

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 Career and Workforce Transition Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 10 and 15 and by adding Section 20  
6 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 151/10)

8 Sec. 10. Transfer of credits.

9 (a) A public community college district shall accept up to  
10 30 credit hours transferred from an institution that has been  
11 approved under Section 15 of this Act if a student has  
12 completed one of the following programs at that institution:

13 (1) Medical Assisting.

14 (2) Medical Coding.

15 (3) Dental Assisting.

16 (4) HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning).

17 (5) Welding.

18 (6) Pharmacy Technician.

19 (7) General Carpentry.

20 (8) Interior Systems Carpentry.

21 (9) Drywall.

22 (10) Floor Covering.

23 (11) Mill-cabinetry.

- 1           (12) Millwright.
- 2           (13) Insulation/Spray Foam.
- 3           (14) Siding Installation.
- 4           (15) Roofing.
- 5           (16) Lathing.
- 6           (17) Pile Driving.
- 7           (18) Concrete Forming.
- 8           (19) Scaffolding.
- 9           (20) Residential Electrical Construction.
- 10          (21) Commercial Electrical Construction.
- 11          (22) Industrial Electrical Construction.
- 12          (23) Renewable Energy Technology.
- 13          (24) Energy Efficiency Concepts.
- 14          (25) Electrical Manufacturing Sector.
- 15          (26) Communications Systems.
- 16          (27) Life Safety Systems.
- 17          (28) Security Systems.
- 18          (29) Sound Alarms.
- 19          (30) Electrical Work Safety Practices.
- 20          (31) Electrical Maintenance.
- 21          (32) Fire Alarms.
- 22          (33) Motor Controls.
- 23          (34) Transformers.
- 24          (35) Variable Speed Drive Systems.
- 25          (36) Rigging.

26          The program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a

1 credit-hour system.

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3 (b) The public community college district may accept the  
4 credits as direct equivalent credits or prior learning credits,  
5 as determined by the district and consistent with the  
6 accrediting standards and institutional and residency  
7 requirements of the Board, the Higher Learning Commission,  
8 other State and national accreditors, and State licensing  
9 bodies, as appropriate.

10 (Source: P.A. 99-468, eff. 1-1-16.)

11 (110 ILCS 151/15)

12 Sec. 15. Board approval of institution.

13 (a) The Board may approve an institution as an institution  
14 from which credits may be transferred under Section 10 of this  
15 Act if all of the ~~following~~ conditions set forth in subsection  
16 (b) of Section 20 of this Act have been met. Beginning with  
17 applications submitted in 2017, an institution must submit its  
18 application for approval to the Board on or before July 1 of a  
19 given year and the Board must render its approval decision on  
20 or before September 15 of that same year. ~~are met:~~

21 ~~(1) The institution has submitted all proper~~  
22 ~~documentation and application materials that the Board~~  
23 ~~requests.~~

24 ~~(2) The institution has successfully completed a full~~  
25 ~~term of national accreditation without probation, without~~

1 ~~being denied accreditation, and without withdrawing an~~  
2 ~~application.~~

3 ~~(3) The Board has verified the institution's good standing~~  
4 ~~during the period of its national accreditation. Credit~~  
5 ~~transfers from the institution may be made only during the~~  
6 ~~verified accreditation period. An institution that is under~~  
7 ~~review due to probation, that is denied accreditation, or that~~  
8 ~~withdraws an application for national accreditation may not be~~  
9 ~~approved under this Section.~~

10 (b) The Board shall post on its website a list of all  
11 institutions that have received Board approval. Approved  
12 institutions must be listed on the Board's website beginning on  
13 January 5, 2018.

14 (c) All decisions of the Board that result in non-approval  
15 of an institution may be appealed within 30 days by that  
16 institution after notification has been provided by the Board  
17 in the form of a letter delivered by certified mail. During the  
18 30-day appeal process, the institution must be provided with  
19 information outlining the reasons for the institution's  
20 non-approval by the Board, giving the institution the  
21 opportunity to properly address the areas of contention. A  
22 decision regarding the appeal must be rendered no later than 60  
23 days after the conclusion of the 30-day appeal process.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-468, eff. 1-1-16.)

1       Sec. 20. Board approval of program.

2       (a) In this Section, "program" means any of the programs  
3 listed under subsection (a) of Section 10 of this Act.

4       (b) The Board may approve a program as eligible for credit  
5 acceptance if all of the following conditions have been met:

6           (1) The institution has submitted all documentation  
7 pertaining to the institution's structure, accreditation  
8 and permit of approval, enrollment, and student  
9 information and the completed application requested by the  
10 Board.

11           (2) The institution has submitted all documentation  
12 regarding its academic programs and curriculum for review  
13 by the Board. The institution shall comply with the Board  
14 of Higher Education's academic catalog requirements. The  
15 institution shall make all disclosures required under  
16 Section 37 of the Private Business and Vocational Schools  
17 Act of 2012. The disclosure shall contain all required  
18 information for the most recent 12-month reporting period  
19 of July 1 through June 30 and may also include the  
20 information for each 12-month reporting period during the  
21 institution's 5-year national accreditation term. The  
22 information submitted shall also include federally  
23 mandated graduation and job placement rates.

24           (3) The institution has successfully completed a full  
25 term of national accreditation without probation, without  
26 being denied accreditation, and without withdrawing an

1       application.

2           (4) The Board has verified the institution's good  
3       standing during the period of its national accreditation.  
4       The institution shall provide any documents that validate  
5       its good standing with its national accreditor.

6           (5) The Board has verified the institution's good  
7       standing with the Board of Higher Education. The  
8       institution shall provide any documents that validate its  
9       good standing with the Board of Higher Education.

10       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11       becoming law.