AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections 10-20.40 and 34-18.34 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/10-20.40 new)

Sec. 10-20.40. Wind farm. A school district may own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly, that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the school district. The school district may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including without limitation the State Board of Education or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a wind generation turbine farm.

(105 ILCS 5/34-18.34 new)

Sec. 34-18.34. Wind farm. The school district may own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly, that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the school district. The school district may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including without limitation the State Board of Education or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing

options for a wind generation turbine farm.

Section 10. The Public Community College Act is amended by adding Section 3-42.3 as follows:

(110 ILCS 805/3-42.3 new)

Sec. 3-42.3. Wind farm. To own and operate a wind generation turbine farm, either individually or jointly, that directly or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of the community college district. The board may ask for the assistance of any State agency, including without limitation the State Board or the Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing options for a wind generation turbine farm.

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