



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

SB1720

Introduced 2/9/2007, by Sen. Antonio Munoz

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/26-3a

from Ch. 122, par. 26-3a

Amends the School Code. In a Section requiring a school district to furnish the regional superintendent of schools and the Secretary of State with a list of pupils who have been expelled or have withdrawn or who have left school and have been removed from the regular attendance rolls, removes provisions (i) requiring the list to include the names of pupils whose withdrawal is due to extraordinary circumstances, pupils who have re-enrolled, pupils certified to be chronic or habitual truants, and chronic or habitual truants who have resumed attendance and (ii) requiring a pupil who re-enrolls to obtain and forward to the Secretary of State verification of his or her re-enrollment. Provides that the list may include the names of pupils who have been adjudicated as truant by the school district.

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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 26-3a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/26-3a) (from Ch. 122, par. 26-3a)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 94-916)

8 Sec. 26-3a. Report of pupils no longer enrolled in school.

9 The clerk or secretary of the school board of all school
10 districts shall furnish quarterly on the first school day of
11 October, January, April and July to the regional superintendent
12 a list of pupils, excluding transferees, who have been expelled
13 or have withdrawn or who have left school and have been removed
14 from the regular attendance rolls during the period of time
15 school was in regular session from the time of the previous
16 quarterly report. Such list shall include the names and
17 addresses of pupils formerly in attendance, the names and
18 addresses of persons having custody or control of such pupils,
19 the reason, if known, such pupils are no longer in attendance
20 and the date of removal from the attendance rolls. The regional
21 superintendent shall inform the county or district truant
22 officer who shall investigate to see that such pupils are in
23 compliance with the requirements of this Article.

1 In addition, the regional superintendent of schools of each
2 educational service region shall report to the State Board of
3 Education, in January of 1992 and in January of each year
4 thereafter, the number and ages of dropouts, as defined in
5 Section 26-2a, in his educational service region during the
6 school year that ended in the immediately preceding calendar
7 year, together with any efforts, activities and programs
8 undertaken, established, implemented or coordinated by the
9 regional superintendent of schools that have been effective in
10 inducing dropouts to re-enroll in school.

11 (Source: P.A. 87-303.)

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21 regular session from the time of the previous quarterly report.
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23 formerly in attendance, the names and addresses of persons
24 having custody or control of such pupils, the reason, if known,
25 such pupils are no longer in attendance and the date of removal

1 from the attendance rolls. This list may include the names of
2 pupils who have been adjudicated as truant by the school
3 district. ~~The list shall also include the names of: pupils~~
4 ~~whose withdrawal is due to extraordinary circumstances,~~
5 ~~including but not limited to economic or medical necessity or~~
6 ~~family hardship, as determined by the criteria established by~~
7 ~~the school district; pupils who have re enrolled in school~~
8 ~~since their names were removed from the attendance rolls; any~~
9 ~~pupil certified to be a chronic or habitual truant, as defined~~
10 ~~in Section 26 2a; and pupils previously certified as chronic or~~
11 ~~habitual truants who have resumed regular school attendance.~~
12 The regional superintendent shall inform the county or district
13 truant officer who shall investigate to see that such pupils
14 are in compliance with the requirements of this Article.

15 ~~Each local school district shall establish, in writing, a~~
16 ~~set of criteria for use by the local superintendent of schools~~
17 ~~in determining whether a pupil's failure to attend school is~~
18 ~~the result of extraordinary circumstances, including but not~~
19 ~~limited to economic or medical necessity or family hardship.~~

20 ~~If a pupil re-enrolls in school after his or her name was~~
21 ~~removed from the attendance rolls or resumes regular attendance~~
22 ~~after being certified a chronic or habitual truant, the pupil~~
23 ~~must obtain and forward to the Secretary of State, on a form~~
24 ~~designated by the Secretary of State, verification of his or~~
25 ~~her re-enrollment. The verification may be in the form of a~~
26 ~~signature or seal or in any other form determined by the school~~

1 ~~board.~~

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7 school year that ended in the immediately preceding calendar
8 year, together with any efforts, activities and programs
9 undertaken, established, implemented or coordinated by the
10 regional superintendent of schools that have been effective in
11 inducing dropouts to re-enroll in school. The State Board of
12 Education shall, if possible, make available to any person,
13 upon request, a comparison of drop out rates before and after
14 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
15 Assembly.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-916, eff. 7-1-07.)

17 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
18 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
19 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
20 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
21 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
22 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
23 Public Act.