

SB1626



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1626

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Chuck Weaver

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.69 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.61 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that a qualified student may take any online course for academic credit if the course (i) aligns with the Illinois Learning Standards, (ii) meets or exceeds the same standards as course offerings of the school district, and (iii) is taught by an instructor who holds a Professional Educator License. Provides that a school district retains the right to deny credit for an online course based on course appropriateness, alignment with the high school curriculum, cost, or student academic progress. 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 School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.69 and 34-18.61 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.69 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.69. Equitable course access. A qualified
8 student may take any online course for academic credit if the
9 course (i) aligns with the Illinois Learning Standards, (ii)
10 meets or exceeds the same standards as course offerings of the
11 school district, and (iii) is taught by an instructor who holds
12 a Professional Educator License under Article 21B. A school
13 district retains the right to deny credit for an online course
14 under this Section based on course appropriateness, alignment
15 with the high school curriculum, cost, or student academic
16 progress.

17 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.61 new)

18 Sec. 34-18.61. Equitable course access. A qualified
19 student may take any online course for academic credit if the
20 course (i) aligns with the Illinois Learning Standards, (ii)
21 meets or exceeds the same standards as course offerings of the
22 school district, and (iii) is taught by an instructor who holds

1 a Professional Educator License under Article 21B. The school
2 district retains the right to deny credit for an online course
3 under this Section based on course appropriateness, alignment
4 with the high school curriculum, cost, or student academic
5 progress.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.