

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 3A-18 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3A-18)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on August 2, 2012)

8 Sec. 3A-18. Streamlining Illinois' Regional Offices of  
9 Education Commission.

10 (a) Recognizing the virtue of the regional offices of  
11 education in that locally elected public servants are working  
12 closely with local school boards and superintendents and in  
13 partnership with the State Board of Education, and in an effort  
14 to deliver these educational services more efficiently and  
15 effectively, there is hereby established the Streamlining  
16 Illinois' Regional Offices of Education Commission. The  
17 Commission shall explore and examine all duties of the State  
18 Board of Education and all regional offices of education and  
19 intermediate service centers, as well as the boundaries of the  
20 educational service regions as defined in this Article, in  
21 order to determine which duties and responsibilities should be  
22 provided regionally to more appropriately and efficiently  
23 deliver services and whether the boundaries of the education

1 service regions can be expanded to streamline the regional  
2 offices of education. The Commission shall ensure that its  
3 recommendations include specifics as to the necessary funding  
4 to carry out identified responsibilities.

5 (b) The Commission shall consist of all of the following  
6 voting members:

7 (1) One person appointed by the Governor, who shall  
8 serve as chairperson of the Commission.

9 (2) One member appointed by the President of the  
10 Senate.

11 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
12 Senate.

13 (4) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives.

15 (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
16 House of Representatives.

17 (6) One member appointed by an association  
18 representing regional superintendents of schools.

19 (7) One member appointed by an association  
20 representing school boards.

21 (8) One member appointed by an association  
22 representing school administrators.

23 (9) One member appointed by an association  
24 representing school business officials.

25 (10) One member appointed by each of 2 statewide  
26 associations representing teachers.

1           (11) One member from an intermediate service center  
2 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

3           (12) One district superintendent from an urban school  
4 district appointed by the State Superintendent of  
5 Education.

6           (13) One district superintendent from a rural school  
7 district appointed by the State Superintendent of  
8 Education.

9           (14) One representative from the State Board of  
10 Education appointed by the State Superintendent of  
11 Education.

12           Members appointed by the legislative leaders shall be  
13 appointed for the duration of the Commission; in the event of a  
14 vacancy, the appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made by  
15 the legislative leader of the same house and party as the  
16 leader who made the original appointment.

17           (c) The Commission may begin to conduct business upon the  
18 appointment of a majority of the voting members.

19           (d) The State Board of Education shall be the agency  
20 responsible for providing staff and administrative support to  
21 the Commission.

22           (e) Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation  
23 for their participation, but may be reimbursed by the State  
24 Board of Education for expenses in connection with their  
25 participation, including travel, if funds are available.

26           (f) The Commission shall submit a final report of its

1 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General  
2 Assembly on or before April ~~August~~ 1, 2012. The Commission may  
3 submit other reports as it deems appropriate.

4 (g) The Commission is abolished on April ~~August~~ 2, 2012,  
5 and this Section is repealed on April ~~August~~ 2, 2012.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-619, eff. 11-14-11.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.