

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 Article  
5 1G as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/Art. 1G heading new)

7 ARTICLE 1G. MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

8 BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

9 (105 ILCS 5/1G-1 new)

10 Sec. 1G-1. Purpose. The purpose of this Article is to  
11 permit greater flexibility and efficiency in the  
12 distribution and use of certain State funds available to  
13 local education agencies in order to ensure that students  
14 meet or exceed the Illinois Learning Standards in mathematics  
15 and science. The State Board of Education shall administer a  
16 Mathematics and Science Block Grant Program and award Program  
17 funds to eligible recipients upon application. As used in  
18 this Section, "school district" shall include those schools  
19 designated as "laboratory schools".

20 (105 ILCS 5/1G-5 new)

21 Sec. 1G-5. Authorized Uses. Mathematics and Science  
22 Block Grant Program funds shall be used in the following  
23 manner consistent with application requirements established  
24 by the State Board of Education as provided in Section 1G-15  
25 of this Article:

26 (1) To expand learning opportunities in grades  
27 kindergarten through 8, to ensure that every student  
28 meets the Illinois Learning Standards for mathematics, as  
29 defined by the learning benchmarks and relevant

1 performance standards for middle and junior high schools,  
 2 by the end of eighth grade, including standards related  
 3 to number sense, estimation and measurement, algebra and  
 4 analytical methods, geometry, data analysis, and  
 5 probability;

6 (2) To expand learning opportunities in grades  
 7 kindergarten through 8, to ensure that every student  
 8 meets the Illinois Learning Standards for science, as  
 9 defined by the learning benchmarks and relevant  
 10 performance standards for middle and junior high schools,  
 11 by the end of eighth grade, including standards related  
 12 to inquiry and design; concepts and principles of  
 13 science; and science, technology, and society;

14 (3) To train and retrain teachers of grades  
 15 kindergarten through 12 to be more proficient in the  
 16 teaching of mathematics and science by providing  
 17 professional development opportunities;

18 (4) To improve curriculum, instruction, and  
 19 assessment relevant to the Illinois Learning Standards  
 20 for grades kindergarten through 12; and

21 (5) To supply classrooms with materials and  
 22 equipment related to the teaching and learning of  
 23 mathematics and science.

24 (105 ILCS 5/1G-10 new)

25 Sec. 1G-10. Allocation. Mathematics and Science Block  
 26 Grant Program funds shall be distributed to school districts,  
 27 subject to appropriation and based upon rules established by  
 28 the State Board of Education. Distribution of moneys to  
 29 school districts shall be made in semi-annual installment  
 30 payments, one payment to be made on or before October 30, and  
 31 one payment to be made prior to April 30 of each year.

32 (105 ILCS 5/1G-15 new)

1       Sec. 1G-15. Application. Mathematics and Science Block  
2       Grant Program funds shall be made available to each eligible  
3       school district upon completion of an application process  
4       that is consistent with rules established by the State Board  
5       of Education. The application shall include the planned use  
6       of the funds.

7       (105 ILCS 5/1G-20 new)

8       Sec. 1G-20. Rules. The State Board of Education shall  
9       adopt rules as may be necessary to implement the provisions  
10       of this Article.

11       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July  
12       1, 2003.