

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 10-20.85 and 34-18.82 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.85 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.85. Junior color guard.

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9 "Civic organization or association" includes, but is not
10 limited to, a local organization or association representing
11 veterans or military personnel or any other civic-minded
12 community group.

13 "Local resources" includes, but is not limited to,
14 financial assistance, training, and equipment provided to a
15 school by a civic organization or association or any local
16 funds a school board expends on establishing and maintaining a
17 junior color guard program.

18 (b) Subject to the availability of local resources,
19 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, each public middle
20 school, junior high school, and high school shall establish a
21 junior color guard program to promote the value of and honor
22 military personnel. The junior color guard shall be used at
23 school events, including interscholastic athletic events and

1 other events in which the presenting of the colors is
2 requested. Each school shall allow the junior color guard to
3 participate in community events in which the presenting of the
4 colors may be requested. Each school may work with a civic
5 organization or association to provide adequate training to
6 the members of the junior color guard on the execution of their
7 duties.

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