

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 Education for Homeless Children Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1-17 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 45/1-17)

7 Sec. 1-17. Homeless prevention.

8 (a) If a child is homeless or is at risk of becoming
9 homeless, the school district may:

10 (1) provide rental, ~~or~~ mortgage assistance, or
11 extended motel stay in such amount as will allow the child
12 and his or her parent, his or her guardian, or the person
13 who enrolled the child to remain permanently in their
14 current living situation or obtain a new living situation;

15 (2) provide financial assistance with respect to
16 unpaid bills, loans, or other financial debts that results
17 in housing being considered inadequate pursuant to Section
18 1-5 of this Act and the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless
19 Assistance Act; or

20 (3) provide assistance under both items (1) and (2) of
21 this subsection (a).

22 (b) In order to provide homeless prevention assistance
23 under subsection (a) of this Section, a school district shall

1 first make an attempt to provide such assistance through a
2 homeless assistance agency that is part of the Federal
3 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act's continuum of care for
4 the area in which the school district is located. If the
5 attempts to secure assistance through the applicable continuum
6 of care are unsuccessful, subject to the limitations specified
7 in Section 29-5 of the School Code, transportation funds under
8 Section 29-5 of the School Code may be used for those purposes.

9 (c) Prior to providing homeless prevention assistance
10 pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section, a housing plan
11 must first be approved in writing by the school district and
12 the parent, guardian, or person who enrolled the child.

13 (d) For purposes of this Section:

14 "At risk of becoming homeless" means that documented
15 evidence has been provided by the parent, guardian, or person
16 who enrolled the child that shows that a living situation
17 will, within 8 weeks, cease to become fixed, regular, and
18 adequate and will result in the child becoming homeless within
19 the definition of Section 1-5 of this Act and the Federal
20 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The documented
21 evidence shall include, but need not be limited to:
22 foreclosure notices, eviction notices, notices indicating that
23 utilities will be shut off or discontinued, or written
24 statements from the parent, guardian, or person who enrolled
25 the child, supplemented by financial documentation, that
26 indicate a loss of income that will prevent the maintenance of

1 a permanent living situation.

2 "Person who enrolled the child" also means an
3 unaccompanied youth.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-332, eff. 8-25-17.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.