

SB3902



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3902

Introduced 1/21/2022, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22

from Ch. 122, par. 27-22

Amends the School Code. Resolves conflicts with versions of provisions concerning prerequisites to receiving a high school diploma from Public Acts 101-654 (Sections 50-5 and 60-5), 102-366, and 102-551. Effective immediately.

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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 27-22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)

7 (Text of Section from P.A. 101-654, Article 50, Section
8 50-5)

9 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses.

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11 (b) (Blank).

12 (c) (Blank).

13 (d) (Blank).

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15 to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the
16 9th grade must, in addition to other course requirements,
17 successfully complete all of the following courses:

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19 (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of
20 which must be English and the other of which may be English
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22 courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other
23 graduation requirements.

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2 Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and
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7 course that prepares a student for a career readiness
8 path.

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12 computer literacy, which may be English, social studies,
13 or any other subject and which may be counted toward the
14 fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

15 (4) Two years of science.

16 (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one
17 year must be history of the United States or a combination
18 of history of the United States and American government
19 and, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the
20 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, at
21 least one semester must be civics, which shall help young
22 people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and
23 attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and
24 responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course
25 content shall focus on government institutions, the
26 discussion of current and controversial issues, service

1 learning, and simulations of the democratic process.
2 School districts may utilize private funding available for
3 the purposes of offering civics education. Beginning with
4 pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2021-2022 school
5 year, one semester, or part of one semester, may include a
6 financial literacy course.

7 (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)
8 foreign language, which shall be deemed to include
9 American Sign Language, ~~or~~ (D) vocational education, or
10 (E) forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech
11 course used to satisfy the course requirement under
12 subdivision (1) may not be used to satisfy the course
13 requirement under this subdivision (6).

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14 the requirement under paragraph (6) of subsection (e-5).

15 (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform
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18 (f-5) If a school district offers an Advanced Placement
19 computer science course to high school students, then the
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22 student's transcript that the Advanced Placement computer
23 science course qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative
24 course for students in accordance with subdivision (3) of
25 subsection (e) of this Section.

26 (g) This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils

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2 school years or to students with disabilities whose course of
3 study is determined by an individualized education program.

4 This amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly does not
5 apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2004-2005 school
6 year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities
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9 Subdivision (3.5) of subsection (e) does not apply to
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13 program.

14 Subsection (e-5) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th
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21 individualized education program.

22 (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the
23 provisions of Section 27-22.05 of this Code and the
24 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.

25 (i) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to modify
26 the requirements of this Section for any students enrolled in

1 grades 9 through 12 if the Governor has declared a disaster due
2 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
3 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

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5 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 101-654, Article 50, Section 50-5, eff.
6 3-8-21.)

7 (Text of Section from P.A. 101-654, Article 60, Section
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9 Subsection (e-5) does not apply to pupils entering the 9th
10 grade in the 2023-2024 school year or a prior school year or to
11 students with disabilities whose course of study is determined
12 by an individualized education program. Subsection (e-10) does
13 not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2027-2028
14 school year or a prior school year or to students with
15 disabilities whose course of study is determined by an
16 individualized education program.

17 (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the
18 provisions of Section 27-22.05 of this Code and the
19 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.

20 (i) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to modify
21 the requirements of this Section for any students enrolled in
22 grades 9 through 12 if the Governor has declared a disaster due
23 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
24 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 101-464, eff. 1-1-20; 101-643, eff. 6-18-20;
26 102-551, eff. 1-1-22.)

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