

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 2-3.176 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.176 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.176. Child opportunity zone.

8 (a) In this Section, "child opportunity zone" means a
9 coordinated system of early childhood education, before-school
10 and after-school programs, summer school programs, health and
11 mental health services, family engagement initiatives, adult
12 education, workforce development training, or any combination
13 of such programs.

14 (b) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education,
15 in cooperation with regional superintendents of schools,
16 school districts, and other State and community agencies, shall
17 develop child opportunity zones as a means to deliver
18 comprehensive and coordinated social services in this State
19 that are related to specific community needs and that will
20 ultimately increase student performance in schools in the
21 community. A child opportunity zone must provide a means to
22 integrate education, health, and social services into schools
23 and link families to school and community resources. Activities

1 to develop child opportunity zones may include, but are not
2 limited to, the award of grants to further the purposes set
3 forth in this Section. In addition to funds appropriated by the
4 General Assembly for this Section, the State Board may use
5 funds appropriated by the General Assembly for other grant
6 programs to implement this Section.

7 (c) On or before August 1, 2020, and on or before each
8 August 1 thereafter, the State Board must submit a report to
9 the General Assembly on the number of children and families
10 served by a child opportunity zone program and any other
11 outcome data for each program.

12 (d) The State Board shall adopt rules to implement this
13 Section.