

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 13A-8 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/13A-8)

7 Sec. 13A-8. Funding.

8 (a) The State of Illinois shall provide funding for the
9 alternative school programs within each educational service
10 region and within the Chicago public school system by line item
11 appropriation made to the State Board of Education for that
12 purpose. This money, when appropriated, shall be provided to
13 the regional superintendent and to the Chicago Board of
14 Education, who shall establish a budget, including salaries,
15 for their alternative school programs. Each program shall
16 receive funding in the amount of \$30,000 plus an amount based
17 on the ratio of the region's or Chicago's best 3 months'
18 average daily attendance in grades pre-kindergarten through 12
19 to the statewide totals of these amounts. However, if
20 \$19,035,500 or more is appropriated in a fiscal year for
21 alternative school programs, then each program shall instead
22 receive funding in the amount of \$50,000 plus an amount based
23 on the ratio of the region's or Chicago's best 3 months'
24 average daily attendance in grades pre-kindergarten through 12
25 to the statewide totals of these amounts. For purposes of the
26 funding ~~this~~ calculation, the best 3 months' average daily
27 attendance for each region or Chicago shall be calculated by
28 adding to the best 3 months' average daily attendance the
29 number of low-income students identified by the Department of
30 Human Services and averaged over the 3 immediately preceding
31 fiscal years, ~~in the most recently available federal census~~
32 multiplied by one-half times the percentage of the region's or

1 Chicago's low-income students to the State's total low-income
2 students. The State Board of Education shall retain up to 1.1%
3 of the appropriation to be used to provide technical
4 assistance, professional development, and evaluations for the
5 programs.

6 (a-5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
7 Section, each ~~for the 1998-1999~~ fiscal year, the total amount
8 distributed under subsection (a) for an alternative school
9 program shall be not less than the total amount that was
10 distributed under that subsection for that alternative school
11 program for the 2005-2006 ~~1997-1998~~ fiscal year. If an
12 alternative school program is to receive a total distribution
13 under subsection (a) for a given ~~the 1998-1999~~ fiscal year that
14 is less than the total distribution that the program received
15 under that subsection for the 2005-2006 ~~1997-1998~~ fiscal year,
16 that alternative school program shall also receive, from a
17 separate appropriation made for purposes of this subsection
18 (a-5), a supplementary payment equal to the amount by which its
19 total distribution under subsection (a) for the 2005-2006
20 ~~1997-1998~~ fiscal year exceeds the amount of the total
21 distribution that the alternative school program receives
22 under that subsection for the given ~~1998-1999~~ fiscal year. If
23 the amount appropriated for supplementary payments to
24 alternative school programs under this subsection (a-5) is
25 insufficient for that purpose, those supplementary payments
26 shall be prorated among the alternative school programs
27 entitled to receive those supplementary payments according to
28 the aggregate amount of the appropriation made for purposes of
29 this subsection (a-5).

30 (b) An alternative school program shall be entitled to
31 receive general State aid as calculated in subsection (K) of
32 Section 18-8.05 upon filing a claim as provided therein. Any
33 time that a student who is enrolled in an alternative school
34 program spends in work-based learning, community service, or a
35 similar alternative educational setting shall be included in
36 determining the student's minimum number of clock hours of

1 daily school work that constitute a day of attendance for
2 purposes of calculating general State aid.

3 (c) An alternative school program may receive additional
4 funding from its school districts in such amount as may be
5 agreed upon by the parties and necessary to support the
6 program. In addition, an alternative school program is
7 authorized to accept and expend gifts, legacies, and grants,
8 including but not limited to federal grants, from any source
9 for purposes directly related to the conduct and operation of
10 the program.

11 (Source: P.A. 89-383, eff. 8-18-95; 89-629, eff. 8-9-96;
12 89-636, eff. 8-9-96; 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 90-283, eff. 7-31-97;
13 90-802, eff. 12-15-98.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
15 2005.