Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Provides that if a student turns 22 during the time in which the student's in-person instruction is suspended for a period of 3 months or more during the school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, then the student is eligible for special education services through the end of the following school year (rather than being eligible for such services only until the day before the student's 22nd birthday). Effective immediately.
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 changing Section 14-1.02 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/14-1.02) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-1.02)

Sec. 14-1.02. Children with disabilities. "Children with disabilities" means children between the ages of 3 and 21 for whom it is determined, through definitions and procedures described in the Illinois Rules and Regulations to Govern the Organization and Administration of Special Education, that special education services are needed. An eligible student who requires continued public school educational experience to facilitate his or her successful transition and integration into adult life is eligible for such services through age 21, inclusive, which, for purposes of this Article, means the day before the student's 22nd birthday, unless the student turns 22 during the time in which the student's in-person instruction is suspended for a period of 3 months or more during the school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in which case the student is eligible for such services through the end of the following school year. An individualized education program must be written and agreed upon by
appropriate school personnel and parents or their representatives for any child receiving special education.

(Source: P.A. 95-14, eff. 7-16-07.)

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