

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 changing Section
5 10-17a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-17a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-17a)

7 Sec. 10-17a. State, school district, and school report
8 cards.

9 (1) By October 31, 2013 and October 31 of each subsequent
10 school year, the State Board of Education, through the State
11 Superintendent of Education, shall prepare a State report card,
12 school district report cards, and school report cards, and
13 shall by the most economic means provide to each school
14 district in this State, including special charter districts and
15 districts subject to the provisions of Article 34, the report
16 cards for the school district and each of its schools.

17 (2) In addition to any information required by federal law,
18 the State Superintendent shall determine the indicators and
19 presentation of the school report card, which must include, at
20 a minimum, the most current data possessed by the State Board
21 of Education related to the following:

22 (A) school characteristics and student demographics,
23 including average class size, average teaching experience,

1 student racial/ethnic breakdown, and the percentage of
2 students classified as low-income; the percentage of
3 students classified as English learners; the percentage of
4 students who have individualized education plans or 504
5 plans that provide for special education services; the
6 percentage of students who annually transferred in or out
7 of the school district; the per-pupil operating
8 expenditure of the school district; and the per-pupil State
9 average operating expenditure for the district type
10 (elementary, high school, or unit);

11 (B) curriculum information, including, where
12 applicable, Advanced Placement, International
13 Baccalaureate or equivalent courses, dual enrollment
14 courses, foreign language classes, school personnel
15 resources (including Career Technical Education teachers),
16 before and after school programs, extracurricular
17 activities, subjects in which elective classes are
18 offered, health and wellness initiatives (including the
19 average number of days of Physical Education per week per
20 student), approved programs of study, awards received,
21 community partnerships, and special programs such as
22 programming for the gifted and talented, students with
23 disabilities, and work-study students;

24 (C) student outcomes, including, where applicable, the
25 percentage of students deemed proficient on assessments of
26 State standards, the percentage of students in the eighth

1 grade who pass Algebra, the percentage of students enrolled
2 in post-secondary institutions (including colleges,
3 universities, community colleges, trade/vocational
4 schools, and training programs leading to career
5 certification within 2 semesters of high school
6 graduation), the percentage of students graduating from
7 high school who are college and career ready, and the
8 percentage of graduates enrolled in community colleges,
9 colleges, and universities who are in one or more courses
10 that the community college, college, or university
11 identifies as a developmental course;

12 (D) student progress, including, where applicable, the
13 percentage of students in the ninth grade who have earned 5
14 credits or more without failing more than one core class, a
15 measure of students entering kindergarten ready to learn, a
16 measure of growth, and the percentage of students who enter
17 high school on track for college and career readiness;

18 (E) the school environment, including, where
19 applicable, the percentage of students with less than 10
20 absences in a school year, the percentage of teachers with
21 less than 10 absences in a school year for reasons other
22 than professional development, leaves taken pursuant to
23 the federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, long-term
24 disability, or parental leaves, the 3-year average of the
25 percentage of teachers returning to the school from the
26 previous year, the number of different principals at the

1 school in the last 6 years, 2 or more indicators from any
2 school climate survey selected or approved by the State and
3 administered pursuant to Section 2-3.153 of this Code, with
4 the same or similar indicators included on school report
5 cards for all surveys selected or approved by the State
6 pursuant to Section 2-3.153 of this Code, and the combined
7 percentage of teachers rated as proficient or excellent in
8 their most recent evaluation; and

9 (F) a school district's and its individual schools'
10 balanced accountability measure, in accordance with
11 Section 2-3.25a of this Code.

12 The school report card shall also provide information that
13 allows for comparing the current outcome, progress, and
14 environment data to the State average, to the school data from
15 the past 5 years, and to the outcomes, progress, and
16 environment of similar schools based on the type of school and
17 enrollment of low-income students, special education students,
18 and English learners.

19 (3) At the discretion of the State Superintendent, the
20 school district report card shall include a subset of the
21 information identified in paragraphs (A) through (E) of
22 subsection (2) of this Section, as well as information relating
23 to the operating expense per pupil and other finances of the
24 school district, and the State report card shall include a
25 subset of the information identified in paragraphs (A) through
26 (E) of subsection (2) of this Section. The school district

1 report card shall include the total and per pupil normal cost
2 amount the State contributed to the Teachers' Retirement System
3 of the State of Illinois in the prior fiscal year for the
4 district's employees, which shall be reported to the State
5 Board of Education by the Teachers' Retirement System of the
6 State of Illinois.

7 (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this
8 Section, in consultation with key education stakeholders, the
9 State Superintendent shall at any time have the discretion to
10 amend or update any and all metrics on the school, district, or
11 State report card.

12 (5) Annually, no more than 30 calendar days after receipt
13 of the school district and school report cards from the State
14 Superintendent of Education, each school district, including
15 special charter districts and districts subject to the
16 provisions of Article 34, shall present such report cards at a
17 regular school board meeting subject to applicable notice
18 requirements, post the report cards on the school district's
19 Internet web site, if the district maintains an Internet web
20 site, make the report cards available to a newspaper of general
21 circulation serving the district, and, upon request, send the
22 report cards home to a parent (unless the district does not
23 maintain an Internet web site, in which case the report card
24 shall be sent home to parents without request). If the district
25 posts the report card on its Internet web site, the district
26 shall send a written notice home to parents stating (i) that

1 the report card is available on the web site, (ii) the address
2 of the web site, (iii) that a printed copy of the report card
3 will be sent to parents upon request, and (iv) the telephone
4 number that parents may call to request a printed copy of the
5 report card.

6 (6) Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 98th
7 General Assembly repeals, supersedes, invalidates, or
8 nullifies final decisions in lawsuits pending on the effective
9 date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly in
10 Illinois courts involving the interpretation of Public Act
11 97-8.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-648, eff. 7-1-14; 99-30,
13 eff. 7-10-15; 99-193, eff. 7-30-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

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