

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB2576

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/17-1.1

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning shared service reporting and fiscal efficiency.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
- 5 17-1.1 as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/17-1.1)
- Sec. 17-1.1. Shared service reporting <u>and</u> and fiscal efficiency.
- 9 (a) Annually, each school district shall complete a report developed by the State Board of Education, to accompany the 10 annual financial report and to be published on the State Board 11 of Education's Internet website, that summarizes district 12 attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services 13 14 or outsourcing in the prior fiscal year. The report must be primarily in checklist form and approximately one page in 15 16 length. It shall include, but shall not be limited to, the 17 incidence of the following shared service options: insurance; employee benefits; transportation; personnel recruitment; 18 19 shared personnel; technology services; energy purchasing; 20 equipment purchasing; food services; supply and 21 services; investment pools; special education cooperatives, 22 vocational cooperatives, and other shared educational programs; curriculum planning; professional development; 23

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custodial services; maintenance services; grounds maintenance services; food services; grant writing; and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program offerings. The report shall also include a list of potential shared services or outsourcing the district may consider or investigate for the next fiscal year and any anticipated barriers to implementation. This report must be approved by the school board and published on the Internet website of the school district, if any.

- (b) Based on data supplied by school districts through the annual financial report, regional superintendents of schools shall publish annually a regional report summarizing district attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services or outsourcing within the educational service region. This report shall include a list of all joint purchasing initiatives, joint agreements between districts, attempts to reduce or eliminate duplication of services and duplicative expenditures, and identification of any overlapping regional service delivery systems.
- (c) For school districts required to develop and submit to the State Board of Education a deficit reduction plan under Section 17-1 of this Code, the regional superintendent of schools and the school district shall jointly prepare a shared services and outsourcing plan that considers actions that may improve the district's fiscal efficiency and how future savings associated with shared services or outsourcing are to be

- 1 utilized.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 97-357, eff. 1-1-12.)