

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 22-87 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-87)

7 Sec. 22-87. Graduation requirements; Free Application for
8 Federal Student Aid.

9 (a) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, in addition
10 to any other requirements under this Code, as a prerequisite
11 to receiving a high school diploma from a public high school,
12 the parent or guardian of each student or, if a student is at
13 least 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student must
14 comply with either of the following:

15 (1) File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid
16 with the United States Department of Education or, if
17 applicable, an application for State financial aid.

18 (2) On a form created by the State Board of Education,
19 file a waiver with the student's school district
20 indicating that the parent or guardian or, if applicable,
21 the student understands what the Free Application for
22 Federal Student Aid and application for State financial
23 aid are and has chosen not to file an application under

1 paragraph (1).

2 (b) Each school district with a high school must require
3 each high school student to comply with this Section and must
4 provide to each high school student and, if applicable, his or
5 her parent or guardian any support or assistance necessary to
6 comply with this Section. A school district must award a high
7 school diploma to a student who is unable to meet the
8 requirements of subsection (a) due to extenuating
9 circumstances, as determined by the school district, if (i)
10 the student has met all other graduation requirements under
11 this Code and (ii) the principal attests that the school
12 district has made a good faith effort to assist the student or,
13 if applicable, his or her parent or guardian in filing an
14 application or a waiver under subsection (a).

15 (c) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
16 implement this Section.

17 (d) For the 2023-2024 school year, this Section does not
18 apply.

19 (Source: P.A. 101-180, eff. 6-1-20; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

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