

July 9, 2003

To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois House of Representatives  
93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(d) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto and return several appropriation items included in House Bill 2663, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations," having taken the actions set forth below.

We must continue to do more with less in these difficult financial times. As a result, it is necessary to make further reductions in the amount allocated to the State Board of Education for their administration of grant programs and to the administrative costs of the Regional Offices of Education. These reductions are solely intended to be in the administrative costs only and not to reduce grants to schools districts, community organizations or other recipients. I remain solidly committed to providing support for our classrooms, our teachers, and our school children, as this Act demonstrates. PA 93-0014 provides \$100 million dollars to elementary and secondary education. In signing this bill, I am increasing state funding for P-12 education by \$284.5 million for a total increase of \$384.5 million, including an increase to the Foundation Level of \$250 per pupil.

This veto message reduces the total appropriation in HB2663 by \$20,861,350 for reductions and item vetoes for substantive programs.

### **Item Vetoes**

I hereby veto the following appropriations items:

<i>Article</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Line(s)</i>	<i>Amount Enacted</i>
1	5	3	16-18	115,000
1	5	3	19	5,500
1	5	3	20	13,000
1	5	3	21	9,500

<i>Article</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Line(s)</i>	<i>Amount Enacted</i>
1	5	3	22-23	32,000
1	5	3	24	5,825,000
1	15	16	22-24	413,600
1	15	16	25	17,300
1	15	16	26	10,400
1	15	16	27	9,000
1	15	16	28	821,300
1	15	16	29	728,400
1	20	17	12-15	350,000
1	20	17	19-22	800,000
1	20	17	23-27	700,000

**Reduction Vetoes**

I hereby reduce the following appropriation items and approve each item in the amount set forth in the “Reduced Amount” column below:

<i>Article</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Line(s)</i>	<i>Amount Enacted</i>	<i>Reduced Amount</i>
1	10	14	15	250,000	62,500
1	10	14	16	12,000	3,000
1	10	14	17	3,000	750
1	10	14	18	5,000	1,250
1	10	14	19	42,000	10,500
1	10	14	20	198,000	49,500
1	10	14	21	25,000	6,250
1	10	14	22	10,000	2,500
1	10	14	23	15,000	3,750
1	10	14	24	25,000	6,250
1	10	14	25	15,000	3,750
1	15	15	5-6	373,000	93,250
1	15	15	7-9	666,100	166,500
1	15	15	14	73,000	18,250
1	15	15	15-16	3,400	850
1	15	15	17	1,000	250
1	15	15	18	2,000	500
1	15	15	19-20	249,000	62,250
1	15	15	23-24	25,053,400	24,836,800
1	15	15	27-29	26,395,200	25,295,200
1	15	16	5-9	14,586,300	14,499,400

1	15	16	18-19	39,922,800	38,328,700
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<i>Article</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Line(s)</i>	<i>Amount Enacted</i>	<i>Reduced Amount</i>
1	15	16	20-21	17,221,900	17,138,600
1	20	17	8-11	1,500,000	375,000
1	20	17	16-18	500,000	125,000
1	20	17	28-30	800,000	200,000
1	20	18	1-6	500,000	125,000
1	25	21	5-9	6,500,000	3,250,000
1	25	22	28	159,200	39,800
1	25	22	29	6,800	1,700
1	25	22	30	12,100	3,025
1	25	23	1	8,700	2,175
1	25	23	2	319,600	79,900
1	25	23	8-12	8,500,000	8,150,000

In addition to these specific item and reduction vetoes, I hereby approve all other appropriation items in House Bill 2663.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor