

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 3-53 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-53 new)

7 Sec. 3-53. Private-public partnership boards.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Advanced manufacturing technology" means a program of
10 study that leads students to an industry certification,
11 diploma, degree, or combination of these in skills and
12 competencies needed by manufacturers.

13 "Industry certification" means an industry-recognized
14 credential that is (i) industry created, (ii) nationally
15 portable, (iii) third-party-validated by either the
16 International Organization for Standardization or the American
17 National Standards Institute and is data-based and supported.

18 "Institution" means a public high school or community
19 college, including a community college in a community college
20 district to which Article 7 of this Act applies, that offers
21 instruction in advanced manufacturing technology for credit
22 towards a degree.

23 "Private-public partnership board" means a formal group of

1 volunteers within a community college district that may be
2 comprised of some, but not necessarily all, of the following:
3 local and regional manufacturers, applicable labor unions,
4 community college officials, school district superintendents,
5 high school principals, workforce investment boards, or other
6 individuals willing to participate.

7 (b) The creation of a private-public partnership board is
8 encouraged and may be authorized at each community college. A
9 board, if created, shall:

10 (1) be minimally comprised of those entities described
11 in subsection (a) of this Section;

12 (2) be led cooperatively by a manufacturer, a school
13 district superintendent, and a community college president
14 or their designees;

15 (3) meet no less than 4 times each year during State
16 fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and thereafter no less than
17 twice each State fiscal year;

18 (4) encourage and define the implementation of
19 programs of study in advanced manufacturing technology to
20 meet the competency and skill demands of manufacturers;

21 (5) define a minimum of 4 programs of study in advanced
22 manufacturing technology to meet the needs of the broadest
23 number of manufacturers in the area;

24 (6) encourage formal alignment and dual-credit
25 opportunities for high school students who begin advanced
26 manufacturing technology training to transition to

1 community college programs of study in advanced
2 manufacturing technology; and

3 (7) establish, as its foundation, the certified
4 production technician credential offered by the
5 Manufacturing Skill Standards Council or its successor
6 entity.

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