

HB2837



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2837

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-45

Amends the School Code. Requires that any and all reports submitted on behalf of education-related advisory groups, boards, committees, councils, task forces, and working groups to the General Assembly, the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Higher Education also be submitted to the Illinois P-20 Council. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 22-45 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-45)

7 Sec. 22-45. Illinois P-20 Council.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that preparing Illinoisans
9 for success in school and the workplace requires a continuum of
10 quality education from preschool through graduate school. This
11 State needs a framework to guide education policy and integrate
12 education at every level. A statewide coordinating council to
13 study and make recommendations concerning education at all
14 levels can avoid fragmentation of policies, promote improved
15 teaching and learning, and continue to cultivate and
16 demonstrate strong accountability and efficiency. Establishing
17 an Illinois P-20 Council will develop a statewide agenda that
18 will move the State towards the common goals of improving
19 academic achievement, increasing college access and success,
20 improving use of existing data and measurements, developing
21 improved accountability, fostering innovative approaches to
22 education, promoting lifelong learning, easing the transition
23 to college, and reducing remediation. A pre-kindergarten

1 through grade 20 agenda will strengthen this State's economic
2 competitiveness by producing a highly-skilled workforce. In
3 addition, lifelong learning plans will enhance this State's
4 ability to leverage funding.

5 (b) There is created the Illinois P-20 Council. The
6 Illinois P-20 Council shall include all of the following
7 members:

8 (1) The Governor or his or her designee, to serve as
9 chairperson.

10 (2) Four members of the General Assembly, one appointed
11 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one
12 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
13 Representatives, one appointed by the President of the
14 Senate, and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the
15 Senate.

16 (3) Six at-large members appointed by the Governor as
17 follows, with 2 members being from the City of Chicago, 2
18 members being from Lake County, McHenry County, Kane
19 County, DuPage County, Will County, or that part of Cook
20 County outside of the City of Chicago, and 2 members being
21 from the remainder of the State:

22 (A) one representative of civic leaders;

23 (B) one representative of local government;

24 (C) one representative of trade unions;

25 (D) one representative of nonprofit organizations
26 or foundations;

1 (E) one representative of parents' organizations;

2 and

3 (F) one education research expert.

4 (4) Five members appointed by statewide business
5 organizations and business trade associations.

6 (5) Six members appointed by statewide professional
7 organizations and associations representing
8 pre-kindergarten through grade 20 teachers, community
9 college faculty, and public university faculty.

10 (6) Two members appointed by associations representing
11 local school administrators and school board members. One
12 of these members must be a special education administrator.

13 (7) One member representing community colleges,
14 appointed by the Illinois Council of Community College
15 Presidents.

16 (8) One member representing 4-year independent
17 colleges and universities, appointed by a statewide
18 organization representing private institutions of higher
19 learning.

20 (9) One member representing public 4-year
21 universities, appointed jointly by the university
22 presidents and chancellors.

23 (10) Ex-officio members as follows:

24 (A) The State Superintendent of Education or his or
25 her designee.

26 (B) The Executive Director of the Board of Higher

1 Education or his or her designee.

2 (C) The President and Chief Executive Officer of
3 the Illinois Community College Board or his or her
4 designee.

5 (D) The Executive Director of the Illinois Student
6 Assistance Commission or his or her designee.

7 (E) The Co-chairpersons of the Illinois Workforce
8 Investment Board or their designee.

9 (F) The Director of Commerce and Economic
10 Opportunity or his or her designee.

11 (G) The Chairperson of the Illinois Early Learning
12 Council or his or her designee.

13 (H) The President of the Illinois Mathematics and
14 Science Academy or his or her designee.

15 (I) The president of an association representing
16 educators of adult learners or his or her designee.

17 Ex-officio members shall have no vote on the Illinois P-20
18 Council.

19 Appointed members shall serve for staggered terms expiring
20 on July 1 of the first, second, or third calendar year
21 following their appointments or until their successors are
22 appointed and have qualified. Staggered terms shall be
23 determined by lot at the organizing meeting of the Illinois
24 P-20 Council.

25 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
26 appointments, and any member so appointed shall serve during

1 the remainder of the term for which the vacancy occurred.

2 (c) The Illinois P-20 Council shall be funded through State
3 appropriations to support staff activities, research,
4 data-collection, and dissemination. The Illinois P-20 Council
5 shall be staffed by the Office of the Governor, in coordination
6 with relevant State agencies, boards, and commissions. The
7 Illinois Education Research Council shall provide research and
8 coordinate research collection activities for the Illinois
9 P-20 Council.

10 (d) The Illinois P-20 Council shall have all of the
11 following duties:

12 (1) To make recommendations to do all of the following:

13 (A) Coordinate pre-kindergarten through grade 20
14 (graduate school) education in this State through
15 working at the intersections of educational systems to
16 promote collaborative infrastructure.

17 (B) Coordinate and leverage strategies, actions,
18 legislation, policies, and resources of all
19 stakeholders to support fundamental and lasting
20 improvement in this State's public schools, community
21 colleges, and universities.

22 (C) Better align the high school curriculum with
23 postsecondary expectations.

24 (D) Better align assessments across all levels of
25 education.

26 (E) Reduce the need for students entering

1 institutions of higher education to take remedial
2 courses.

3 (F) Smooth the transition from high school to
4 college.

5 (G) Improve high school and college graduation
6 rates.

7 (H) Improve the rigor and relevance of academic
8 standards for college and workforce readiness.

9 (I) Better align college and university teaching
10 programs with the needs of Illinois schools.

11 (2) To advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the
12 State's education and higher education agencies, and the
13 State's workforce and economic development boards and
14 agencies on policies related to lifelong learning for
15 Illinois students and families.

16 (3) To articulate a framework for systemic educational
17 improvement and innovation that will enable every student
18 to meet or exceed Illinois learning standards and be
19 well-prepared to succeed in the workforce and community.

20 (4) To provide an estimated fiscal impact for
21 implementation of all Council recommendations.

22 (e) The chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council may
23 authorize the creation of working groups focusing on areas of
24 interest to Illinois educational and workforce development,
25 including without limitation the following areas:

26 (1) Preparation, recruitment, and certification of

1 highly qualified teachers.

2 (2) Mentoring and induction of highly qualified
3 teachers.

4 (3) The diversity of highly qualified teachers.

5 (4) Funding for highly qualified teachers, including
6 developing a strategic and collaborative plan to seek
7 federal and private grants to support initiatives
8 targeting teacher preparation and its impact on student
9 achievement.

10 (5) Highly effective administrators.

11 (6) Illinois birth through age 3 education,
12 pre-kindergarten, and early childhood education.

13 (7) The assessment, alignment, outreach, and network
14 of college and workforce readiness efforts.

15 (8) Alternative routes to college access.

16 (9) Research data and accountability.

17 (10) Community schools, community participation, and
18 other innovative approaches to education that foster
19 community partnerships.

20 The chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council may designate
21 Council members to serve as working group chairpersons. Working
22 groups may invite organizations and individuals representing
23 pre-kindergarten through grade 20 interests to participate in
24 discussions, data collection, and dissemination.

25 (f) Any and all reports submitted on behalf of
26 education-related advisory groups, boards, committees,

1 councils, task forces, and working groups to the General
2 Assembly, the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the
3 Board of Higher Education must also be submitted to the
4 Illinois P-20 Council.

5 (Source: P.A. 95-626, eff. 6-1-08; 95-996, eff. 10-3-08;
6 96-746, eff. 8-25-09; revised 8-3-12.)

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