

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 Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act is amended
5 by adding Section 30 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 595/30 new)

7 Sec. 30. Farm-school database. The Department of
8 Agriculture shall establish, and make available on its website,
9 a geo-coded electronic database to facilitate the purchase of
10 fresh produce and food products by schools. The database shall
11 be developed jointly with the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs
12 Council and, at a minimum, contain the information necessary
13 for (i) schools to identify and contact agricultural producers
14 that are interested in supplying schools in the State with
15 fresh produce and food products and (ii) agricultural producers
16 of fresh produce and food products to identify schools in the
17 State that are interested in purchasing those products. The
18 Department of Agriculture shall adopt rules necessary to
19 implement this Section. The Department of Agriculture shall
20 also solicit federal and State funding for the purpose of
21 implementing this program. The requirement of the Department to
22 establish, and make available on its website, this database
23 shall become effective once the Department has secured all of

1 the additional federal or State funding necessary to implement
2 this program.