

1 AN ACT with regard to 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 changing
5 Section 27-22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)
7 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses.

8 (a) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school
9 diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade in 1984-1985 and
10 subsequent years before the 2003-2004 school year must, in
11 addition to other course requirements, successfully complete
12 the following courses:

- 13 (1) ~~1-~~ three years of language arts;
- 14 (2) ~~2-~~ two years of mathematics, one of which may
15 be related to computer technology;
- 16 (3) ~~3-~~ one year of science;
- 17 (4) ~~4-~~ two years of social studies, of which at
18 least one year must be history of the United States or a
19 combination of history of the United States and American
20 government; and
- 21 (5) ~~5-~~ One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)
22 foreign language, which shall be deemed to include
23 American Sign Language or (D) vocational education.

24 This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils
25 entering the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior
26 school years or to students with disabilities whose course of
27 study is determined by an individualized education program.

28 (b) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school
29 diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 2003-2004
30 school year or a subsequent school year must, in addition to
31 other course requirements, successfully complete all of the

1 following courses:

2 (1) Four years of English.

3 (2) Three years of mathematics, one of which may be
4 related to computer technology.

5 (3) Three years of science.

6 (4) Three years of social studies, of which at
7 least one year must be history of the United States or a
8 combination of history of the United States and American
9 government.

10 (5) Two years of a foreign language, which is
11 deemed to include American Sign Language.

12 (6) Two years of fine arts, which may include one
13 year of art or drafting and one year of music.

14 (7) Two years of physical education.

15 This amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly does not
16 apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2002-2003
17 school year or a prior school year or to students with
18 disabilities whose course of study is determined by an
19 individualized education program.

20 (c) The provisions of this Section are subject to the
21 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

22 (Source: P.A. 88-269; 89-397, eff. 8-20-95.)

23 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
24 Section 8.27 as follows:

25 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

26 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
27 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
28 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
29 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

30 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
31 July 1, 2003.