



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2995

Introduced 2/2/2024, by Sen. Tom Bennett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.1015 new
105 ILCS 5/2-3.204 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall establish and administer a program to award property tax relief grants to property taxpayers within school districts in this State. Provides that the State Board of Education shall work with county clerk's offices in this State to determine the amount given to each property taxpayer. Provides that moneys awarded to property taxpayers shall be distributed pro rata based on the amount a property taxpayer paid in taxes in the previous fiscal year. Creates the Education Property Tax Relief Fund as a special fund in the State treasury for the purpose of awarding grants. Amends the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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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 State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.1015 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1015 new)

7 Sec. 5.1015. The Education Property Tax Relief Fund.

8 Section 15. The School Code is amended by adding Section
9 2-3.204 as follows:

10 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.204 new)

11 Sec. 2-3.204. School district property tax relief grant
12 program.

13 (a) As used in this Section:

14 "Adjusted maximum aggregate property tax extension" means
15 the highest aggregate property tax extension that a school
16 district is authorized by law to levy, without regard to this
17 Section, for the taxable year for which the adjusted maximum
18 aggregate property tax extension is calculated, minus the
19 grant amount received by the school district for the fiscal
20 year that ends during the taxable year for which the adjusted
21 maximum aggregate property tax extension is calculated.

1 "Aggregate property tax extension" means the annual
2 corporate extension for the school district and those special
3 purpose extensions that are made annually for a school
4 district.

5 "Taxable year" means the calendar year during which
6 property taxes payable in the next succeeding year are levied.

7 (b) For State fiscal year 2025 and each State fiscal year
8 thereafter, the State Board of Education shall establish and
9 administer a program to award property tax relief grants to
10 property taxpayers within school districts in this State. The
11 State Board of Education shall work with county clerk's
12 offices in this State to determine the amount given to each
13 property taxpayer. Moneys awarded to property taxpayers under
14 this Section shall be distributed pro rata based on the amount
15 a property taxpayer paid in taxes in the previous fiscal year.
16 The total grant amount given to property taxpayers who live
17 within a school district shall be based on the increase in a
18 school district's adjusted maximum aggregate property tax
19 extension for the taxable year that begins on January 1 of the
20 fiscal year the grant is given in comparison to the previous
21 fiscal year's aggregate property tax extension. Grants shall
22 be awarded from moneys appropriated for that purpose from the
23 Education Property Tax Relief Fund created in subsection (c).

24 (c) The Education Property Tax Relief Fund is created as a
25 special fund in the State treasury. By September 1, 2024 and by
26 September 1 of each year thereafter, the Governor's Office of

1 Management and Budget shall certify to the State Comptroller
2 and the State Treasurer an amount equal to the difference, if
3 any, between (i) 25% of the total amount appropriated from all
4 State general funds as part of the State budget for the fiscal
5 year that begins on the immediately preceding July 1,
6 including any amounts appropriated for the purpose of making
7 grants under this Section, and (ii) the total amount
8 appropriated by the State, including any continuing
9 appropriations, for that fiscal year as State contributions to
10 the retirement system established under Article 14 of the
11 Illinois Pension Code, the retirement system established under
12 Article 15 of the Illinois Pension Code, and the retirement
13 system established under Article 16 of the Illinois Pension
14 Code. Upon receiving the certified amount from the Governor's
15 Office of Management and Budget, the State Comptroller shall
16 order transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer the
17 certified amount from the General Revenue Fund to the
18 Education Property Tax Relief Fund. Any unexpended amounts
19 remaining in the Education Property Tax Relief Fund on the
20 last day of the fiscal year shall be transferred from the
21 Education Property Tax Relief Fund to the General Revenue
22 Fund.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.