

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 2-27 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/2-27 new)

7 Sec. 2-27. Direct support professional training program.

8 By July 1, 2025, the State Board shall submit recommendations
9 for a model program of study, for credit, that incorporates
10 the training and experience necessary to serve as a direct
11 support professional to the Department of Human Services. The
12 model program of study shall be developed in consultation with
13 stakeholders, including, but not limited to, organizations
14 representing community-based providers serving children and
15 adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and
16 elementary and secondary education practitioners, including,
17 but not limited to, teachers, administrators, special
18 education directors, and regional superintendents of schools.
19 Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year and continuing for
20 not less than 2 academic years, the State Board shall make
21 available to community colleges the model program of study
22 developed under this Section.