



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB5109

by Rep. David E. Miller

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/39.5 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Establishes the MAP Challenge Program to (i) reduce the number of students who withdraw from high school before graduation, (ii) increase the number of students who are prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation, (iii) increase the number of students entering institutions of higher learning, and (iv) encourage eligible students to attend institutions of higher learning by reducing the financial burden on these students and their families. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the State Board of Education shall work cooperatively to develop the MAP Challenge Program as a pilot program that accomplishes these purposes by leveraging student financial aid to college readiness. Provides that the program shall include cooperation between school districts and State agencies in outreach and student services and minimum course requirements based on a college preparatory core curriculum to ensure students are ready for college. Provides that students who successfully complete this program must be provided with an incentive in the form of State financial aid. Effective July 1, 2008.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 39.5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/39.5 new)

7 Sec. 39.5. MAP Challenge Program.

8 (a) The MAP Challenge Program is established to do all of  
9 the following:

10 (1) Reduce the number of students who withdraw from  
11 high school before graduation.

12 (2) Increase the number of students who are prepared to  
13 enter the workforce upon graduation.

14 (3) Increase the number of students entering  
15 institutions of higher learning.

16 (4) Encourage eligible students to attend institutions  
17 of higher learning by reducing the financial burden on  
18 these students and their families.

19 (b) The Commission, the Board of Higher Education, the  
20 Illinois Community College Board, and the State Board of  
21 Education shall work cooperatively to develop the MAP Challenge  
22 Program as a pilot program that accomplishes the purposes set  
23 forth in subsection (a) of this Section by leveraging student

1 financial aid to college readiness.

2 (c) The MAP Challenge Program shall include cooperation  
3 between school districts and State agencies in outreach and  
4 student services. The program shall include minimum course  
5 requirements based on a college preparatory core curriculum to  
6 ensure students are ready for college. Students who  
7 successfully complete this program must be provided with an  
8 incentive in the form of State financial aid. The Commission  
9 may adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer the  
10 program.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
12 2008.