

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 renumbering and
5 changing Section 2-3.157, as added by Public Act 98-301, as
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.158)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on May 31, 2015)

9 Sec. 2-3.158 ~~2-3.157~~. Task Force on Civic Education.

10 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish the Task
11 Force on Civic Education, to be comprised of all of the
12 following members, with an emphasis on bipartisan legislative
13 representation and diverse non-legislative stakeholder
14 representation:

15 (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 (2) One member appointed by the President of the
18 Senate.

19 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
20 House of Representatives.

21 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
22 Senate.

23 (5) One member appointed by the head of an association

1 representing a teachers union.

2 (6) One member appointed by the head of an association
3 representing the Chicago Teachers Union.

4 (7) One member appointed by the head of an association
5 representing social studies teachers.

6 (8) One member appointed by the head of an association
7 representing school boards.

8 (9) One member appointed by the head of an association
9 representing the media.

10 (10) One member appointed by the head of an association
11 representing the non-profit sector that promotes civic
12 education as a core mission.

13 (11) One member appointed by the head of an association
14 representing the non-profit sector that promotes civic
15 engagement among the general public.

16 (12) One member appointed by the president of an
17 institution of higher education who teaches college or
18 graduate-level government courses or facilitates a program
19 dedicated to cultivating civic leaders.

20 (13) One member appointed by the head of an association
21 representing principals or district superintendents.

22 (b) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
23 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
24 necessary expenses from funds appropriated to the State Board
25 of Education for that purpose. The members of the Task Force
26 shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses from

1 appropriations to the State Board of Education available for
2 that purpose and subject to the rules of the appropriate travel
3 control board.

4 (c) The members of the Task Force shall be considered
5 members with voting rights. A quorum of the Task Force shall
6 consist of a simple majority of the members of the Task Force.
7 All actions and recommendations of the Task Force must be
8 approved by a simple majority vote of the members.

9 (d) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the
10 State Superintendent of Education, shall elect one member as
11 chairperson at its initial meeting through a simple majority
12 vote of the Task Force, and shall thereafter meet at the call
13 of the chairperson.

14 (e) The State Board of Education shall provide
15 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

16 (f) The Task Force is charged with all of the following
17 tasks:

18 (1) To analyze the current state of civic education in
19 this State.

20 (2) To analyze current civic education laws in other
21 jurisdictions, both mandated and permissive.

22 (3) To identify best practices in civic education in
23 other jurisdictions.

24 (4) To make recommendations to the General Assembly
25 focused on substantially increasing civic literacy and the
26 capacity of youth to obtain the requisite knowledge,

1 skills, and practices to be civically informed members of
2 the public.

3 (5) To make funding recommendations if the Task Force's
4 recommendations to the General Assembly would require a
5 fiscal commitment.

6 (g) No later than December ~~May~~ 31, 2014, the Task Force
7 shall summarize its findings and recommendations in a report to
8 the General Assembly, filed as provided in Section 3.1 of the
9 General Assembly Organization Act. Upon filing its report, the
10 Task Force is dissolved.

11 (h) This Section is repealed on December ~~May~~ 31, 2015.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-301, eff. 8-9-13; revised 10-4-13.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.