

# HB4236



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 230/5-300

Amends the School Construction Law. In provisions concerning early childhood construction grants, removes a provision that specifies that grants made in fiscal year 2024 may be made only to public school districts. Provides that a not-for-profit early childhood entity that rents or leases from another not-for-profit entity shall be considered an eligible entity. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 Construction Law is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-300 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-300)

7 Sec. 5-300. Early childhood construction grants.

8 (a) The Capital Development Board is authorized to make  
9 grants to public school districts and not-for-profit entities  
10 for early childhood construction projects, ~~except that in~~  
11 ~~fiscal year 2024 those grants may be made only to public school~~  
12 ~~districts.~~ These grants shall be paid out of moneys  
13 appropriated for that purpose from the School Construction  
14 Fund, the Build Illinois Bond Fund, or the Rebuild Illinois  
15 Projects Fund. No grants may be awarded to entities providing  
16 services within private residences. A not-for-profit early  
17 childhood entity that rents or leases from another  
18 not-for-profit entity shall be considered an eligible entity  
19 under this Section.

20 A public school district or other eligible entity must  
21 provide local matching funds in the following manner:

22 (1) A public school district assigned to Tier 1 under  
23 Section 18-8.15 of the School Code or any other eligible

1           entity in an area encompassed by that district must  
2           provide local matching funds in an amount equal to 3% of  
3           the grant awarded under this Section.

4           (2) A public school district assigned to Tier 2 under  
5           Section 18-8.15 of the School Code or any other eligible  
6           entity in an area encompassed by that district must  
7           provide local matching funds in an amount equal to 7.5% of  
8           the grant awarded under this Section.

9           (3) A public school district assigned to Tier 3 under  
10          Section 18-8.15 of the School Code or any other eligible  
11          entity in an area encompassed by that district must  
12          provide local matching funds in an amount equal to 8.75%  
13          of the grant awarded under this Section.

14          (4) A public school district assigned to Tier 4 under  
15          Section 18-8.15 of the School Code or any other eligible  
16          entity in an area encompassed by that district must  
17          provide local matching funds in an amount equal to 10% of  
18          the grant awarded under this Section.

19          A public school district or other eligible entity has no  
20          entitlement to a grant under this Section.

21          (b) The Capital Development Board shall adopt rules to  
22          implement this Section. These rules need not be the same as the  
23          rules for school construction project grants or school  
24          maintenance project grants. The rules may specify:

25                  (1) the manner of applying for grants;

26                  (2) project eligibility requirements;

1 (3) restrictions on the use of grant moneys;

2 (4) the manner in which school districts and other  
3 eligible entities must account for the use of grant  
4 moneys;

5 (5) requirements that new or improved facilities be  
6 used for early childhood and other related programs for a  
7 period of at least 10 years; and

8 (6) any other provision that the Capital Development  
9 Board determines to be necessary or useful for the  
10 administration of this Section.

11 (b-5) When grants are made to non-profit corporations for  
12 the acquisition or construction of new facilities, the Capital  
13 Development Board or any State agency it so designates shall  
14 hold title to or place a lien on the facility for a period of  
15 10 years after the date of the grant award, after which title  
16 to the facility shall be transferred to the non-profit  
17 corporation or the lien shall be removed, provided that the  
18 non-profit corporation has complied with the terms of its  
19 grant agreement. When grants are made to non-profit  
20 corporations for the purpose of renovation or rehabilitation,  
21 if the non-profit corporation does not comply with item (5) of  
22 subsection (b) of this Section, the Capital Development Board  
23 or any State agency it so designates shall recover the grant  
24 pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Illinois Grant  
25 Funds Recovery Act.

26 (c) The Capital Development Board, in consultation with

1 the State Board of Education, shall establish standards for  
2 the determination of priority needs concerning early childhood  
3 projects based on projects located in communities in the State  
4 with the greatest underserved population of young children,  
5 utilizing Census data and other reliable local early childhood  
6 service data.

7 (d) In each school year in which early childhood  
8 construction project grants are awarded, 20% of the total  
9 amount awarded shall be awarded to a school district with a  
10 population of more than 500,000, provided that the school  
11 district complies with the requirements of this Section and  
12 the rules adopted under this Section.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)

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