

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 School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.167 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.167 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.167. State Global Scholar Certification.

8 (a) The State Global Scholar Certification Program is
9 established to recognized public high school graduates who have
10 attained global competence. State Global Scholar Certification
11 shall be awarded beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.
12 School district participation in this certification is
13 voluntary.

14 (b) The purposes of State Global Scholar Certification are
15 as follows:

16 (1) To recognize the value of a global education.

17 (2) To certify attainment of global competence.

18 (3) To provide employers with a method of identifying
19 globally competent employees.

20 (4) To provide colleges and universities with an
21 additional method to recognize applicants seeking
22 admission.

23 (5) To prepare students with 21st century skills.

1 (6) To encourage the development of a globally ready
2 workforce in the STEM (science, technology, engineering,
3 and mathematics), manufacturing, agriculture, and service
4 sectors.

5 (c) State Global Scholar Certification confirms attainment
6 of global competence, sufficient for meaningful use in college
7 and a career, by a graduating public high school student.

8 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as
9 may be necessary to establish the criteria that students must
10 achieve to earn State Global Scholar Certification, which shall
11 minimally include attainment of units of credit in globally
12 focused courses, service learning experiences, global
13 collaboration and dialogue, and passage of a capstone project
14 demonstrating global competency, as approved by the
15 participating school district for this purpose.

16 (e) The State Board of Education shall do both of the
17 following:

18 (1) Prepare and deliver to participating school
19 districts an appropriate mechanism for designating State
20 Global Scholar Certification on the diploma and transcript
21 of a student indicating that the student has been awarded
22 State Global Scholar Certification by the State Board of
23 Education.

24 (2) Provide other information the State Board of
25 Education deems necessary for school districts to
26 successfully participate in the certification.

1 (f) A school district that participates in certification
2 under this Section shall do both of the following:

3 (1) Maintain appropriate records in order to identify
4 students who have earned State Global Scholar
5 Certification.

6 (2) Make the appropriate designation on the diploma and
7 transcript of each student who earns State Global Scholar
8 Certification.

9 (g) No fee may be charged to a student to receive the
10 designation pursuant to the Section. Notwithstanding this
11 prohibition, costs may be incurred by the student in
12 demonstrating proficiency.