



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB1248

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22.3  
105 ILCS 5/27-22.4 new

from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3

Amends the School Code. Provides that as a prerequisite to being promoted to the next higher grade level and to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil in grades 9 through 12 must complete at least 15 hours of community service each school year. Allows up to 5 of these 15 hours of community service to be performed by the parent or guardian of the pupil if the parent or guardian performs the community service with and at the same time as the pupil. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 27-22.3 and adding Section 27-22.4 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 for  
16 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 for  
20 which credit is given towards graduation or community service  
21 performed under Section 27-22.4 of this Code shall not qualify  
22 under a volunteer service credit program. Any service for which  
23 a student is paid shall not qualify under a volunteer service

1 credit program. Any community work assigned as a disciplinary  
2 measure shall not qualify under a volunteer service credit  
3 program.

4 (c) School districts that establish volunteer service  
5 credit programs shall establish any necessary rules,  
6 regulations and procedures.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-547, eff. 8-19-03.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.4 new)

9 Sec. 27-22.4. Community service requirement. As a  
10 prerequisite to being promoted to the next higher grade level  
11 and to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil in grades 9  
12 through 12 must complete at least 15 hours of community service  
13 each school year. Up to 5 of these 15 hours of community  
14 service may be performed by the parent or guardian of the pupil  
15 if the parent or guardian performs the community service with  
16 and at the same time as the pupil. The school board shall  
17 establish any rules and procedures necessary to implement this  
18 requirement.

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