



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB4209

Introduced 11/29/2005, by Rep. Suzanne Bassi

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 805/3-65 new

Amends the Public Community College Act. Provides that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 may create a pilot baccalaureate program under which the district may establish and offer bachelor's degrees in 2 fields of study if certain conditions are met, including requiring (i) that the degree programs not compete with any nearby public university, (ii) that the district identify and document unmet workforce needs, (iii) that the degree programs not require any additional funding from local taxes or the State, (iv) that the Illinois Community College Board and the Board of Higher Education approve the offering of the degree programs, and (v) that the pilot program expire 4 years after the initial offering of the degree programs, unless otherwise extended by law. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 3-65 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-65 new)

7 Sec. 3-65. Harper College pilot baccalaureate program. The  
8 Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 may  
9 establish and offer a pilot program under which the district  
10 may offer bachelor's degrees in 2 fields of study if all of the  
11 following conditions are met:

12 (1) The Board of Trustees has determined that it has  
13 the expertise, resources, and interest to offer quality  
14 baccalaureate degree programs and the programs are  
15 consistent with existing board policy.

16 (2) The district has identified and documented unmet  
17 workforce needs.

18 (3) The degree programs will not compete with any  
19 nearby public university.

20 (4) The degree programs will not require any additional  
21 funding from local taxes or the State.

22 (5) The State Board and the Board of Higher Education  
23 have approved the offering of the degree programs.

24 (6) The pilot program will expire 4 years after the  
25 initial offering of the degree programs, unless otherwise  
26 extended by law.

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
28 becoming law.