

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 Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program Act
5 is amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 225/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 2953)

7 Sec. 3. Creation and implementation of program. A program
8 of financial assistance to support student cooperative work
9 study programs in higher education is established to benefit
10 students academically and financially, reduce reliance on
11 loans, enhance public-private sector partnerships, and
12 encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.

13 The Board shall administer the program of financial
14 assistance and shall distribute the funds appropriated by the
15 General Assembly for this purpose in the form of grants to
16 public or nonpublic institutions of higher education to expand
17 opportunities for students to pursue internships, clinical
18 placement, cooperative programs with business and industry,
19 and other work opportunities linked to a student's academic
20 program. In awarding grants under this Act, the Board shall
21 consider whether programs:

22 (1) strengthen cooperation between higher education,
23 business, industry, and government;

- 1 (2) promote school/college partnerships;
- 2 (3) encourage social and community service activities;
- 3 (4) maximize the use of matching contributions from
- 4 business and industry, governmental and social agencies,
- 5 and participating colleges and universities to support
- 6 student wages;
- 7 (5) create new opportunities for partnerships between
- 8 the public and private sectors;
- 9 (6) integrate other components of student financial
- 10 aid to reduce reliance on student loans; and
- 11 (7) meet other criteria that the Board determines are
- 12 appropriate.

13 Grants to institutions under this Act shall support work
14 experiences for students in academic program priority areas
15 that address critical workforce skills shortages, including
16 without limitation science, technology, engineering,
17 mathematics, health, nursing, education, and other academic
18 program priority areas as determined annually by the Board. The
19 ~~Board shall assure that a representative number of the grants~~
20 ~~support cooperative work study programs that support work~~
21 ~~experiences for students in academic programs of engineering,~~
22 ~~science, math, and education.~~

23 No grant may be awarded under this Section for any program
24 of sectarian instruction or for any program designed to serve a
25 sectarian purpose.

26 As part of its administration of the Act, the Board may

1 require evaluations, audits or reports in relation to fiscal
2 and academic aspects of any program for which a grant is
3 awarded under this Act. The Board shall annually submit to the
4 Governor and General Assembly a budgetary recommendation for
5 grants under this Act.

6 The Board may adopt rules it deems necessary for
7 administration of this Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 87-513.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
10 2008.