

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 2-3.195 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.195 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.195. Direct support professional training
8 program. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and
9 continuing for not less than 2 years, the State Board of
10 Education shall make available a model program of study that
11 incorporates the training and experience necessary to serve as
12 a direct support professional. By July 1, 2023, the State
13 Board shall submit recommendations developed in consultation
14 with stakeholders, including, but not limited to,
15 organizations representing community-based providers serving
16 children and adults with intellectual or developmental
17 disabilities, and education practitioners, including, but not
18 limited to, teachers, administrators, special education
19 directors, and regional superintendents of schools, to the
20 Department of Human Services for the training that would be
21 required in order to be complete the model program of study.