

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 10-20.82 and 34-18.77 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.82 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.82. Postsecondary mentoring program;  
8 certificate.

9 (a) A school district may implement a program to allow  
10 school personnel, including, but not limited to, athletic  
11 coaches, school counselors, and administrative staff, who  
12 possess comprehensive knowledge about postsecondary academic  
13 or vocational options and opportunities to provide mentoring  
14 services or guidance related to postsecondary academic and  
15 vocational options to high school students.

16 (b) The services or guidance that postsecondary mentors  
17 may provide or offer to students under this Section may  
18 include, without limitations, the following services:

19 (1) connecting students to postsecondary opportunities  
20 through college fairs, job fairs, and college visits;

21 (2) assisting students with the college application  
22 and enrollment processes;

23 (3) informing students about postsecondary career

1 options;

2 (4) providing assistance to students with financial  
3 aid, including grants, scholarships, student loans, and  
4 work-study programs; and

5 (5) assisting students in developing strategies for  
6 reaching their postsecondary academic or career goals.

7 The State Board of Education may establish guidelines for  
8 the services and guidance that may be offered to students  
9 under the program.

10 (c) The participation of school personnel in the program  
11 shall be on a voluntary basis only. School personnel  
12 participating in the program may receive compensation for  
13 their participation in the program.

14 (d) If a school district offers a program under this  
15 Section, the school district may issue to school personnel who  
16 participate in the program a certificate certifying that the  
17 participant possesses sufficient knowledge to provide advice  
18 and guidance to students about postsecondary academic or  
19 vocational options and opportunities. The State Board of  
20 Education may provide for the form of the certificate to be  
21 made available for use by school districts.

22 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules that  
23 are necessary to implement this Section.

24 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.77 new)

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