

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 24A-5.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/24A-5.5 new)

7 Sec. 24A-5.5. Local appeal process for unsatisfactory
8 ratings. Beginning with the first school year following the
9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General
10 Assembly, each school district shall, in good faith cooperation
11 with its teachers or, if applicable, through good faith
12 bargaining with the exclusive bargaining representative of its
13 teachers, develop and implement an appeals process for
14 "unsatisfactory" ratings under Section 24A-5 that includes,
15 but is not limited to, an assessment of the original rating by
16 a panel of qualified evaluators agreed to by the joint
17 committee referred to in subsection (b) of Section 24A-4 that
18 has the power to revoke the "unsatisfactory" rating it deems to
19 be erroneous. The joint committee shall determine the criteria
20 for successful appeals; however, the issuance of a rating to
21 replace an "unsatisfactory" rating must be determined through
22 bargaining between the exclusive bargaining representative, if
23 any, and the school district.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.