



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SB1973

Introduced 2/25/2005, by Sen. Dan Cronin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d

from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d

Amends the School Code. Provides that placing a school or school district on academic early warning status for not meeting adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual calculations shall not begin until the 2005-2006 school year. Removes the requirement that the adequate yearly progress criteria be specified by the State Board of Education. Provides instead that the criteria must not be met in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in the school's or school district's participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate in order for the school or school district to be placed on academic early warning or watch status. Provides that a school or school district on academic early warning or watch status that meets adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual calculation (instead of 2 consecutive annual calculations) shall be considered as having met expectations and shall be removed from any status designation. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 2-3.25d as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)

7 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic early warning and watch status.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, those ~~These~~
9 schools that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria, ~~as~~
10 ~~specified by the State Board of Education,~~ for 2 consecutive
11 annual calculations in the same subgroup and in the same
12 subject or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or
13 graduation rate, shall be placed on academic early warning
14 status for the next school year. Schools on academic early
15 warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress
16 criteria for a third annual calculation in the same subgroup
17 and in the same subject or in their participation rate,
18 attendance rate, or graduation rate shall remain on academic
19 early warning status. Schools on academic early warning status
20 that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a fourth
21 annual calculation in the same subgroup and in the same subject
22 or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation
23 rate shall be placed on initial academic watch status. Schools
24 on academic watch status that do not meet adequate yearly
25 progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent annual calculation
26 in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their
27 participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall
28 remain on academic watch status. Schools on academic early
29 warning or academic watch status that meet adequate yearly
30 progress criteria for one annual calculation ~~shall be~~
31 ~~acknowledged for making improvement and shall maintain their~~
32 ~~current statuses for the next school year. Schools on academic~~

1 ~~early warning or academic watch status that meet adequate~~
2 ~~yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual calculations~~
3 shall be considered as having met expectations and shall be
4 removed from any status designation.

5 The school district of a school placed on either academic
6 early warning status or academic watch status may appeal the
7 status to the State Board of Education in accordance with
8 Section 2-3.25m of this Code.

9 A school district that has one or more schools on academic
10 early warning or academic watch status shall prepare a revised
11 School Improvement Plan or amendments thereto setting forth the
12 district's expectations for removing each school from academic
13 early warning or academic watch status and for improving
14 student performance in the affected school or schools.
15 Districts operating under Article 34 of this Code may prepare
16 the School Improvement Plan required under Section 34-2.4 of
17 this Code.

18 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that is
19 initially placed on academic early warning status or that
20 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
21 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
22 school's local school council in a district operating under
23 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
24 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code).

25 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school placed on
26 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation
27 must be approved by the school board (and by the school's local
28 school council in a district operating under Article 34 of this
29 Code, unless the school is on probation pursuant to subsection
30 (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and the State
31 Superintendent of Education.

32 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that
33 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
34 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
35 school's local school council in a district operating under
36 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation

1 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and
2 the State Superintendent of Education. In addition, the
3 district must develop a school restructuring plan for the
4 school that must be approved by the school board (and by the
5 school's local school council in a district operating under
6 Article 34 of this Code) and subsequently approved by the State
7 Superintendent of Education.

8 A school on academic watch status that does not meet
9 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
10 calculation shall implement its approved school restructuring
11 plan beginning with the next school year, subject to the State
12 interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this Code.

13 (b) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, those ~~These~~
14 school districts that do not meet adequate yearly progress
15 criteria, ~~as specified by the State Board of Education,~~ for 2
16 consecutive annual calculations in the same subgroup and in the
17 same subject or in their participation rate, attendance rate,
18 or graduation rate, shall be placed on academic early warning
19 status for the next school year. Districts on academic early
20 warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress
21 criteria for a third annual calculation in the same subgroup
22 and in the same subject or in their participation rate,
23 attendance rate, or graduation rate shall remain on academic
24 early warning status. Districts on academic early warning
25 status that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a
26 fourth annual calculation in the same subgroup and in the same
27 subject or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or
28 graduation rate shall be placed on initial academic watch
29 status. Districts on academic watch status that do not meet
30 adequate yearly progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent
31 annual calculation in the same subgroup and in the same subject
32 or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation
33 rate shall remain on academic watch status. Districts on
34 academic early warning or academic watch status that meet
35 adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual calculation
36 ~~shall be acknowledged for making improvement and shall maintain~~

1 ~~their current statuses for the next school year. Districts on~~
2 ~~academic early warning or academic watch status that meet~~
3 ~~adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual~~
4 ~~calculations~~ shall be considered as having met expectations and
5 shall be removed from any status designation.

6 A district placed on either academic early warning status
7 or academic watch status may appeal the status to the State
8 Board of Education in accordance with Section 2-3.25m of this
9 Code.

10 Districts on academic early warning or academic watch
11 status shall prepare a District Improvement Plan or amendments
12 thereto setting forth the district's expectations for removing
13 the district from academic early warning or academic watch
14 status and for improving student performance in the district.

15 The District Improvement Plan for a district that is
16 initially placed on academic early warning status must be
17 approved by the school board.

18 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
19 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
20 calculation must be approved by the school board.

21 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district on
22 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation
23 must be approved by the school board and the State
24 Superintendent of Education.

25 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
26 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
27 calculation must be approved by the school board and the State
28 Superintendent of Education. In addition, the district must
29 develop a district restructuring plan that must be approved by
30 the school board and the State Superintendent of Education.

31 A district on academic watch status that does not meet
32 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
33 calculation shall implement its approved district
34 restructuring plan beginning with the next school year, subject
35 to the State interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this
36 Code.

1 (c) All revised School and District Improvement Plans shall
2 be developed in collaboration with staff in the affected school
3 or school district. All revised School and District Improvement
4 Plans shall be developed, submitted, and approved pursuant to
5 rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The revised
6 Improvement Plan shall address measurable outcomes for
7 improving student performance so that such performance meets
8 adequate yearly progress criteria as specified by the State
9 Board of Education.

10 (d) All federal requirements apply to schools and school
11 districts utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the
12 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

13 (e) The State Board of Education, from any moneys it may
14 have available for this purpose, must implement and administer
15 a grant program that provides 2-year grants to school districts
16 on the academic watch list and other school districts that have
17 the lowest achieving students, as determined by the State Board
18 of Education, to be used to improve student achievement. In
19 order to receive a grant under this program, a school district
20 must establish an accountability program. The accountability
21 program must involve the use of statewide testing standards and
22 local evaluation measures. A grant shall be automatically
23 renewed when achievement goals are met. The Board may adopt any
24 rules necessary to implement and administer this grant program.
25 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03; 93-890, eff. 8-9-04.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
27 becoming law.