

1 AN ACT regarding schools.

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 changing
5 Section 18-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/18-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-12)

7 Sec. 18-12. Dates for filing State aid claims. The
8 school board of each school district shall require teachers,
9 principals, or superintendents to furnish from records kept
10 by them such data as it needs in preparing and certifying
11 ~~under-oath-or-affirmation~~ to the regional superintendent its
12 school district report of claims provided in Sections 18-8.05
13 ~~18-8~~ through 18-10 as required ~~on-blanks-to-be-provided~~ by
14 the State Superintendent of Education. The district claim
15 shall be based on the latest available equalized assessed
16 valuation and tax rates, as provided in Section 18-8.05 and
17 shall use the average daily attendance as determined by the
18 method outlined in Section 18-8.05 and shall be certified and
19 filed with the regional superintendent by June 21 ~~July--1~~.
20 Failure to so file by June 21 ~~July-1~~ constitutes a forfeiture
21 of the right to receive payment by the State until such claim
22 is filed and vouchered for payment. The regional
23 superintendent of schools shall certify the county report of
24 claims by July 1 ~~15~~; and the State Superintendent of
25 Education shall voucher for payment those claims to the State
26 Comptroller as provided in Section 18-11.

27 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, if any
28 school district fails to provide the minimum school term
29 specified in Section 10-19, the State aid claim for that year
30 shall be reduced by the State Superintendent of Education in
31 an amount equivalent to .56818% for each day less than the

1 number of days required by this Code.

2 If the State Superintendent of Education determines that
3 the failure to provide the minimum school term was occasioned
4 by an act or acts of God, or was occasioned by conditions
5 beyond the control of the school district which posed a
6 hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils, the
7 State aid claim need not be reduced.

8 If the State Superintendent of Education determines that
9 the failure to provide the minimum school term was due to a
10 school being closed on or after September 11, 2001 for more
11 than one-half day of attendance due to a bioterrorism or
12 terrorism threat that was investigated by a law enforcement
13 agency, the State aid claim shall not be reduced.

14 If, during any school day, (i) a school district has
15 provided at least one clock hour of instruction but must
16 close the schools due to adverse weather conditions or due to
17 a condition beyond the control of the school district that
18 poses a hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils
19 prior to providing the minimum hours of instruction required
20 for a full day of attendance, or (ii) the school district
21 must delay the start of the school day due to adverse weather
22 conditions and this delay prevents the district from
23 providing the minimum hours of instruction required for a
24 full day of attendance, the partial day of attendance may be
25 counted as a full day of attendance. The partial day of
26 attendance and the reasons therefor shall be certified in
27 writing within a month of the closing or delayed start by the
28 local school district superintendent to the Regional
29 Superintendent of Schools for forwarding to the State
30 Superintendent of Education for approval.

31 If a school building is ordered to be closed by the
32 school board, in consultation with a local emergency response
33 agency, due to a condition that poses a hazardous threat to
34 the health and safety of pupils, then the school district

1 shall have a grace period of 4 days in which the general
2 State aid claim shall not be reduced so that alternative
3 housing of the pupils may be located.

4 No exception to the requirement of providing a minimum
5 school term may be approved by the State Superintendent of
6 Education pursuant to this Section unless a school district
7 has first used all emergency days provided for in its regular
8 calendar.

9 If the State Superintendent of Education declares that an
10 energy shortage exists during any part of the school year for
11 the State or a designated portion of the State, a district
12 may operate the school attendance centers within the district
13 4 days of the week during the time of the shortage by
14 extending each existing school day by one clock hour of
15 school work, and the State aid claim shall not be reduced,
16 nor shall the employees of that district suffer any reduction
17 in salary or benefits as a result thereof. A district may
18 operate all attendance centers on this revised schedule, or
19 may apply the schedule to selected attendance centers, taking
20 into consideration such factors as pupil transportation
21 schedules and patterns and sources of energy for individual
22 attendance centers.

23 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless
24 the district superintendent ~~clerk-or-secretary-of-the-school~~
25 ~~board~~ executes and files with the State Superintendent of
26 Education, in the method ~~on--forms~~ prescribed by the
27 Superintendent, certification ~~a--sworn--statement~~ that the
28 district has complied with the requirements of Section
29 10-22.5 in regard to the nonsegregation of pupils on account
30 of color, creed, race, sex or nationality.

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32 the district superintendent ~~clerk-or-secretary-of-the-school~~
33 ~~board~~ executes and files with the State Superintendent of
34 Education, in the method ~~on--forms~~ prescribed by the

1 Superintendent, a sworn statement that to the best of his or
2 her knowledge or belief the employing or assigning personnel
3 have complied with Section 24-4 in all respects.

4 Electronically submitted State aid claims shall be
5 submitted by duly authorized district or regional individuals
6 over a secure network that is password protected. The
7 electronic submission of a State aid claim must be
8 accompanied with an affirmation that all of the provisions of
9 Sections 18-8.05 through 18-10, 10-22.5, and 24-4 of this
10 Code are met in all respects.

11 (Source: P.A. 92-661, eff. 7-16-02.)

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