

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 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 148/15)

7 Sec. 15. Postsecondary and career expectations. By no later  
8 than July 1, 2017, ISBE, ICCB, IBHE, and ISAC, in consultation  
9 with appropriate stakeholders, shall jointly adopt and  
10 publicize model postsecondary and career expectations for  
11 public school students in grades 8 through 12. The model  
12 postsecondary and career expectations shall define activities  
13 that school districts, parents, and community-based  
14 organizations should support students in completing and  
15 related knowledge students should possess by no later than the  
16 end of each grade level. The model postsecondary and career  
17 expectations must address the following categories:

18 (1) career exploration and development;

19 (2) postsecondary institution exploration,  
20 preparation, and selection; and

21 (3) financial aid and financial literacy.

22 Beginning in grade 6, students should be introduced to the  
23 importance of developing and applying a work ethic in a variety

1 of contexts. This introduction may include such concepts and  
2 behaviors as professionalism, including, but not limited to,  
3 the importance of trustworthiness, integrity, initiative, and  
4 respecting authority; arriving on time and ready for work; and  
5 dressing appropriately for the nature and substance of the  
6 work.

7 (Source: P.A. 99-674, eff. 7-29-16.)