

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 Higher Education Cooperation Act is amended  
5 by changing Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 and by adding Section 2.5  
6 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 220/2) (from Ch. 144, par. 282)

8 Sec. 2. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise  
9 requires:

10 "Board" means the Board of Higher Education.~~†~~

11 "Nonpublic institution of higher education" means a  
12 nonpublic college or university that (i) has been authorized to  
13 operate within the State of Illinois pursuant to the Private  
14 College Act or the Academic Degree Act, (ii) has been in  
15 continuous operation and has granted degrees within the State  
16 of Illinois since before the effective date of both the Private  
17 College Act and the Academic Degree Act and has not modified  
18 the business entity since the effective date of both the  
19 Private College Act and the Academic Degree Act, or (iii) has  
20 been authorized pursuant to the Private Business and Vocational  
21 Schools Act of 2012. ~~an educational organization, other than a~~  
22 ~~public institution of higher education, which provides a~~  
23 ~~minimum of an organized 2 year program at the private junior~~

1 ~~college level or higher and which operates not-for-profit and~~  
2 ~~in conformity with standards substantially equivalent to those~~  
3 ~~of the public institutions of higher education;~~

4 "Private partner" means a private business, industry,  
5 labor organization, not-for-profit organization, association,  
6 foundation, or corporation that partners with one or more  
7 public institutions of higher education or with one or more  
8 nonpublic institutions of higher education or with both public  
9 and nonpublic institutions of higher education pursuant to an  
10 agreement under this Act.

11 "Private resources" means support, whether financial or  
12 in-kind assistance, from a private partner that may be used to  
13 provide matching support under this Act.

14 "Public institution of higher education" means the  
15 University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago  
16 State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State  
17 University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois  
18 University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois  
19 University, the public community colleges of this State, and  
20 any other public universities, colleges and community colleges  
21 now or hereafter established or authorized by the General  
22 Assembly.

23 "Public-private partnership" means an agreement pursuant  
24 to this Act between one or more public institutions of higher  
25 education and a nonpublic institution of higher education, a  
26 private partner, or a combination of both that leverages

1 resources from all parties to improve higher education  
2 outcomes.

3 "Public resources" means support, whether financial or  
4 in-kind assistance, from a public entity that may be used to  
5 provide matching support under this Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 89-4, eff. 1-1-96.)

7 (110 ILCS 220/2.5 new)

8 Sec. 2.5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to promote  
9 interinstitutional cooperation and public-private partnerships  
10 in order to leverage the use of public and private resources to  
11 provide workforce-valuable postsecondary education to improve  
12 outcomes for the higher educational system in this State.

13 (110 ILCS 220/3) (from Ch. 144, par. 283)

14 Sec. 3. Any public institution of higher education may  
15 participate in the establishment and operation of programs of  
16 interinstitutional cooperation with other public institutions  
17 of higher education, ~~or~~ with nonpublic institutions of higher  
18 education, ~~or~~ with both public and nonpublic institutions of  
19 higher education, or with private partners. Such participation  
20 may be by contract or by other means, including, but not  
21 limited to, the designation of representatives of the  
22 institution as directors of not-for-profit corporations  
23 organized for the governance or administration of any such  
24 program. Public institutions of higher education may

1 participate in programs of interinstitutional cooperation or  
2 public-private partnerships that ~~programs which~~ involve  
3 institutions or private partners based outside this State.

4 (Source: P.A. 77-2813.)

5 (110 ILCS 220/4) (from Ch. 144, par. 284)

6 Sec. 4. A program of financial assistance to programs of  
7 interinstitutional cooperation and public-private  
8 partnerships in higher education is established to implement  
9 the policy of encouraging such cooperation in order to achieve  
10 an efficient use of educational resources, an equitable  
11 distribution of educational services, the development of  
12 innovative concepts and applications, and other public  
13 purposes.

14 The Board of Higher Education shall administer this program  
15 of financial assistance and shall distribute the funds  
16 appropriated by the General Assembly ~~for this purpose in the~~  
17 ~~form of grants to not for profit corporations organized to~~  
18 ~~administer programs of interinstitutional cooperation in~~  
19 ~~higher education or to public or nonpublic institutions of~~  
20 ~~higher education participating in such programs.~~

21 In awarding grants to interinstitutional programs and  
22 public-private partnerships under this Act, the Board shall  
23 consider in relation to each such program whether it serves the  
24 public purposes expressed in this Act, whether the local  
25 community is substantially involved, whether its function

1 could be performed better by a single existing institution,  
2 whether the program is consistent with the Illinois master plan  
3 for higher education, and such other criteria as it determines  
4 to be appropriate.

5 No grant may be awarded under this Section for any program  
6 of sectarian instruction or for any program designed to serve a  
7 sectarian purpose.

8 As a part of its administration of this Act, the Board may  
9 require audits or reports in relation to the administrative,  
10 fiscal, and academic aspects of any program of  
11 interinstitutional cooperation or public-private partnership  
12 program for which a grant is awarded under this Act. The Board  
13 may require the contribution of matching resources. The Board  
14 shall annually submit to the Governor and the General Assembly  
15 a budgetary recommendation for grants under this Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 85-244.)

17 (110 ILCS 220/5) (from Ch. 144, par. 285)

18 Sec. 5. Any not-for-profit corporation organized to  
19 administer a program of an interinstitutional cooperation  
20 program of higher education or public-private partnership may  
21 be recognized under this Section if it has been in existence  
22 for 3 years or longer, it is structured for continuing  
23 operation, it is substantial in scope, it is oriented to and  
24 supported by the community in which it is located, and it is  
25 consistent with the Illinois master plan for higher education.

1           In each request of the Board of Higher Education to the  
2           General Assembly for the appropriation of funds for the purpose  
3           of making grants under this Act the Board shall specify the  
4           amount of the grant proposed for each not-for-profit  
5           corporation recognized under this Section.

6           The following not-for-profit corporations are recognized  
7           for the purposes of this Section:

8           The Quad Cities Graduate Study Center.

9           (Source: P.A. 77-2813.)

10           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
11           2016.