, and any other
23 instruction designed to prepare adult students to function
24 successfully in society and to experience success in
25 postsecondary education and the world of work.

26 (p) On and after July 1, 2001, to supervise the

1 administration of adult education and adult literacy programs,
2 to establish the standards for such courses of instruction and
3 supervise the administration thereof, to contract with other
4 State and local agencies and eligible providers, such as local
5 educational agencies, community-based organizations of
6 demonstrated effectiveness, volunteer literacy organizations
7 of demonstrated effectiveness, institutions of higher
8 education, public and private nonprofit agencies, libraries,
9 and public housing authorities, for the purpose of promoting
10 and establishing classes for instruction under these programs,
11 to contract with other State and local agencies to accept and
12 expend appropriations for educational purposes to reimburse
13 local eligible providers for the cost of these programs, and to
14 establish an advisory council consisting of all categories of
15 eligible providers; agency partners, such as the State Board of
16 Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of
17 Employment Security, and the Secretary of State literacy
18 program; and other stakeholders to identify, deliberate, and
19 make recommendations to the State Board on adult education
20 policy and priorities. The State Board shall support statewide
21 geographic distribution; diversity of eligible providers; and
22 the adequacy, stability, and predictability of funding so as
23 not to disrupt or diminish, but rather to enhance, adult
24 education by this change of administration.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.