

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Public Community College Act is amended by adding Section 3-53 as follows:

(110 ILCS 805/3-53 new)

Sec. 3-53. Private-public partnership boards.

(a) In this Section:

"Advanced manufacturing technology" means a program of study that leads students to an industry certification, diploma, degree, or combination of these in skills and competencies needed by manufacturers.

"Industry certification" means an industry-recognized credential that is (i) industry created, (ii) nationally portable, (iii) third-party-validated by either the International Organization for Standardization or the American National Standards Institute and is data-based and supported.

"Institution" means a public high school or community college, including a community college in a community college district to which Article 7 of this Act applies, that offers instruction in advanced manufacturing technology for credit towards a degree.

"Private-public partnership board" means a formal group of

volunteers within a community college district that may be comprised of some, but not necessarily all, of the following: local and regional manufacturers, applicable labor unions, community college officials, school district superintendents, high school principals, workforce investment boards, or other individuals willing to participate.

(b) The creation of a private-public partnership board is encouraged and may be authorized at each community college. A board, if created, shall meet no less than 5 of the following criteria:

(1) be minimally comprised of those entities described in subsection (a) of this Section;

(2) be led cooperatively by a manufacturer, a school district superintendent, and a community college president or their designees;

(3) meet no less than 4 times each year during State fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and thereafter no less than twice each State fiscal year;

(4) encourage and define the implementation of programs of study in advanced manufacturing technology to meet the competency and skill demands of manufacturers;

(5) define a minimum of 4 programs of study in advanced manufacturing technology to meet the needs of the broadest number of manufacturers in the area;

(6) encourage formal alignment and dual-credit opportunities for high school students who begin advanced

manufacturing technology training to transition to
community college programs of study in advanced
manufacturing technology; and

(7) establish, as its foundation, the certified
production technician credential offered by the
Manufacturing Skill Standards Council or its successor
entity.

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