

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 10-20.46 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.46 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.46. Safe Routes to School Construction Program.
8 School boards are encouraged to develop and pursue projects
9 that meet the eligibility criteria specified by the Safe Routes
10 to School Construction Program under Section 2705-317 of the
11 Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative
12 Code of Illinois and that are otherwise in conformity with
13 applicable provisions of this School Code. These projects may
14 be financed with available unrestricted funds of the school
15 district. A school board may transfer funds as provided in
16 Section 17-2A of this Code and other provisions of this Code to
17 finance projects for these purposes. School boards are
18 encouraged to apply for funding for such projects through the
19 Safe Routes to School Construction Program and other local,
20 State, and federal funding sources.