

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 2-3.137 and changing Section 3-14.20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.137 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.137. Inspection and review of school facilities;  
8 task force.

9 (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the  
10 documentation of school plan reviews and inspections of school  
11 facilities, including the responsible individual's signature.  
12 Such documents shall be kept on file by the regional  
13 superintendent of schools.

14 (b) The State Board of Education shall convene a task force  
15 for the purpose of reviewing the documents required under rules  
16 adopted under subsection (a) of this Section and making  
17 recommendations regarding training and accreditation of  
18 individuals performing reviews or inspections required under  
19 Section 2-3.12, 3-14.20, 3-14.21, or 3-14.22 of this Code,  
20 including regional superintendents of schools and others  
21 performing reviews or inspections under the authority of a  
22 regional superintendent (such as consultants, municipalities,  
23 and fire protection districts).

24 The task force shall consist of all of the following  
25 members:

26 (1) The Executive Director of the Capital Development  
27 Board or his or her designee and a staff representative of  
28 the Division of Building Codes and Regulations.

29 (2) The State Superintendent of Education or his or her  
30 designee.

31 (3) A person appointed by the State Board of Education.

32 (4) A person appointed by an organization representing

1 school administrators.

2 (5) A person appointed by an organization representing  
3 suburban school administrators and school board members.

4 (6) A person appointed by an organization representing  
5 architects.

6 (7) A person appointed by an organization representing  
7 regional superintendents of schools.

8 (8) A person appointed by an organization representing  
9 fire inspectors.

10 (9) A person appointed by an organization representing  
11 Code administrators.

12 (10) A person appointed by an organization  
13 representing plumbing inspectors.

14 (11) A person appointed by an organization that  
15 represents both parents and teachers.

16 (12) A person appointed by an organization  
17 representing municipal governments in the State.

18 The task force shall issue a report of its findings to the  
19 Governor and the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2005.

20 (105 ILCS 5/3-14.20) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-14.20)

21 Sec. 3-14.20. Building plans and specifications. To  
22 inspect the building plans and specifications, including but  
23 not limited to plans and specifications for the heating,  
24 ventilating, lighting, seating, water supply, toilets and  
25 safety against fire of public school rooms and buildings  
26 submitted to him by school boards, and to approve all those  
27 which comply substantially with the building code authorized in  
28 Section 2-3.12.

29 If a municipality or, in the case of an unincorporated  
30 area, a county or, if applicable, a fire protection district  
31 wishes to be notified of plans and specifications received by a  
32 regional office of education for any future construction or  
33 alteration of a public school facility located within that  
34 entity's jurisdiction, then the entity must register this wish  
35 with the regional superintendent of schools. Within 10 days

1 after the regional superintendent of schools receives the plans  
2 and specifications from a school board and prior to the bidding  
3 process, he or she shall notify, in writing, the registered  
4 municipality and, if applicable, the registered fire  
5 protection district where the school that is being constructed  
6 or altered lies that plans and specifications have been  
7 received. In the case of an unincorporated area, the registered  
8 county shall be notified. If the municipality, fire protection  
9 district, or county requests a review of the plans and  
10 specifications, then the school board shall submit a copy of  
11 the plans and specifications. The municipality and, if  
12 applicable, the fire protection district or the county may  
13 comment in writing on the plans and specifications based on the  
14 building code authorized in Section 2-3.12, referencing the  
15 specific code where a discrepancy has been identified, and  
16 respond back to the regional superintendent of schools within  
17 15 days after a copy of the plans and specifications have been  
18 received or, if needed for plan review, such additional time as  
19 agreed to by the regional superintendent of schools. This  
20 review must be at no cost to the school district. ~~The local~~  
21 ~~fire department or fire protection district where the school is~~  
22 ~~being constructed or altered may request a review of the plans~~  
23 ~~and specifications. The regional superintendent of schools~~  
24 ~~shall submit a copy of the plans and specifications within 10~~  
25 ~~business days after the request. The fire department or fire~~  
26 ~~protection district may comment on the plans and specifications~~  
27 ~~based on the building code authorized in Section 2-3.12 of the~~  
28 ~~Code and, if any corrective action must be taken, shall respond~~  
29 ~~to the regional superintendent of schools within 15 days after~~  
30 ~~receipt of the plans and specifications. The Office of the~~  
31 ~~State Fire Marshal may review the plans and specifications at~~  
32 ~~the request of the fire department or fire protection district.~~  
33 ~~The review must be conducted at no cost to the school district.~~

34 If such plans and specifications are not approved or denied  
35 approval by the regional superintendent of schools within 3  
36 months after the date on which they are submitted to him or

1 her, the school board may submit such plans and specifications  
2 directly to the State Superintendent of Education for approval  
3 or denial.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-593, eff. 1-1-03.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law.