

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 Public Community College Act is amended by
5 adding Section 3-65 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 805/3-65 new)

7 Sec. 3-65. Harper College pilot baccalaureate program. The
8 Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 may
9 establish and offer a pilot program under which the district
10 may offer bachelor's degrees in 2 fields of study if all of the
11 following conditions are met:

12 (1) The public universities in this State have the
13 right of first refusal to offer the baccalaureate degree
14 programs on the community college campus in a manner that
15 is mutually agreeable between the district and the
16 university.

17 (2) The Board of Trustees has determined that it has
18 the expertise, resources, and interest to offer quality
19 baccalaureate degree programs and the programs are
20 consistent with existing board policy.

21 (3) The district has identified and documented unmet
22 workforce needs.

23 (4) The degree programs will not compete with any

1 nearby public university.

2 (5) The degree programs will not require any additional
3 funding from local taxes or the State.

4 (6) The State Board and the Board of Higher Education
5 have approved the offering of the degree programs.

6 (7) The pilot program will expire 4 years after the
7 initial offering of the degree programs, unless otherwise
8 extended by law.

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