

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 adding Section
5 2-3.163 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.163. Prioritization of Urgency of Need for
8 Services database.

9 (a) The General Assembly makes all of the following
10 findings:

11 (1) The Department of Human Services maintains a
12 statewide database known as the Prioritization of Urgency
13 of Need for Services that records information about
14 individuals with developmental disabilities who are
15 potentially in need of services.

16 (2) The Department of Human Services uses the data on
17 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services to select
18 individuals for services as funding becomes available, to
19 develop proposals and materials for budgeting, and to plan
20 for future needs.

21 (3) Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services
22 exists in order to provide assistance with services of
23 needs.

1 (4) Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services is
2 available for infants, children, and adults with a
3 developmental disability who have an unmet service need
4 anticipated in the next 5 years.

5 (5) Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services is
6 the first step toward getting services in this State. If
7 individuals are not on the Prioritization of Urgency of
8 Need for Services waiting list, they are not in queue for
9 State services.

10 (6) Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services may
11 be underutilized by children and their parents or guardians
12 due to lack of awareness or lack of information.

13 (b) The State Board of Education may work with school
14 districts to inform all students with developmental
15 disabilities and their parents or guardians about the
16 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services database.

17 (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human
18 Services and State Board of Education shall develop and
19 implement a training program for pre-admission screening and
20 independent service coordination agencies to train and provide
21 all resources necessary for case workers in every public school
22 in this State to register eligible students with the
23 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services waiting list for
24 services. If training is not provided to case workers, then the
25 school district, working with the Department of Human Services,
26 shall provide yearly opportunities for individuals to sign up

1 for the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services waiting
2 list.

3 (d) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
4 Department of Human Services, shall inform parents and
5 guardians of students through school districts on the
6 Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services waiting list.