



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB2759

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Dave Vella

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22.2  
105 ILCS 5/27-22.05

from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.2

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Provides that whenever the school board of any school district that maintains any of grades 6 through 12 (instead of grades 9 through 12) establishes a list of courses from which students each must elect at least one course, that school board must include on the list of such elective courses at least one course in vocational education. Provides that a school board that maintains any of grades 9 through 12 shall (instead of is authorized to) adopt a policy under which a student who is enrolled in any of those grades may satisfy one or more high school course or graduation requirements by successfully completing a registered apprenticeship program or by substituting for and successfully completing in place of the high school course or graduation requirement a related vocational or technical education course. Effective July 1, 2021.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 Sections  
5 27-22.2 and 27-22.05 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.2)

7 Sec. 27-22.2. Vocational education elective. Whenever the  
8 school board of any school district which maintains any of  
9 grades 6 ~~9~~ through 12 establishes a list of courses from which  
10 ~~secondary school~~ students in any of grades 6 through 12 each  
11 must elect at least one course, to be completed along with  
12 other course requirements as a pre-requisite to completing a  
13 grade level or receiving a high school diploma, that school  
14 board must include on the list of such elective courses at  
15 least one course in vocational education.

16 (Source: P.A. 84-1334; 84-1438.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.05)

18 Sec. 27-22.05. Required course substitute. Notwithstanding  
19 any other provision of this Article or this Code, a school  
20 board that maintains any of grades 9 through 12 shall ~~is~~  
21 ~~authorized~~ to adopt a policy under which a student who is  
22 enrolled in any of those grades may satisfy one or more high

1 school course or graduation requirements, including, but not  
2 limited to, any requirements under Sections 27-6 and 27-22, by  
3 successfully completing a registered apprenticeship program  
4 under rules adopted by the State Board of Education under  
5 Section 2-3.175 of this Code, or by substituting for and  
6 successfully completing in place of the high school course or  
7 graduation requirement a related vocational or technical  
8 education course. A vocational or technical education course  
9 shall not qualify as a related vocational or technical  
10 education course within the meaning of this Section unless it  
11 contains at least 50% of the content of the required course or  
12 graduation requirement for which it is substituted, as  
13 determined by the State Board of Education in accordance with  
14 standards that it shall adopt and uniformly apply for purposes  
15 of this Section. No vocational or technical education course  
16 may be substituted for a required course or graduation  
17 requirement under any policy adopted by a school board as  
18 required ~~authorized~~ in this Section unless the pupil's parent  
19 or guardian first requests the substitution and approves it in  
20 writing on forms that the school district makes available for  
21 purposes of this Section.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-992, eff. 8-20-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
24 2021.