

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 Section  
5 22-28 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-28 new)

7 Sec. 22-28. High school equivalency certificate recipient;  
8 diploma.

9 (a) Upon request of an alternative higher learning  
10 institution, the school board of Rockford School District 205  
11 may award a diploma to any person who:

12 (1) has not received a high school diploma but has  
13 received a high school equivalency certificate under  
14 Section 3-15.12 of this Code from the alternative higher  
15 learning institution if the certificate was issued after  
16 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th  
17 General Assembly and the institution is acceptable to the  
18 school board; and

19 (2) meets any other requirements that the school board  
20 may establish, including any course prerequisites.

21 (b) The State Board of Education and the Illinois Community  
22 College Board may adopt any rules necessary to implement this  
23 Section.