

SB3972



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

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Introduced 1/21/2022, by Sen. Laura M. Murphy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.192 new

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education and the Department of Human Services to jointly establish and administer the Community Career Connections Program beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and continuing for a period of 2 school years. Provides that the Community Career Connections Program shall provide high school credits to eligible applicants in a participating school that receives a direct service professional certification. Requires the State Board of Education and the Department of Human Services to adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer the Community Career Connections Program.

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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 Section
5 2-3.192 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.192 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.192. Community Career Connections Program.

8 (a) The General Assembly makes the following findings:

9 (1) The State Board of Education is the sole State
10 agency responsible for the planning and coordination of
11 programs and services for public education and for
12 guidance on curriculum in schools across this State.

13 (2) The Department of Human Services is the sole State
14 agency responsible for the planning and coordination of
15 programs and services for community health and prevention
16 programs, for overseeing interactive provider networks
17 that treat persons with developmental disabilities and
18 mental health and substance abuse challenges, and for
19 providing rehabilitation services.

20 (3) Due to numerous factors, including the rate of
21 pay, the developmental disabilities community has a high
22 employee turnover rate and struggles to maintain
23 consistent employment levels.

1 (b) In this Section:

2 "Board" means the State Board of Education.

3 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

4 "DSP" means a direct service professional who works
5 directly with people who have intellectual or developmental
6 disabilities.

7 "Eligible applicant" means a student who is enrolled in a
8 participating school, is entering 11th or 12th grade, and
9 meets the requirements determined by the Board to be eligible
10 to receive a placement in the Community Career Connections
11 Program in a particular school year.

12 "Participating school" means a public school in this State
13 that has entered into an agreement with the State Board of
14 Education and the Department of Human Services to provide
15 students for the Community Career Connections Program.

16 (c) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and
17 continuing for a period of 2 school years, the Board and the
18 Department shall jointly establish and administer the
19 Community Career Connections Program to provide high school
20 credits to eligible applicants in a participating school that
21 receives a DSP certification.

22 (d) The Board and the Department shall adopt any rules
23 necessary to implement and administer the program established
24 under this Section.