

SB1939



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Introduced 2/10/2011, by Sen. William Delgado

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.136

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning class size reduction grants.

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A BILL FOR

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 2-3.136 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.136)

7 Sec. 2-3.136. Class size reduction grant programs.

8 (a) A K-3 class size reduction grant program is created.

9 The program shall be implemented and administered by the ~~the~~
10 State Board of Education. From appropriations made for purposes
11 of this Section, the State Board shall award grants to schools
12 that meet the criteria established by this subsection (a) for
13 the award of those grants.

14 Grants shall be awarded pursuant to application. The form
15 and manner of applications and the criteria for the award of
16 grants shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education. The
17 grant criteria as so prescribed, however, shall provide that
18 only those schools that are on the State Board of Education
19 Early Academic Warning List or the academic watch list under
20 Section 2-3.25d that maintain grades kindergarten through 3 are
21 grant eligible.

22 Grants awarded to eligible schools under this subsection
23 (a) shall be used and applied by the schools to defray the

1 costs and expenses of operating and maintaining classes in
2 grades kindergarten through 3 with an average class size within
3 a specific grade of no more than 20 pupils. If a school's
4 facilities are inadequate to allow for this specified class
5 size, then a school may use the grant funds for teacher aides
6 instead.

7 (b) A K-3 pilot class size reduction grant program is
8 created. The program shall be implemented and administered by
9 the State Board of Education. From appropriations made for
10 purposes of this subsection (b), the State Board shall award
11 grants to schools that meet the criteria established by this
12 Section for the award of those grants.

13 Grants shall be awarded pursuant to application. The form
14 and manner of application and the criteria for the award of
15 grants shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education.

16 Grants awarded to eligible schools under this subsection
17 (b) shall be used and applied by the schools to defray the
18 costs and expenses of operating and maintaining classes in
19 grades kindergarten through 3 of no more than 15 pupils per
20 teacher per class. A teacher aide may not be used to meet this
21 requirement.

22 (c) If a school board determines that a school is using
23 funds awarded under this Section for purposes not authorized by
24 this Section, then the school board, rather than the school,
25 shall determine how the funds are used.

26 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules,

1 consistent with the requirements of this Section, that are
2 necessary to implement and administer the class size reduction
3 grant programs.

4 (Source: P.A. 93-814, eff. 7-27-04; 94-566, eff. 1-1-06;
5 94-894, eff. 7-1-06.)