

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 Construction Law is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-300 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-300)

7 Sec. 5-300. Early childhood construction grants.

8 (a) The Capital Development Board is authorized to make  
9 grants to public school districts and not-for-profit entities  
10 for early childhood construction projects. These grants shall  
11 be paid out of moneys appropriated for that purpose from the  
12 School Construction Fund. No grants may be awarded to entities  
13 providing services within private residences. A public school  
14 district or other eligible entity must provide local matching  
15 funds in an amount equal to 10% ~~the amount~~ of the grant under  
16 this Section. A public school district or other eligible entity  
17 has no entitlement to a grant under this Section.

18 (b) The Capital Development Board shall adopt rules to  
19 implement this Section. These rules need not be the same as the  
20 rules for school construction project grants or school  
21 maintenance project grants. The rules may specify:

22 (1) the manner of applying for grants;

23 (2) project eligibility requirements;

- 1 (3) restrictions on the use of grant moneys;
- 2 (4) the manner in which school districts and other  
3 eligible entities must account for the use of grant moneys;  
4 ~~and~~
- 5 (5) requirements that new or improved facilities be  
6 used for early childhood and other related programs for a  
7 period of at least 10 years; and
- 8 (6) ~~(5)~~ any other provision that the Capital  
9 Development Board determines to be necessary or useful for  
10 the administration of this Section.

11 (c) The Capital Development Board, in consultation with the  
12 State Board of Education, shall establish standards for the  
13 determination of priority needs concerning early childhood  
14 projects based on projects located in communities in the State  
15 with the greatest underserved population of young children,  
16 utilizing Census data and other reliable local early childhood  
17 service data.

18 (d) In each school year in which early childhood  
19 construction project grants are awarded, 20% of the total  
20 amount awarded shall be awarded to a school district with a  
21 population of more than 500,000, provided that the school  
22 district complies with the requirements of this Section and the  
23 rules adopted under this Section.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
26 2010.