

1 AN ACT concerning higher education.

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

4 Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 9.30 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.30 new)

7 Sec. 9.30. Reciprocal pilot program with Mexico.

8 (a) The Board of Higher Education shall, in coordination  
9 with appropriate Mexican authorities, develop a 5-year  
10 reciprocal pilot program that would enable 1,000 Illinois  
11 residents to attend institutions of higher education in  
12 Mexico each academic year and 1,000 Mexican residents to  
13 attend public universities in Illinois each academic year.  
14 The program must include without limitation all of the  
15 following provisions:

16 (1) A provision requiring students to obtain  
17 admission to a participating institution of higher  
18 education in accordance with the standards and procedures  
19 of that institution in order to participate in the  
20 program.

21 (2) A provision requiring public universities in  
22 Illinois to classify the Mexican students participating  
23 in the program as Illinois residents for tuition purposes  
24 and requiring institutions of higher education in Mexico  
25 to classify the Illinois students participating in the  
26 program as Mexican residents for tuition purposes.

27 (3) A provision requiring the program to be  
28 operative from the 2003-2004 academic year through the  
29 2007-2008 academic year.

30 (4) A provision authorizing students participating  
31 in the program to be eligible, to the full extent

1 consistent with applicable law, for the financial  
2 assistance programs that are available to resident  
3 students.

4 (b) The Board of Higher Education must submit a written  
5 evaluation of the program to the General Assembly and the  
6 Governor on or before January 1, 2008.

7 (c) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2009.

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