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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/3-14.21

from Ch. 122, par. 3-14.21

Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the inspection of schools, provides that the regional superintendent shall utilize a local building inspector to verify that a school complies with the Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools. Effective immediately.

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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 3-14.21 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-14.21) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-14.21)
7 Sec. 3-14.21. Inspection of schools.

8 (a) The regional superintendent shall inspect and survey
9 all public schools under his or her supervision and notify the
10 board of education, or the trustees of schools in a district
11 with trustees, in writing before July 30, whether or not the
12 several schools in their district have been kept as required by
13 law, using forms provided by the State Board of Education which
14 are based on the Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools
15 adopted under Section 2-3.12. The regional superintendent
16 shall report his or her findings to the State Board of
17 Education on forms provided by the State Board of Education.
18 The regional superintendent shall utilize a local building
19 inspector to verify that a school complies with the Health/Life
20 Safety Code for Public Schools adopted under Section 2-3.12 of
21 this Code.

22 (b) If the regional superintendent determines that a school
23 board has failed in a timely manner to correct urgent items

1 identified in a previous life-safety report completed under
2 Section 2-3.12 or as otherwise previously ordered by the
3 regional superintendent, the regional superintendent shall
4 order the school board to adopt and submit to the regional
5 superintendent a plan for the immediate correction of the
6 building violations. This plan shall be adopted following a
7 public hearing that is conducted by the school board on the
8 violations and the plan and that is preceded by at least 7
9 days' prior notice of the hearing published in a newspaper of
10 general circulation within the school district. If the regional
11 superintendent determines in the next annual inspection that
12 the plan has not been completed and that the violations have
13 not been corrected, the regional superintendent shall submit a
14 report to the State Board of Education with a recommendation
15 that the State Board withhold from payments of general State
16 aid due to the district an amount necessary to correct the
17 outstanding violations. The State Board, upon notice to the
18 school board and to the regional superintendent, shall consider
19 the report at a meeting of the State Board, and may order that
20 a sufficient amount of general State aid be withheld from
21 payments due to the district to correct the violations. This
22 amount shall be paid to the regional superintendent who shall
23 contract on behalf of the school board for the correction of
24 the outstanding violations.

25 (c) The Office of the State Fire Marshal or a qualified
26 fire official, as defined in Section 2-3.12 of this Code, to

1 whom the State Fire Marshal has delegated his or her authority
2 shall conduct an annual fire safety inspection of each school
3 building in this State. The State Fire Marshal or the fire
4 official shall coordinate its inspections with the regional
5 superintendent. The inspection shall be based on the fire
6 safety code authorized in Section 2-3.12 of this Code. Any
7 violations shall be reported in writing to the regional
8 superintendent and shall reference the specific code sections
9 where a discrepancy has been identified within 15 days after
10 the inspection has been conducted. The regional superintendent
11 shall address those violations that are not corrected in a
12 timely manner pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section. The
13 inspection must be at no cost to the school district.

14 (d) If a municipality or, in the case of an unincorporated
15 area, a county or, if applicable, a fire protection district
16 wishes to perform new construction inspections under the
17 jurisdiction of a regional superintendent, then the entity must
18 register this wish with the regional superintendent. These
19 inspections must be based on the building code authorized in
20 Section 2-3.12 of this Code. The inspections must be at no cost
21 to the school district.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-734, eff. 8-25-09.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.