

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 adding Section  
5 22-26.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-26.5 new)

7 Sec. 22-26.5. Small Schools Task Force. The Small  
8 Schools Task Force is created to study the effectiveness of  
9 schools with a population of under 400 students. The Task  
10 Force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) The State Superintendent of Education or his or  
12 her designee.

13 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives  
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

15 (3) Two members of the House of Representatives  
16 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House.

17 (4) Two members of the Senate appointed by the  
18 President of the Senate.

19 (5) Two members of the Senate appointed by the  
20 Minority Leader of the Senate.

21 (6) One teacher who is a member of the Illinois  
22 Education Association, appointed by the State  
23 Superintendent of Education.

24 (7) One teacher who is a member of the Illinois  
25 Federation of Teachers, appointed by the State  
26 Superintendent of Education.

27 (8) One member of the Illinois Statewide School  
28 Management Alliance, appointed by the State  
29 Superintendent of Education.

30 (9) One member appointed by the Chicago Board of  
31 Education.

1       The members of the Task Force shall serve without  
2       compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and  
3       necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.  
4       The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the State  
5       Superintendent of Education, shall select one member as  
6       chairperson at its initial meeting, and shall thereafter meet  
7       at the call of the chairperson. The Task Force shall receive  
8       the assistance of staff of the State Board of Education. The  
9       Task Force shall report its results on the study to the  
10      General Assembly before January 1, 2004.

11       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12      becoming law.