

1           AN ACT concerning a Southwestern Illinois teacher's  
2 academy for math, science, and technology.

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

5           Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
6 Southwestern Illinois Teacher's Academy for Math, Science,  
7 and Technology Act.

8           Section 5. Policy and purposes. It shall be the policy  
9 of the State of Illinois to provide excellence in mathematics  
10 and science education in order to nourish an informed  
11 citizenry, assure technological skills for the work force,  
12 and assist in the preparation of professionals to serve the  
13 interests of Illinois in such fields as engineering,  
14 research, teaching, and computer technology. It shall  
15 further be the policy to enlist the support of the  
16 educational, industrial, and scientific communities in a  
17 cooperative effort to provide excellence in science and  
18 mathematics education. As a symbol of this cooperative  
19 endeavor, there shall be established the Southwestern  
20 Illinois Teacher's Academy for Math, Science, and Technology  
21 to serve the people of Illinois as a teacher's institution  
22 and the school system of the State as a catalyst and  
23 laboratory for the advancement of teaching.

24           The Academy shall carry a responsibility to stimulate  
25 further excellence for all Illinois schools in mathematics  
26 and science. That responsibility may be exercised through  
27 any or all of the following means:

28           (1) Stimulating curriculum development and  
29 revisions through the collaborative efforts of the  
30 interacting institutions involved in the Academy,  
31 including universities, secondary schools, the industrial

1 sector, and national laboratories.

2 (2) Providing preservice training sites for persons  
3 in preparation for the teaching of science and  
4 mathematics.

5 (3) Hosting summer institute opportunities for  
6 Illinois teachers modeled after the successful National  
7 Science Foundation program prevalent in the 1960s.

8 (4) Offering speakers and programs for teacher  
9 institutes and in-service training around the State.

10 (5) Producing videotapes of lectures and  
11 experiments for use in the schools of this State.

12 Section 10. Establishment, funding, and location. There  
13 is hereby created the Southwestern Illinois Teacher's Academy  
14 for Math, Science, and Technology, which shall be an  
15 institution located in St. Clair County. The Academy shall be  
16 a State agency, funded by State appropriations, private  
17 contributions, and endowments. The Academy may offer a  
18 program of postsecondary course work to teachers. Minimal  
19 fees for students may be charged.

20 In order to be eligible for State appropriations, the  
21 Academy shall submit to the Board of Higher Education not  
22 later than the 1st day of October of each year its budget  
23 proposal for the operation and capital needs of the Academy  
24 for its next fiscal year.

25 Section 15. Board of Trustees. The Southwestern Illinois  
26 Teacher's Academy for Math, Science, and Technology shall be  
27 governed by a Board of Trustees, which shall consist of the  
28 following members:

29 (1) Four ex officio nonvoting members, who shall be  
30 the State Superintendent of Education, the Executive  
31 Director of the Illinois Community College Board, the  
32 Executive Director of the State Board of Higher

1 Education, and the Superintendent of Schools in the  
2 school district in which the Academy is located.

3 (2) Three Representatives of Secondary Education,  
4 one of whom must be a math or science teacher, appointed  
5 by the State Superintendent of Education.

6 (3) Two Representatives of Higher Education, one of  
7 whom must be a Dean of Education, appointed by the  
8 Executive Director of the Board of Higher Education.

9 (4) Three representatives of the scientific  
10 community in Illinois appointed by the Governor.

11 (5) Three representatives of the Illinois private  
12 industrial sector appointed by the Governor.

13 (6) Two members representative of the general  
14 public at large appointed by the Governor.

15 With the exception of the initial appointments, the  
16 members terms of office shall be for 6 years. At the first  
17 meeting members shall draw lots for appointments of 2-year,  
18 4-year, or 6-year initial terms. Vacancies shall be filled  
19 for the unexpired portion of the terms by appointment of the  
20 officer who appointed the person causing such vacancy. The  
21 initial terms shall commence upon appointment and upon  
22 expiration of a term, the member shall continue serving until  
23 a successor is appointed. The Board shall select a chair from  
24 among its members who shall serve a 2-year term as chair.  
25 Members shall receive no salary but shall be reimbursed for  
26 all ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in performing  
27 their duties as members of the Board.

28 Section 20. Powers of the Board.

29 (a) The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to:

30 (1) Accept donations, bequests, or other forms of  
31 financial assistance for educational purposes from any  
32 public or private person or agency and comply with rules  
33 and regulations governing grants from the federal

1 government or from any other person or agency, which are  
2 not in contravention of the Illinois Constitution or the  
3 laws of the State of Illinois.

4 (2) Purchase equipment and make improvements to  
5 facilities necessary for the use of the school, in  
6 accordance with applicable law.

7 (3) Adopt, amend, or repeal rules, regulations, and  
8 policies necessary or proper for the conduct of the  
9 business of the Board.

10 (4) Award certificates for successful completion of  
11 programs of study requirements.

12 (5) Select a Director who shall be the chief  
13 administrative officer of the Academy and who shall  
14 administer the rules, regulations, and policies adopted  
15 by the Board pursuant hereto. The Director shall also be  
16 the chief administrative officer of the Board and shall  
17 be responsible for all the administrative functions,  
18 duties, and needs of the Board.

19 (6) Determine faculty and staff positions necessary  
20 for the efficient operation of the school and select  
21 personnel for such positions.

22 (7) Prepare and adopt an annual budget necessary  
23 for the continued operation of the school.

24 (8) Enter into contracts and agreements that have  
25 been recommended by the Director, in accordance with  
26 applicable law, and to the extent that funds are  
27 specifically appropriated therefor, with other public  
28 agencies with respect to cooperative enterprises and  
29 undertaking related to or associated with an educational  
30 purpose or program affecting education in the school.  
31 This shall not preclude the Board from entering into  
32 other such contracts and agreements that it may deem  
33 necessary to carry out its duties and functions.

34 (9) Perform such other functions as are necessary

1 to the supervision and control of those phases of  
2 education under its supervision and control.

3 (b) The Board shall delegate to the Director such of its  
4 administrative powers and duties as it deems appropriate to  
5 aid the Director in the efficient administration of his  
6 responsibility for the implementation of the policies of the  
7 Board.

8 (c) The Academy shall be empowered to lease or purchase  
9 real and personal property on commercially reasonable terms  
10 for the use of the Academy. Any leases or purchases of real  
11 or personal property and any disposition thereof by the  
12 Academy must be in compliance with the provisions of the  
13 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the State Property  
14 Control Act. Personal property acquired for the use of the  
15 Academy shall be inventoried and disposed of in accordance  
16 with the State Property Control Act.

17 (d) In addition to the authorities granted herein and  
18 any powers, duties, and responsibilities vested by any other  
19 applicable laws, the Board shall:

20 (1) Adopt rules, regulations, and policies  
21 necessary for the efficient operation of the school.

22 (2) Establish criteria to be used in determining  
23 eligibility of applicants for enrollment.

24 (3) Determine subjects to be offered.

25 (4) Pay salaries and expenses, including but not  
26 necessarily restricted to facilities, equipment, and  
27 supplies of the faculty and staff of the Academy out of  
28 funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the  
29 operating and administrative expenses of the Board and  
30 the Academy.

31 (5) Exercise budgetary responsibility and allocate  
32 for expenditure by the Academy and programs under its  
33 jurisdiction, all moneys appropriated or otherwise made  
34 available for purposes of the Board and of such Academy

1 and programs.

2 (6) Prepare and adopt or approve programs of study  
3 and rules, bylaws, and regulations for the government of  
4 the school and programs under its jurisdiction.

5 (7) Employ such personnel as may be needed,  
6 establish policies governing their employment and  
7 dismissal, and fix the amount of their compensation. In  
8 the employment, establishment of policies, and fixing of  
9 compensation the Board may make no discrimination on  
10 account of sex, race, creed, color or national origin.

11 (e) The Academy, its Board of Trustees, and its  
12 employees shall be represented and indemnified in certain  
13 civil law suits in accordance with "An Act to provide for  
14 representation and indemnification in certain civil law  
15 suits", approved December 3, 1977, as amended.

16 (f) Neither the Academy nor its officers, employees, or  
17 Board members shall participate in the creation of any  
18 corporation, joint venture, partnership, association, or  
19 other organizational entity that exercises, expands, or  
20 enhances the powers, duties, or responsibilities of the  
21 Academy unless specifically authorized by the General  
22 Assembly by law.

23 This Section does not restrict the Academy from creating  
24 any organization entity which is within or a part of the  
25 Academy.