

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 Illinois Articulation Initiative Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
7 finds and declares that in January of 1993, the Board of Higher  
8 Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and transfer  
9 coordinators from Illinois colleges and universities jointly  
10 launched the Illinois Articulation Initiative to ease the  
11 transfer of students among Illinois public and independent  
12 associate and baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. The  
13 General Assembly finds and declares that the Illinois  
14 Articulation Initiative was driven by the following  
15 foundational ideas:

16 (1) that associate and baccalaureate degree-granting  
17 institutions are equal partners in educating college  
18 freshmen and sophomores;

19 (2) that faculties should take primary responsibility  
20 for developing and maintaining program and course  
21 articulation; and

22 (3) that institutions are expected to work together to  
23 facilitate transfer for lower-division baccalaureate

1 programs.

2 The General Assembly finds and declares that students have  
3 benefited by receiving the General Education Core Curriculum  
4 and transferring across institutions of higher education.

5 Section 10. Definition of public institution. In this Act,  
6 "public institution" means a public university or public  
7 community college in this State.

8 Section 15. Participation. All public institutions shall  
9 participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through  
10 submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer.  
11 All public institutions shall maintain a complete Illinois  
12 Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum  
13 package, and all public institutions shall maintain up to 4  
14 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major,  
15 provided the public institution has equivalent majors and  
16 courses. All public institutions shall provide faculty, as  
17 appointed by the Board of Higher Education for public  
18 universities and the Illinois Community College Board for  
19 public community colleges, to serve on panels in the review of  
20 courses.

21 Section 20. Course transferability.

22 (a) All courses approved for Illinois Articulation  
23 Initiative General Education codes must be transferable as a

1 part of the General Education Core Curriculum package,  
2 consistent with the specific requirements of the package. All  
3 public institutions shall determine if Illinois Articulation  
4 Initiative major courses are direct course equivalents or are  
5 elective credit toward the requirements of the major. If the  
6 receiving institution does not offer the course or does not  
7 offer it at the lower-division level, the student shall receive  
8 elective lower-division major credit toward the requirements  
9 of the major for the course and may be required to take the  
10 course at the upper-division level.

11 (b) Students receiving the full General Education Core  
12 Curriculum package must not be required to take additional  
13 lower-division general education courses.

14 Section 25. Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
15 Community College Board duties.

16 (a) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
17 Community College Board shall co-manage the implementation,  
18 oversight, and evaluation of the Illinois Articulation  
19 Initiative, including determining when panels must be  
20 discontinued or convened and the specific requirements of the  
21 General Education Core Curriculum. Panels must be convened  
22 across the fields of General Education, Communications,  
23 Humanities and Fine Arts, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences,  
24 Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mathematics, and other fields  
25 as determined by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois

1 Community College Board.

2 (b) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
3 Community College Board shall provide a joint report on an  
4 annual basis to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the  
5 Illinois P-20 Council on the status of the Illinois  
6 Articulation Initiative and the implementation of this Act.