

1 AN ACT relating to 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
5 Sections 27-22.3 and 27-23.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3)

7 Sec. 27-22.3. Volunteer service credit program.

8 (a) A school district may establish a volunteer service
9 credit program that enables secondary school students to earn
10 credit towards graduation through performance of community
11 service. This community service may include participation in
12 the organization of a high school or community blood drive or
13 other blood donor recruitment campaign. Any program so
14 established shall begin with students entering grade 9 in the
15 1993-1994 school year or later. The amount of credit given
16 for program participation shall not exceed that given for
17 completion of one semester of language arts, math, science or
18 social studies.

19 (b) Any community service performed as part of a course
20 for which credit is given towards graduation shall not
21 qualify under a volunteer service credit program. Any
22 service for which a student is paid shall not qualify under a
23 volunteer service credit program. Any community work
24 assigned as a disciplinary measure shall not qualify under a
25 volunteer service credit program.

26 (c) School districts that establish volunteer service
27 credit programs shall establish any necessary rules,
28 regulations and procedures.

29 (Source: P.A. 87-1082.)

30 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.5)

1 Sec. 27-23.5. Organ/tissue and blood donor and
2 transplantation programs. Each school district that
3 maintains grades 9 and 10 may include in its curriculum and
4 teach to the students of either such grade one unit of
5 instruction on organ/tissue and blood donor and
6 transplantation programs. No student shall be required to
7 take or participate in instruction on organ/tissue and blood
8 donor and transplantation programs if a parent or guardian
9 files written objection thereto on constitutional grounds,
10 and refusal to take or participate in such instruction on
11 those grounds shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion
12 of a student or result in any academic penalty.

13 The regional superintendent of schools in which a school
14 district that maintains grades 9 and 10 is located shall
15 obtain and distribute make-available to each the school that
16 maintains grades 9 and 10 in ~~board--of~~ the district
17 information and data, including instructional materials
18 provided at no cost by America's Blood Centers, the American
19 Red Cross, and Gift of Hope, that may be used by the school
20 ~~district~~ in developing a unit of instruction under this
21 Section. However, each school board shall determine the
22 minimum amount of instructional time that shall qualify as a
23 unit of instruction satisfying the requirements of this
24 Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 90-635, eff. 7-24-98.)

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