



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/1/2023, by Rep. Bradley Fritts

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 805/3-80 new

Amends the Public Community College Act. Allows the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 506 to establish and offer at Sauk Valley Community College a baccalaureate-level nursing education pilot program that confers a bachelor of science degree in nursing upon the meeting of specified conditions. Requires the Illinois Community College Board to conduct a statewide evaluation of the nursing program and report on the results of the evaluation by July 1, 2028; specifies evaluation requirements. Effective immediately.

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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 Public Community College Act is amended by
5 adding Section 3-80 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-80 new)

7 Sec. 3-80. Baccalaureate degree in nursing pilot program.

8 (a) The Board of Trustees of Community College District
9 No. 506 may establish and offer at Sauk Valley Community
10 College a baccalaureate-level nursing education pilot program,
11 commonly referred to as a baccalaureate completion program (RN
12 to BSN), that confers a bachelor of science degree in nursing
13 if all of the following conditions are met:

14 (1) The Board of Trustees meets all of the
15 requirements as set forth in subsection (b) of this
16 Section, and the program has been approved by the State
17 Board to offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

18 (2) After the program has been approved by the State
19 Board, the Board of Higher Education shall consider the
20 program for approval in a manner consistent with new
21 bachelor's degree programs at public and private
22 universities in this State.

23 (3) The Board of Trustees has identified and

1 documented, in writing, unmet workforce needs in the
2 subject area of the baccalaureate degree to be offered.
3 The Board of Trustees shall publish on the community
4 college district's website and make publicly available the
5 documentation and shall present the documentation to the
6 State Board.

7 (4) The community college shall hold a national
8 professional nursing accreditation or have applied for the
9 accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing
10 Education, the Accreditation Commission for Education in
11 Nursing, or the Commission for Nursing Education
12 Accreditation.

13 (5) The community college shall offer and maintain an
14 associate degree in nursing.

15 (6) The Board of Trustees must demonstrate, in
16 writing, how the community college will enhance future
17 opportunities for minority and bilingual populations by
18 focusing outreach efforts and giving preference to those
19 students in order to meet workforce needs.

20 (b) The Board of Trustees shall demonstrate that the
21 community college has the expertise, resources, and student
22 interest to offer a quality bachelor of science degree in
23 nursing. An application for approval from the State Board
24 shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

25 (1) The Board of Trustees shall describe the labor
26 market need as specified in paragraph (3) of subsection

1 (a) of this Section.

2 (2) The Board of Trustees shall describe the program's
3 purpose, its target population, related occupations, and
4 career paths.

5 (3) The Board of Trustees shall demonstrate that the
6 community college has developed quality curricula that
7 aligns with federal, State, and local requirements and
8 will prepare graduates with the appropriate level of skill
9 to meet their educational goals.

10 (4) The Board of Trustees shall verify the community
11 college district has the fiscal resources in place or has
12 budgeted for financial support for the program in a
13 cost-effective manner.

14 (5) The Board of Trustees shall identify and document
15 the faculty available for teaching the program, including
16 the number of full-time faculty anticipated to teach in
17 the program, a description of their qualifications
18 (including highest degree earned), teaching experience,
19 professional experience, and licenses held. The Board of
20 Trustees must also indicate how faculty are to be
21 evaluated.

22 (c) The community college district is prohibited from
23 using semester credit hours generated in baccalaureate degree
24 programs for grants received pursuant to Section 2-16.02 of
25 this Act.

26 (d) The State Board shall conduct a statewide evaluation

1 of a pilot program established under this Section. The results
2 of the evaluation shall be reported on or before July 1, 2028
3 to all of the following:

4 (1) The Board of Higher Education.

5 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

6 (3) The Minority Leader of the House of
7 Representatives.

8 (4) The President of the Senate.

9 (5) The Minority Leader of the Senate.

10 (6) The Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

11 The reports to the General Assembly shall be filed with
12 the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of
13 the Senate in electronic form only, in the manner that the
14 Clerk and the Secretary shall direct.

15 The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, all
16 of the following:

17 (i) Information identifying applicants, admissions,
18 enrollment, the demographic characteristics of students,
19 and degree recipients.

20 (ii) The extent to which the program fulfills
21 identified workforce needs.

22 (iii) Information on the pace of employment of
23 students and the subsequent job placement of graduates.

24 (iv) The cost of the program and the funding sources
25 that were used to finance the program.

26 (v) Time-to-degree rates and completion rates for the

1 program.

2 (vi) The extent to which the program is in compliance
3 with the requirements of this Section.

4 The Board of Trustees shall submit the information
5 necessary to conduct the evaluation required under this
6 subsection (d), as determined by the evaluator, to the State
7 Board.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.