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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the College Completion Report Card Act. Provides that within 3 months after the effective date of this Act, the Illinois P-20 Council shall collaborate with the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and a consortia of private colleges and universities to convene a committee headed by the chairperson of the Joint Educational Leadership Committee, whose purpose shall be to advise the Illinois P-20 Council on the development of a template for a college completion report card. Provides that after development, the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall collaborate to collect data annually and publicly report college completion metrics, as well as report to and advise the Illinois P-20 Council on progress. Provides that the report card must be (i) clearly linked to performance funding metrics and the goals of the Public Agenda and (ii) simple to read and clearly indicative of minority and low-income student access, student progress, and progress towards increasing college completion. Provides that on or before September 30, 2014 and on or before September 30 of each year thereafter, the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall prepare a State report card and completion report cards for each institution that enrolls one or more students who receive Monetary Award Program grants. Provides that the committee shall provide to the Illinois P-20 Council and the longitudinal data system recommendations for more detailed data report cards that shall be publicly available for use by college, university, and agency leaders to identify solutions to improving certificate or degree completion. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 College Completion Report Card Act.

6 Section 5. College completion report card.

7 (a) Within 3 months after the effective date of this Act,
8 the Illinois P-20 Council shall collaborate with the Board of
9 Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and a
10 consortia of private colleges and universities to convene a
11 committee headed by the chairperson of the Illinois P-20
12 Council's Joint Educational Leadership Committee, whose
13 purpose shall be to advise the P-20 Council on the development
14 of a template for a college completion report card. The
15 chairperson of the Joint Educational Leadership Committee
16 shall be responsible for selecting members of the committee.
17 The template for the report card shall be completed on or
18 before January 1, 2014. After development, the Board of Higher
19 Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall
20 collaborate to collect data annually and publicly report
21 college completion metrics, as well as report to and advise the
22 Illinois P-20 Council on progress.

23 The report card must be (i) clearly linked to performance

1 funding metrics and the goals of the Public Agenda and (ii)
2 simple to read and clearly indicative of minority and
3 low-income student access, student progress, and progress
4 towards increasing college completion. The report card
5 template may include, but need not be limited to, the
6 following:

7 (1) student and institutional demographics, including
8 gender, age, race, full or part-time status, average class
9 size, and number of students in each level of education;

10 (2) tuition and fees, as well as average cost after
11 financial aid and average educational loan burden;

12 (3) the results of each postsecondary educational
13 institution's performance funding metrics from the
14 previous year or equivalent metrics for private
15 educational institutions;

16 (4) leading indicators or momentum points, which,
17 based on 2 or more existing research studies, can be
18 reasonably considered predictors of student certificate or
19 degree completion, such as the following:

20 (A) term to term persistence;

21 (B) course pass rate;

22 (C) students who complete remedial coursework in
23 their first year of study;

24 (D) students who complete remedial coursework in
25 their second year of study;

26 (E) number of credit hours completed in their first

1 and second years; and

2 (F) students who passed gatekeeper English or
3 mathematics courses by their year of study; and

4 (5) other measures of student success, which shall be
5 identified by the committee, such as licensure rates in
6 relevant programs and General Educational Development
7 passage rates.

8 The data shall be collected from the colleges and
9 universities in such a way that allows the metrics to be
10 disaggregated by age, gender, income, and race and ethnicity.

11 (b) On or before September 30, 2014 and on or before
12 September 30 of each year thereafter, the Board of Higher
13 Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall
14 prepare a State report card and completion report cards for
15 each institution that enrolls one or more students who receive
16 Monetary Award Program grants under Section 35 of the Higher
17 Education Student Assistance Act. On or before November 30 of
18 each year, report cards must be made easily accessible from
19 each institution's Internet website, if any, and updated
20 versions must be made available via the Illinois Student
21 Assistant Commission's Internet website. Updated community
22 college report cards must be easily accessible through the
23 Illinois Community College Board's and Board of Higher
24 Education's Internet websites. Updated report cards for
25 colleges and universities under the authority of the Board of
26 Higher Education must be easily accessible through the Board of

1 Higher Education's Internet website. Updated report cards must
2 be provided to all potential students when they apply.

3 (c) The committee shall provide to the Illinois P-20
4 Council and the longitudinal data system recommendations for
5 more detailed data report cards that shall be publicly
6 available for use by college, university, and agency leaders to
7 identify solutions to improving certificate or degree
8 completion. These dashboards may include additional data to
9 help institutions and policymakers develop effective policies
10 to improve completion, such as, but not limited to, average
11 time to obtain a degree, average number of developmental
12 courses taken, completion rates of students by courses taken,
13 majors, certificates, and degrees. Where possible and useful,
14 data shall also be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and
15 income. It shall be the responsibility of the longitudinal data
16 system to identify which data is immediately available and make
17 recommendations for future collection of the most useful data
18 that is not currently available. The Board of Higher Education
19 and the Illinois Community College Board may require
20 institutions to implement additional data collection, if
21 necessary and useful and by the most economic means, to better
22 understand barriers to certificate or degree completion. The
23 Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College
24 Board shall be responsible for developing detailed report cards
25 and making them publicly available and easily accessible
26 through the Board of Higher Education's and the Illinois

1 Community College Board's Internet websites.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.