

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 Grow
5 Your Own STEM and Vocational Education Teachers Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. In this Act, "public institution of
7 higher education" means the University of Illinois, Southern
8 Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern
9 Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois
10 State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern
11 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, or any other
12 public university or college, other than a community college,
13 new or hereafter established or authorized by the General
14 Assembly.

15 Section 10. Grow Your Own STEM and Vocational Education
16 Teachers Program. Subject to any tuition waiver limitation
17 established by the Board of Higher Education, a public
18 institution of higher education shall, if funds are
19 appropriated to the Board of Higher Education under this Act,
20 waive any tuition, fees, and on-campus housing costs for a
21 student who does all of the following:

22 (1) Agrees to pursue a minimum of a bachelor's degree

1 in agriculture, science, technology, engineering, or
2 mathematics for a teaching occupation that includes, but is
3 not limited to, mathematics, natural sciences, or career
4 and vocational education in the areas of agriculture
5 education teacher, technology teacher, industrial arts
6 teacher, trade teacher, health care teacher, or
7 information technology teacher.

8 (2) Agrees to attend a public institution of higher
9 education to pursue an undergraduate degree or an advanced
10 degree in one of the concentrations set forth under
11 paragraph (1) of this Section.

12 (3) Agrees to teach at a hard-to-staff school, as
13 determined by the Board of Higher Education.

14 (4) Maintains a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point
15 average (or its equivalent) at all times.

16 (5) Agrees to fully reimburse the public institution of
17 higher education for any waived tuition, fees, or costs if
18 the student fails to teach at least 3 years at a high
19 school located in this State or less than 5 years at a
20 public institution of higher education or a public
21 community college located in this State.

22 Section 15. Grow Your Own Dual Credit Teachers Program.
23 Subject to any tuition waiver limitation established by the
24 Board of Higher Education, a public institution of higher
25 education shall, if funds are appropriated to the Board of

1 Higher Education under this Act, waive any tuition and fees for
2 a student who is a licensed Illinois teacher with a master's
3 degree and who does all of the following:

4 (1) Agrees to pursue up to a maximum of 18 graduate
5 hours necessary to qualify the student to teach dual credit
6 consistent with applicable accreditation and State
7 standards for dual credit faculty. These credit hours shall
8 be in disciplines consistent with the general education
9 areas specified in the General Education Core Curriculum or
10 with the student's major in the Illinois Articulation
11 Initiative, provided the institution has those courses.

12 (2) Agrees to fully reimburse the public institution of
13 higher education for any waived tuition or fees if the
14 student fails to teach at least 5 years at a high school
15 located in this State after the completion of the graduate
16 hours.

17 Section 20. Funding. Funding for this Act shall come from
18 the General Revenue Fund and shall be subject to appropriation.

19 Section 90. Rules. The Board of Higher Education shall
20 adopt rules it determines are necessary for the administration
21 of this Act.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
23 2019.