

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 10-17a and by adding Sections 10-20.46 and 34-18.37 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-17a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-17a)
7 Sec. 10-17a. Better schools accountability.

8 (1) Policy and Purpose. It shall be the policy of the State
9 of Illinois that each school district in this State, including
10 special charter districts and districts subject to the
11 provisions of Article 34, shall submit to parents, taxpayers of
12 such district, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the
13 State Board of Education a school report card assessing the
14 performance of its schools and students. The report card shall
15 be an index of school performance measured against statewide
16 and local standards and will provide information to make prior
17 year comparisons and to set future year targets through the
18 school improvement plan.

19 (2) Reporting Requirements. Each school district shall
20 prepare a report card in accordance with the guidelines set
21 forth in this Section which describes the performance of its
22 students by school attendance centers and by district and the
23 district's financial resources and use of financial resources.

1 Such report card shall be presented at a regular school board
2 meeting subject to applicable notice requirements, posted on
3 the school district's Internet web site, if the district
4 maintains an Internet web site, made available to a newspaper
5 of general circulation serving the district, and, upon request,
6 sent home to a parent (unless the district does not maintain an
7 Internet web site, in which case the report card shall be sent
8 home to parents without request). If the district posts the
9 report card on its Internet web site, the district shall send a
10 written notice home to parents stating (i) that the report card
11 is available on the web site, (ii) the address of the web site,
12 (iii) that a printed copy of the report card will be sent to
13 parents upon request, and (iv) the telephone number that
14 parents may call to request a printed copy of the report card.
15 In addition, each school district shall submit the completed
16 report card to the office of the district's Regional
17 Superintendent which shall make copies available to any
18 individuals requesting them.

19 The report card shall be completed and disseminated prior
20 to October 31 in each school year. The report card shall
21 contain, but not be limited to, actual local school attendance
22 center, school district and statewide data indicating the
23 present performance of the school, the State norms and the
24 areas for planned improvement for the school and school
25 district.

26 (3) (a) The report card shall include the following

1 applicable indicators of attendance center, district, and
2 statewide student performance: percent of students who exceed,
3 meet, or do not meet standards established by the State Board
4 of Education pursuant to Section 2-3.25a; composite and subtest
5 means on nationally normed achievement tests for college bound
6 students; student attendance rates; chronic truancy rate;
7 dropout rate; graduation rate; and student mobility, turnover
8 shown as a percent of transfers out and a percent of transfers
9 in.

10 (b) The report card shall include the following
11 descriptions for the school, district, and State: average class
12 size; amount of time per day devoted to mathematics, science,
13 English and social science at primary, middle and junior high
14 school grade levels; number of students taking the Prairie
15 State Achievement Examination under subsection (c) of Section
16 2-3.64, the number of those students who received a score of
17 excellent, and the average score by school of students taking
18 the examination; pupil-teacher ratio; pupil-administrator
19 ratio; operating expenditure per pupil; district expenditure
20 by fund; average administrator salary; ~~and~~ average teacher
21 salary; beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the number
22 and percentage of students assessed at each grade level under
23 Section 10-20.46 or 34-18.37 of this Code and the percentage of
24 students by gender in each grade level that showed scores in
25 the range deemed "healthy" on each of the fitness assessments;
26 and the average number of minutes per week of physical

1 education for each grade level. The report card shall also
2 specify the amount of money that the district receives from all
3 sources, including without limitation subcategories specifying
4 the amount from local property taxes, the amount from general
5 State aid, the amount from other State funding, and the amount
6 from other income.

7 (c) The report card shall include applicable indicators of
8 parental involvement in each attendance center. The parental
9 involvement component of the report card shall include the
10 percentage of students whose parents or guardians have had one
11 or more personal contacts with the students' teachers during
12 the school year concerning the students' education, and such
13 other information, commentary, and suggestions as the school
14 district desires. For the purposes of this paragraph, "personal
15 contact" includes, but is not limited to, parent-teacher
16 conferences, parental visits to school, school visits to home,
17 telephone conversations, and written correspondence. The
18 parental involvement component shall not single out or identify
19 individual students, parents, or guardians by name.

20 (d) The report card form shall be prepared by the State
21 Board of Education and provided to school districts by the most
22 efficient, economic, and appropriate means.

23 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.46 new)

25 Sec. 10-20.46. Physical fitness; assessment.

1 (a) Subject to appropriation, each school board shall
2 require an annual assessment of the physical fitness levels of
3 all students in grades 5, 7, and 9, which shall be referred to
4 as FITNESSGRAM and shall be reported on the State Board of
5 Education's Internet website until the 2012-2013 school year
6 and on the school district's school report card beginning with
7 the 2012-2013 school year under Section 10-17a of this Code.
8 Assessment data must be reported to the State Board of
9 Education. The State Board of Education shall collect the data
10 and assist school districts in reporting their data on the
11 school report card.

12 (b) The specific physical fitness assessment tool to be
13 used by a school district must be a standardized tool
14 designated by the State Board of Education. All of the
15 assessments must be based on criterion-referenced standards.
16 The individual assessments shall include the following
17 health-related physical fitness assessments:

18 (1) the Pacer test for cardio-respiratory endurance;

19 (2) the push-up test for upper body strength and
20 endurance;

21 (3) the curl-up test for abdominal strength and
22 endurance; and

23 (4) the Backsaver sit and reach test for lower back and
24 leg flexibility.

25 (c) School districts shall report their raw physical
26 fitness assessment data electronically to a central collection

1 point designated by the State Board of Education by April 1st
2 of each school year. The State Board shall then compile the
3 results, including statewide averages, broken down by gender
4 and grade level. The State Board shall use this assessment data
5 to file a summary report every other year, beginning in October
6 of 2012, regarding the overall status of health-related fitness
7 of Illinois public school children. This report must be filed
8 with the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, and the
9 Department of Public Health on or before October 31st of the
10 reporting year. The accumulated data must also be made
11 available to the Department of Public Health for the purposes
12 of Section 4 of the Illinois Health Statistics Act.

13 (d) Students who have a medical excuse from a physician
14 must be excused from the physical fitness assessment. Students
15 with disabilities whose parent or physician requests that they
16 not be assessed must also be excused from the assessment.

17 (e) The State Board of Education may award a grant to the
18 University of Illinois for the purposes of data management as
19 related to the FITNESSGRAM assessment. The State Board of
20 Education and the University of Illinois shall work together
21 with a statewide professional organization of physical
22 educators.

23 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.37 new)

24 Sec. 34-18.37. Physical fitness; assessment.

25 (a) Subject to appropriation, the board shall require an

1 annual assessment of the physical fitness levels of all
2 students in grades 5, 7, and 9, which shall be referred to as
3 FITNESSGRAM and shall be reported on the State Board of
4 Education's Internet website until the 2012-2013 school year
5 and on an attendance center's report card beginning with the
6 2012-2013 school year under Section 34-88 of this Code.
7 Assessment data must be reported to the State Board of
8 Education. The State Board of Education shall collect the data
9 and assist attendance centers in reporting their data on the
10 report card.

11 (b) The specific physical fitness assessment tool to be
12 used by the school district must be a standardized tool
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25 fitness assessment data electronically to a central collection
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2 results and use this assessment data to file a summary report
3 as provided in subsection (c) of Section 10-20.46 of this Code.

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5 must be excused from the physical fitness assessment. Students
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14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
15 1, 2010.