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 adding Sections

5   10-20.58 and 34-18.50 as follows:

6   (105 ILCS 5/10-20.58 new)

7   Sec. 10-20.58. Accelerate College pilot program. School

8   districts may enter into Accelerate College educational

9   partnership agreements as authorized under Section 3-42.4 of

10   the Public Community College Act.

11   (105 ILCS 5/34-18.50 new)

12   Sec. 34-18.50. Accelerate College pilot program. The

13   district may enter into an Accelerate College educational

14   partnership agreement as authorized under Section 3-42.4 of the

15   Public Community College Act.

16   Section 10. The Public Community College Act is amended by

17   adding Section 3-42.4 as follows:

18   (110 ILCS 805/3-42.4 new)

19   Sec. 3-42.4. Accelerate College pilot program.

20   (a) As used in this Section, "district board" means a

1 community college district board of trustees.

2 (b) A district board may elect to enter into an Accelerate

3 College educational partnership agreement with any school

4 district wholly contained within the community college

5 district's jurisdiction. If the district board and a school

6 district enter into an Accelerate College educational

7 partnership agreement, the district board must offer a group of

8 high school students the right to take community college

9 courses without paying tuition for those courses.

10 (c) In the first full academic year after the effective

11 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, no

12 school district may enroll more than 45 students in college

13 courses under an Accelerate College educational partnership

14 agreement, and the students enrolled shall be limited to one

15 year of community college credits.

16 In the second full academic year after the effective date

17 of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, no school

18 district may enroll more than 90 students in college courses

19 under an Accelerate College educational partnership agreement.

20 No more than 45 of those students may be in the final year

21 before school graduation and no more than 45 of those students

22 may be in the second to last year before high school graduation

23 in this academic year.

24 In the third full academic year and more after the

25 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General

26 Assembly, no school district may enroll more than 90 students

1   in college courses under an Accelerate College educational
2   partnership agreement.
3   (d) Subject to the terms of its Accelerate College
4   educational partnership agreement, the community college may
5   limit the courses offered to high school students and may
6   charge non-tuition fees to the students. Allowable non-tuition
7   fees include actual operating costs of the courses taken by
8   high school students and any student activities in which the
9   high school student may participate at the community college.
10   (e) Any coursework completed by high school students in a
11   community college under this Section shall be transferrable to
12   all public universities in this State on the same basis as
13   coursework completed by community college students who have
14   previously earned high school diplomas.
15   (f) The State Board must study agreements established under
16   this Section and, by January 1 each year after the effective
17   date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly,
18   deliver a report based on the State Board's findings to both
19   the General Assembly and the Governor.
20   The annual report must include, but is not limited to, the
21   ongoing success or lack thereof in growing the program from the
22   point of view of Illinois educational institutions, ongoing
23   success or lack thereof of the students who participate in the
24   program, and the advantage or lack thereof of authorizing the
25   expansion of the program from one year to 2 years of
26   college-level coursework for select groups of students.

1   (g) This Section is repealed 36 months after the effective
2 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly.

3   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.