



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB2801

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Tony M. McCombie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.119a

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall compile and disseminate annually a list of Illinois organizations offering externships, internships, and volunteer opportunities to young women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Provides that each school board shall post the list disseminated by the State Board of Education in a location easily accessible to students.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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 School Code is amended by changing Section
5 2-3.119a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.119a)

7 Sec. 2-3.119a. School STEAM Grant Program.

8 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer the
9 School STEAM Grant Program from the funds appropriated from
10 the School STEAM Grant Program Fund for the purpose of making
11 science, technology, engineering, art, and math programming
12 available to low-income students in disadvantaged
13 neighborhoods. School STEAM grants shall be made available to
14 public schools, charter schools, area vocational centers, and
15 laboratory schools in which the percentage of students
16 classified as low income exceeds the State average. Grant
17 recipients shall use grant proceeds to conduct, or contract
18 with a third party to conduct, programming that educates,
19 encourages, and promotes obtaining skills and career
20 opportunities in the fields of science, technology,
21 engineering, art, and math. Priority shall be given to
22 programs that provide hands-on experience and programs that
23 focus on promoting young women to enter into the fields of

1 science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

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3 annually a list of Illinois organizations offering
4 externships, internships, and volunteer opportunities to young
5 women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art,
6 and math. Each school board shall post the list disseminated
7 by the State Board of Education in a location easily
8 accessible to students.

9 (b) The State Board of Education may adopt all rules
10 necessary for the implementation and administration of the
11 STEAM Grant Program, including, but not limited to, rules
12 defining application procedures and prescribing a mechanism
13 for disbursing grant funds if requests exceed available funds.

14 (c) There is created in the State treasury the School
15 STEAM Grant Program Fund. The State Board shall have the
16 authority to make expenditures from the Fund pursuant to
17 appropriations made for the purposes of this Section. There
18 shall be deposited into the Fund such amounts, including, but
19 not limited to:

20 (1) transfers from the State Lottery Fund pursuant to
21 Section 21.12 of the Illinois Lottery Law; and

22 (2) any appropriations, grants, or gifts made to the
23 Fund.

24 (Source: P.A. 101-561, eff. 8-23-19.)