

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2003 and 2004 SB2866

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/3-11 from Ch. 122, par. 3-11 105 ILCS 5/10-19 from Ch. 122, par. 10-19 105 ILCS 5/10-22.18d from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.18d 105 ILCS 5/18-8.05 105 ILCS 5/18-12 from Ch. 122, par. 18-12 105 ILCS 5/2-3.16 rep.

Amends the School Code. Makes changes concerning teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, parental institutes, in-service training programs, and school improvement activities; the length of the school term and the school district's calendar for the school term; the counting of days of attendance under the State aid formula; reducing a State aid claim for failing to provide the minimum school term; and a partial day of attendance being counted as a full day of attendance. Repeals a provision concerning procuring assistance to conduct teachers' institutes. Effective July 1, 2004.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections 3-11, 10-19, 10-22.18d, 18-8.05, and 18-12 as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/3-11) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-11)

7 Sec. 3-11. Institutes or inservice training workshops. In counties of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, the regional 8 superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional, 9 or county institutes, or equivalent professional educational 10 experiences, not more than 4 days annually. Of those 4 days, 2 11 days may be used as a teacher's workshop, when approved by the 12 regional superintendent, up to 2 days may be used for 13 14 conducting parent-teacher conferences or up to 2 days may be utilized as parental institute days as provided in Section 15 10-22.18d. A school district may use an one of its 4 institute 16 17 day days on the last day of the school term. "Institute" or "professional educational experiences" means any <u>inservice</u> 18 19 training workshop, educational gathering, demonstration of 20 methods of instruction, visitation of schools institutions or facilities, or sexual abuse and sexual assault 21 22 approved by awareness seminar held or the regional 23 superintendent and declared by him to be an institute day, or parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence of the State 24 25 Superintendent of Education, he or she may employ such 26 assistance as is necessary to conduct the institute. Two or more adjoining regions counties may jointly hold an institute. 27 28 Institute instruction shall be free to holders of certificates 29 good in the county or counties holding the institute, and to 30 those who have paid an examination fee and failed to receive a certificate. 31

In counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the regional

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superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional, county inservice training workshops, or equivalent professional educational experiences, not more than 4 days annually. Of those 4 days, 2 days may be used for conducting parent-teacher conferences and up to 2 days may be utilized as parental institute days as provided in Section 10-22.18d. A school district may use an inservice training workshop day one of those 4 days on the last day of the school term. "Inservice training workshops" or "professional educational experiences" means any educational gathering, demonstration of methods of instruction, visitation of schools or other institutions or facilities, or sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness seminar held or approved by the regional superintendent and declared by him to be an inservice training workshop, or parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence of the State Superintendent of Education, he may employ such assistance as is necessary to conduct the inservice training workshop. With the approval of the regional superintendent, 2 or adjoining districts may jointly hold an inservice training workshop. In addition, with the approval of the regional superintendent, one district may conduct its own inservice training workshop with subject matter consultants requested from the county, State or any State institution of higher learning.

Such <u>teachers'</u> <u>teachers</u> institutes as referred to in this Section may be held on consecutive or separate days at the option of the regional superintendent having jurisdiction thereof.

Whenever reference is made in this <u>Code Act</u> to "<u>teachers'</u> teachers institute", it shall be construed to include the inservice training workshops or equivalent professional educational experiences provided for in this Section.

Any institute advisory committee existing on April 1, 1995, is dissolved and the duties and responsibilities of the institute advisory committee are assumed by the regional office of education advisory board.

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Districts providing inservice training programs shall constitute inservice committees, 1/2 of which shall be teachers, 1/4 school service personnel and 1/4 administrators to establish program content and schedules.

The <u>teachers'</u> teachers institutes shall include teacher training committed to peer counseling programs and other anti-violence and conflict resolution programs, including without limitation programs for preventing at risk students from committing violent acts.

(Source: P.A. 91-491, eff. 8-13-99.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/10-19) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-19)

Sec. 10-19. Length of school term - experimental programs. Each school board shall annually prepare and submit to the State Board of Education for approval a proposed and a final a calendar for the school term, specifying the opening and closing dates and providing a minimum term of at least 190 185days, including a minimum of 10 emergency days and up to the equivalent of 4 days for approved teachers' institutes under Section 3-11, parent-teacher conferences, parental institutes under Section 10-22.18d, in-service training programs under Section 10-22.39, and school improvement activities, to ensure insure 176 days of actual pupil attendance, computable under Section 18-8.05, and to ensure at least 880 student contact hours except that for the 1980-1981 school year only 175 days of actual pupil attendance shall be required because of the closing of schools pursuant to Section 24 2 on January 29, 1981 upon the appointment by the President of that day as a day of thanksgiving for the freedom of the Americans who had been held hostage in Iran. These teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, parental institutes, in-service training programs, and school improvement activities must be approved by the regional superintendent of schools and may be conducted on full days or half days, provided that the activities are not held on days included within the district's 176 days of actual pupil attendance. Any days allowed by law for teachers'

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institutes, parent-teacher conferences, parental institutes, in-service training programs, and school improvement activities teachers' institute but not used as such or used as parental institutes as provided in Section 10-22.18d shall increase the minimum <u>number of days of actual pupil attendance</u> term by the school days not so used. Except as provided in Section 10-19.1, the board may not extend the school term beyond such closing date unless that extension of term is necessary to provide the minimum number of computable days. In case of such necessary extension school employees shall be paid for such additional time on the basis of their regular contracts if the extension increases the number of days that employees are required to work. A school board may specify a closing date earlier than that set on the annual calendar when the schools of the district have provided the minimum number of computable days under this Section. Nothing in this Section prevents the board from employing superintendents of schools, principals and other nonteaching personnel for a period of 12 months, or in the case of superintendents for a period in accordance with Section 10-23.8, or prevents the board from employing other personnel before or after the regular school term with payment of salary proportionate to that received for comparable work during the school term.

A school board may make such changes in its calendar for the school term as may be required by any changes in the legal school holidays prescribed in Section 24-2. A school board may make changes in its calendar for the school term as may be necessary to reflect the utilization of teachers' institute days as parental institute days as provided in Section 10-22.18d.

With the prior approval of the State Board of Education and subject to review by the State Board of Education every 3 years, any school board may, by resolution of its board and in agreement with affected exclusive collective bargaining agents, establish experimental educational programs, including but not limited to programs for self-directed learning or

- 1 outside of formal class periods, which programs when so
- 2 approved shall be considered to comply with the requirements of
- 3 this Section as respects numbers of days of actual pupil
- 4 attendance and with the other requirements of this Act as
- 5 respects courses of instruction.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 91-96, eff. 7-9-99.)
- 7 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.18d) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.18d)
- 8 Sec. 10-22.18d. Parental institutes. A school district may
- 9 utilize up to two days allowed by law for teachers' institutes
- 10 to conduct parental institutes for the parents and guardians of
- 11 children attending the district <u>if approved by the regional</u>
- 12 superintendent of schools under Section 10-19. No district may
- 13 <u>conduct</u> <u>utilize teachers' institute days as</u> parental institute
- 14 days without the consent of the district's inservice advisory
- 15 committee created under Section 3-11. If a district does not
- have an inservice advisory committee, parental institute days
- must be approved by the district's teaching staff.
- 18 Parental institutes shall be designed by the school
- 19 district upon consultation with the district's teaching staff,
- 20 administrators, and parents' organizations. The district may
- 21 provide appropriate personnel, including district staff, to
- 22 conduct, attend, or participate in all or any portion of the
- 23 institutes.
- 24 Parental institutes shall provide information on such
- 25 topics as the district shall deem necessary to achieve the
- 26 following purposes:
- 27 (1) Enhance parental involvement in the education of
- the district's students;
- 29 (2) Improve parental communication and involvement
- 30 with the district;
- 31 (3) Enhance parental knowledge of child development,
- 32 district programs, school conditions, and societal
- 33 problems threatening students; and
- 34 (4) Improve parental skill development.
- 35 Districts shall use every means available to inform parents

and guardians about parental institutes and to encourage attendance at and active participation in such events.

Parental institutes may be held during that period of the day which is not part of the regular school day and may be held on Saturdays. Days scheduled for parental institutes may be scheduled separately for different grade levels and different attendance centers of the district.

Districts may establish reasonable fees, not to exceed the cost of holding parental institutes, for attendance and shall waive any fees so established for any parents or guardians who may be unable to afford such fees. Nothing shall preclude districts from applying for or accepting private funds to conduct parental institutes.

14 (Source: P.A. 86-1250.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/18-8.05)

Sec. 18-8.05. Basis for apportionment of general State financial aid and supplemental general State aid to the common schools for the 1998-1999 and subsequent school years.

(A) General Provisions.

(1) The provisions of this Section apply to the 1998-1999 and subsequent school years. The system of general State financial aid provided for in this Section is designed to assure that, through a combination of State financial aid and required local resources, the financial support provided each pupil in Average Daily Attendance equals or exceeds a prescribed per pupil Foundation Level. This formula approach imputes a level of per pupil Available Local Resources and provides for the basis to calculate a per pupil level of general State financial aid that, when added to Available Local Resources, equals or exceeds the Foundation Level. The amount of per pupil general State financial aid for school districts, in general, varies in inverse relation to Available Local Resources. Per pupil amounts are based upon each school district's Average Daily Attendance as that term is defined in

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this Section.

- (2) In addition to general State financial aid, school districts with specified levels or concentrations of pupils from low income households are eligible to receive supplemental general State financial aid grants as provided pursuant to subsection (H). The supplemental State aid grants provided for school districts under subsection (H) shall be appropriated for distribution to school districts as part of the same line item in which the general State financial aid of school districts is appropriated under this Section.
- (3) To receive financial assistance under this Section, school districts are required to file claims with the State Board of Education, subject to the following requirements:
  - (a) Any school district which fails for any given school year to maintain school as required by law, or to maintain a recognized school is not eligible to file for such school year any claim upon the Common School Fund. In case of nonrecognition of one or more attendance centers in a school district otherwise operating recognized schools, claim of the district shall be reduced in proportion which the Average Daily Attendance in attendance center or centers bear to the Average Daily Attendance in the school district. A "recognized school" means any public school which meets the standards as established for recognition by the State Board of Education. A school district or attendance center not having recognition status at the end of a school term is entitled to receive State aid payments due upon a legal claim which was filed while it was recognized.
  - (b) School district claims filed under this Section are subject to Sections 18-9, 18-10, and 18-12, except as otherwise provided in this Section.
  - (c) If a school district operates a full year school under Section 10-19.1, the general State aid to the school district shall be determined by the State Board of Education in accordance with this Section as near as may be

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- 2 (d) (Blank).
  - (4) Except as provided in subsections (H) and (L), the board of any district receiving any of the grants provided for in this Section may apply those funds to any fund so received for which that board is authorized to make expenditures by law.

School districts are not required to exert a minimum Operating Tax Rate in order to qualify for assistance under this Section. 9

- (5) As used in this Section the following terms, when capitalized, shall have the meaning ascribed herein:
  - (a) "Average Daily Attendance": A count of pupil attendance in school, averaged as provided for subsection (C) and utilized in deriving per pupil financial support levels.
  - (b) "Available Local Resources": A computation of local financial support, calculated on the basis of Average Daily Attendance and derived as provided pursuant to subsection (D).
  - (c) "Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes": Funds paid to local school districts pursuant to "An Act in relation to the abolition of ad valorem personal property tax and the replacement of revenues lost thereby, and amending and repealing certain Acts and parts of Acts in connection therewith", certified August 14, 1979, as amended (Public Act 81-1st S.S.-1).
  - (d) "Foundation Level": A prescribed level of per pupil financial support as provided for in subsection (B).
  - (e) "Operating Tax Rate": All school district property taxes extended for all purposes, except Bond and Interest, Summer School, Rent, Capital Improvement, and Vocational Education Building purposes.
- 33 (B) Foundation Level.
- (1) The Foundation Level is a figure established by the 34 State representing the minimum level of per pupil financial 35

- support that should be available to provide for the basic education of each pupil in Average Daily Attendance. As set forth in this Section, each school district is assumed to exert a sufficient local taxing effort such that, in combination with the aggregate of general State financial aid provided the district, an aggregate of State and local resources are available to meet the basic education needs of pupils in the district.
  - (2) For the 1998-1999 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,225. For the 1999-2000 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,325. For the 2000-2001 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,425.
- 13 (3) For the 2001-2002 school year and 2002-2003 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,560.
- 15 (4) For the 2003-2004 school year and each school year
  16 thereafter, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,810 or such
  17 greater amount as may be established by law by the General
  18 Assembly.
  - (C) Average Daily Attendance.
    - (1) For purposes of calculating general State aid pursuant to subsection (E), an Average Daily Attendance figure shall be utilized. The Average Daily Attendance figure for formula calculation purposes shall be the monthly average of the actual number of pupils in attendance of each school district, as further averaged for the best 3 months of pupil attendance for each school district. In compiling the figures for the number of pupils in attendance, school districts and the State Board of Education shall, for purposes of general State aid funding, conform attendance figures to the requirements of subsection (F).
    - (2) The Average Daily Attendance figures utilized in subsection (E) shall be the requisite attendance data for the school year immediately preceding the school year for which general State aid is being calculated or the average of the attendance data for the 3 preceding school years, whichever is

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- 1 greater. The Average Daily Attendance figures utilized in
- 2 subsection (H) shall be the requisite attendance data for the
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- 4 general State aid is being calculated.
- 5 (D) Available Local Resources.
- (1) For purposes of calculating general State aid pursuant to subsection (E), a representation of Available Local Resources per pupil, as that term is defined and determined in this subsection, shall be utilized. Available Local Resources per pupil shall include a calculated dollar amount representing
- 11 local school district revenues from local property taxes and
- 12 from Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes, expressed
- on the basis of pupils in Average Daily Attendance.
  - (2) In determining a school district's revenue from local property taxes, the State Board of Education shall utilize the equalized assessed valuation of all taxable property of each school district as of September 30 of the previous year. The equalized assessed valuation utilized shall be obtained and determined as provided in subsection (G).
  - (3) For school districts maintaining grades kindergarten through 12, local property tax revenues per pupil shall be calculated as the product of the applicable equalized assessed valuation for the district multiplied by 3.00%, and divided by the district's Average Daily Attendance figure. For school districts maintaining grades kindergarten through 8, local property tax revenues per pupil shall be calculated as the product of the applicable equalized assessed valuation for the district multiplied by 2.30%, and divided by the district's Daily Attendance figure. For school Average districts maintaining grades 9 through 12, local property tax revenues per pupil shall be the applicable equalized assessed valuation of the district multiplied by 1.05%, and divided by the district's Average Daily Attendance figure.
  - (4) The Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes paid to each school district during the calendar year 2 years before

- 1 the calendar year in which a school year begins, divided by the
- 2 Average Daily Attendance figure for that district, shall be
- 3 added to the local property tax revenues per pupil as derived
- 4 by the application of the immediately preceding paragraph (3).
- 5 The sum of these per pupil figures for each school district
- 6 shall constitute Available Local Resources as that term is
- 7 utilized in subsection (E) in the calculation of general State
- 8 aid.

- (E) Computation of General State Aid.
- 10 (1) For each school year, the amount of general State aid
- 11 allotted to a school district shall be computed by the State
- Board of Education as provided in this subsection.
- 13 (2) For any school district for which Available Local
- Resources per pupil is less than the product of 0.93 times the
- 15 Foundation Level, general State aid for that district shall be
- 16 calculated as an amount equal to the Foundation Level minus
- 17 Available Local Resources, multiplied by the Average Daily
- 18 Attendance of the school district.
- 19 (3) For any school district for which Available Local
- 20 Resources per pupil is equal to or greater than the product of
- 21 0.93 times the Foundation Level and less than the product of
- 22 1.75 times the Foundation Level, the general State aid per
- 23 pupil shall be a decimal proportion of the Foundation Level
- 24 derived using a linear algorithm. Under this linear algorithm,
- 25 the calculated general State aid per pupil shall decline in
- 26 direct linear fashion from 0.07 times the Foundation Level for
- 27 a school district with Available Local Resources equal to the
- product of 0.93 times the Foundation Level, to 0.05 times the
- 29 Foundation Level for a school district with Available Local
- 30 Resources equal to the product of 1.75 times the Foundation
- 31 Level. The allocation of general State aid for school districts
- 32 subject to this paragraph 3 shall be the calculated general
- 33 State aid per pupil figure multiplied by the Average Daily
- 34 Attendance of the school district.
- 35 (4) For any school district for which Available Local

- Resources per pupil equals or exceeds the product of 1.75 times
  the Foundation Level, the general State aid for the school
  district shall be calculated as the product of \$218 multiplied
  by the Average Daily Attendance of the school district.
  - (5) The amount of general State aid allocated to a school district for the 1999-2000 school year meeting the requirements set forth in paragraph (4) of subsection (G) shall be increased by an amount equal to the general State aid that would have been received by the district for the 1998-1999 school year by utilizing the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation as calculated in paragraph (4) of subsection (G) less the general State aid allotted for the 1998-1999 school year. This amount shall be deemed a one time increase, and shall not affect any future general State aid allocations.
    - (F) Compilation of Average Daily Attendance.
    - (1) Each school district shall, by July 1 of each year, submit to the State Board of Education, on forms prescribed by the State Board of Education, attendance figures for the school year that began in the preceding calendar year. The attendance information so transmitted shall identify the average daily attendance figures for each month of the school year. Beginning with the general State aid claim form for the 2002-2003 school year, districts shall calculate Average Daily Attendance as provided in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of this paragraph (1).
      - (a) In districts that do not hold year-round classes, days of attendance in August shall be added to the month of September and any days of attendance in June shall be added to the month of May.
      - (b) In districts in which all buildings hold year-round classes, days of attendance in July and August shall be added to the month of September and any days of attendance in June shall be added to the month of May.
      - (c) In districts in which some buildings, but not all, hold year-round classes, for the non-year-round buildings,

days of attendance in August shall be added to the month of September and any days of attendance in June shall be added to the month of May. The average daily attendance for the year-round buildings shall be computed as provided in subdivision (b) of this paragraph (1). To calculate the Average Daily Attendance for the district, the average daily attendance for the year-round buildings shall be multiplied by the days in session for the non-year-round buildings for each month and added to the monthly attendance of the non-year-round buildings.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, days of attendance by pupils shall be counted only for sessions of not less than 5 clock hours of school work per day under direct supervision of: (i) teachers, or (ii) non-teaching personnel or volunteer personnel when engaging in non-teaching duties and supervising in those instances specified in subsection (a) of Section 10-22.34 and paragraph 10 of Section 34-18, with pupils of legal school age and in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12.

Days of attendance by tuition pupils shall be accredited only to the districts that pay the tuition to a recognized school.

- (2) Days of attendance by pupils of less than 5 clock hours of school shall be subject to the following provisions in the compilation of Average Daily Attendance.
  - (a) Pupils regularly enrolled in a public school for only a part of the school day may be counted on the basis of 1/6 day for every class hour of instruction of 40 minutes or more attended pursuant to such enrollment, unless a pupil is enrolled in a block-schedule format of 80 minutes or more of instruction, in which case the pupil may be counted on the basis of the proportion of minutes of school work completed each day to the minimum number of minutes that school work is required to be held that day.
  - (b) (Blank). Days of attendance may be less than 5 clock hours on the opening and closing of the school term,

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and upon the first day of pupil attendance, if preceded by a day or days utilized as an institute or teachers' workshop.

- (c) A session of 4 or more clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance upon certification by the regional superintendent, and approved by the State Superintendent of Education to the extent that the district has been forced to use daily multiple sessions.
- (d) (Blank). A session of 3 or more clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance (1) when the remainder of the school day or at least 2 hours in the evening of that day is utilized for an in-service training program for achers, up to a maximum of 5 days per school year of which a maximum of 4 days of such 5 days may be used for parent-teacher conferences, provided a district conducts an in service training program for teachers which has been approved by the State Superintendent of Education; or, in lieu of 4 such days, 2 full days may be used, in which event each such day may be counted as a day of attendance; and (2) when days in addition to those provided in item (1) are scheduled by a school pursuant to its school improvement plan adopted under Article 34 or its revised or amended school improvement plan adopted under Article 2, provided that (i) such sessions of 3 or more clock hours are scheduled to occur at regular intervals, (ii) the remainder of the school days in which such sessions occur are utilized for in service training programs or other staff development activities for teachers, and (iii) sufficient number of minutes of school work under direct supervision of teachers are added to the school days between such regularly scheduled sessions to accumulate not less than the number of minutes by which such sessions of 3 or more clock hours fall short of 5 clock hours. Any full days used for the purposes of this paragraph shall not considered for computing average daily attendance. Days scheduled for in service training programs,

development activities, or parent-teacher conferences may be scheduled separately for different grade levels and different attendance centers of the district.

- (e) A session of not less than one clock hour of teaching hospitalized or homebound pupils on-site or by telephone to the classroom may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance, however these pupils must receive 4 or more clock hours of instruction to be counted for a full day of attendance.
- (f) A session of at least 4 clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance for first grade pupils, and pupils in full day kindergartens, and a session of 2 or more hours may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance by pupils in kindergartens which provide only 1/2 day of attendance.
- (g) For children with disabilities who are below the age of 6 years and who cannot attend 2 or more clock hours because of their disability or immaturity, a session of not less than one clock hour may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance; however for such children whose educational needs so require a session of 4 or more clock hours may be counted as a full day of attendance.
- (h) A recognized kindergarten which provides for only 1/2 day of attendance by each pupil shall not have more than 1/2 day of attendance counted in any one day. However, kindergartens may count 2 1/2 days of attendance in any 5 consecutive school days. When a pupil attends such a kindergarten for 2 half days on any one school day, the pupil shall have the following day as a day absent from school, unless the school district obtains permission in writing from the State Superintendent of Education. Attendance at kindergartens which provide for a full day of attendance by each pupil shall be counted the same as attendance by first grade pupils. Only the first year of attendance in one kindergarten shall be counted, except in case of children who entered the kindergarten in their fifth year whose educational development requires a second

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1 year of kindergarten as determined under the rules and 2 regulations of the State Board of Education.

- (G) Equalized Assessed Valuation Data.
- (1) For purposes of the calculation of Available Local Resources required pursuant to subsection (D), the State Board of Education shall secure from the Department of Revenue the 6 7 value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property of every school district, together with 8 9 (i) the applicable tax rate used in extending taxes for the 10 funds of the district as of September 30 of the previous year 11 and (ii) the limiting rate for all school districts subject to property tax extension limitations as imposed under the 12 Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. 13
  - This equalized assessed valuation, as adjusted further by the requirements of this subsection, shall be utilized in the calculation of Available Local Resources.
  - (2) The equalized assessed valuation in paragraph (1) shall be adjusted, as applicable, in the following manner:
    - (a) For the purposes of calculating State aid under this Section, with respect to any part of a school district within a redevelopment project area in respect to which a municipality has adopted tax increment allocation financing pursuant to the Increment Allocation Tax Redevelopment Act, Sections 11-74.4-1 through 11-74.4-11 of the Illinois Municipal Code or the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law, Sections 11-74.6-1 through 11-74.6-50 of the Illinois Municipal Code, no part of the current equalized assessed valuation of real property located in any such project area which is attributable to an increase above the initial equalized assessed valuation of such property shall be used as part of the equalized assessed valuation of the district, until such time as all redevelopment project costs have been paid, as provided in the Tax Increment Allocation 11-74.4-8 Section of in Section 11-74.6-35 of Redevelopment Act or the

Industrial Jobs Recovery Law. For the purpose of the equalized assessed valuation of the district, the total initial equalized assessed valuation or the current equalized assessed valuation, whichever is lower, shall be used until such time as all redevelopment project costs have been paid.

- (b) The real property equalized assessed valuation for a school district shall be adjusted by subtracting from the real property value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the district an amount computed by dividing the amount of any abatement of taxes under Section 18-170 of the Property Tax Code by 3.00% for a district maintaining grades kindergarten through 12, by 2.30% for a district maintaining grades kindergarten through 8, or by 1.05% for a district maintaining grades 9 through 12 and adjusted by an amount computed by dividing the amount of any abatement of taxes under subsection (a) of Section 18-165 of the Property Tax Code by the same percentage rates for district type as specified in this subparagraph (b).
- (3) For the 1999-2000 school year and each school year thereafter, if a school district meets all of the criteria of this subsection (G)(3), the school district's Available Local Resources shall be calculated under subsection (D) using the district's Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation as calculated under this subsection (G)(3).

For purposes of this subsection (G)(3) the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Budget Year": The school year for which general State aid is calculated and awarded under subsection (E).

"Base Tax Year": The property tax levy year used to calculate the Budget Year allocation of general State aid.

"Preceding Tax Year": The property tax levy year immediately preceding the Base Tax Year.

"Base Tax Year's Tax Extension": The product of the equalized assessed valuation utilized by the County Clerk

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in the Base Tax Year multiplied by the limiting rate as calculated by the County Clerk and defined in the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

"Preceding Tax Year's Tax Extension": The product of the equalized assessed valuation utilized by the County Clerk in the Preceding Tax Year multiplied by the Operating Tax Rate as defined in subsection (A).

"Extension Limitation Ratio": A numerical ratio, certified by the County Clerk, in which the numerator is the Base Tax Year's Tax Extension and the denominator is the Preceding Tax Year's Tax Extension.

"Operating Tax Rate": The operating tax rate as defined in subsection (A).

If a school district is subject to property tax extension limitations as imposed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, the State Board of Education shall calculate the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of that district. For the 1999-2000 school year, the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated by the State Board of Education shall be equal to the product of the district's 1996 Equalized Assessed Valuation and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. For the 2000-2001 school year and each school year thereafter, the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated by the State Board of Education shall be equal to the product of the Equalized Assessed Valuation last used in the calculation of general State aid and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. If the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated under this subsection (G)(3) is less than the district's equalized assessed valuation as calculated pursuant subsections (G) (1) and (G) (2), then for purposes of calculating the district's general State aid for the Budget Year pursuant subsection (E), that Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation shall be utilized to calculate the district's Available Local Resources under subsection (D).

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- (4) For the purposes of calculating general State aid for 1999-2000 school year only, if а school district experienced a triennial reassessment on the equalized assessed valuation used in calculating its general State financial aid apportionment for the 1998-1999 school year, the State Board of Education shall calculate the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation that would have been used to calculate the district's 1998-1999 general State aid. This amount shall equal the product of the equalized assessed valuation used to calculate general State aid for the 1997-1998 school year and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. If the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of the school district as calculated under this paragraph (4) is less than the equalized assessed valuation district's utilized in calculating the district's 1998-1999 general State aid allocation, then for purposes of calculating the district's general State aid pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (E), that Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation shall be utilized to calculate the district's Available Local Resources.
- (5) For school districts having a majority of their equalized assessed valuation in any county except Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will, if the amount of general State aid allocated to the school district for the 1999-2000 school year under the provisions of subsection (E), (H), and (J) of this Section is less than the amount of general State aid allocated to the district for the 1998-1999 school year under these subsections, then the general State aid of the district for the 1999-2000 school year only shall be increased by the difference between these amounts. The total payments made under this paragraph (5) shall not exceed \$14,000,000. Claims shall be prorated if they exceed \$14,000,000.
- (H) Supplemental General State Aid.
- 34 (1) In addition to the general State aid a school district 35 is allotted pursuant to subsection (E), qualifying school

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districts shall receive a grant, paid in conjunction with a district's payments of general State aid, for supplemental general State aid based upon the concentration level of low-income households within children from the district. Supplemental State aid grants provided for school districts under this subsection shall be appropriated for distribution to school districts as part of the same line item in which the general State financial aid of school districts is appropriated under this Section. If the appropriation in any fiscal year for general State aid and supplemental general State aid is insufficient to pay the amounts required under the general State aid and supplemental general State calculations, then the State Board of Education shall ensure that each school district receives the full amount due for general State aid and the remainder of the appropriation shall be used for supplemental general State aid, which the State Board of Education shall calculate and pay to eligible districts on a prorated basis.

(1.5) This paragraph (1.5) applies only to those school years preceding the 2003-2004 school year. For purposes of this subsection (H), the term "Low-Income Concentration Level" shall be the low-income eligible pupil count from the most recently available federal census divided by the Average Daily Attendance of the school district. If, however, (i) percentage decrease from the 2 most recent federal censuses in the low-income eligible pupil count of a high school district with fewer than 400 students exceeds by 75% or more the percentage change in the total low-income eligible pupil count of contiguous elementary school districts, whose boundaries are coterminous with the high school district, or (ii) a high school district within 2 counties and serving 5 elementary school districts, whose boundaries are coterminous with the high school district, has a percentage decrease from the 2 most recent federal censuses in the low-income eligible pupil count and there is a percentage increase in the total low-income eligible pupil count of a majority of the elementary school

districts in excess of 50% from the 2 most recent federal censuses, then the high school district's low-income eligible pupil count from the earlier federal census shall be the number used as the low-income eligible pupil count for the high school district, for purposes of this subsection (H). The changes made to this paragraph (1) by Public Act 92-28 shall apply to supplemental general State aid grants for school preceding the 2003-2004 school year that are paid in fiscal year 1999 or thereafter and to any State aid payments made in fiscal year 1994 through fiscal year 1998 pursuant subsection 1(n) of Section 18-8 of this Code (which was repealed on July 1, 1998), and any high school district that is affected by Public Act 92-28 is entitled to a recomputation of its supplemental general State aid grant or State aid paid in any of those fiscal years. This recomputation shall not be affected by any other funding.

- (1.10) This paragraph (1.10) applies to the 2003-2004 school year and each school year thereafter. For purposes of this subsection (H), the term "Low-Income Concentration Level" shall, for each fiscal year, be the low-income eligible pupil count as of July 1 of the immediately preceding fiscal year (as determined by the Department of Human Services based on the number of pupils who are eligible for at least one of the following low income programs: Medicaid, KidCare, TANF, or Food Stamps, excluding pupils who are eligible for services provided by the Department of Children and Family Services, averaged over the 2 immediately preceding fiscal years for fiscal year 2004 and over the 3 immediately preceding fiscal years for each fiscal year thereafter) divided by the Average Daily Attendance of the school district.
- (2) Supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 school years only:
  - (a) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 20% and less than 35%, the grant for any school year shall be \$800 multiplied by the

1 low income eligible pupil count.

- (b) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 35% and less than 50%, the grant for the 1998-1999 school year shall be \$1,100 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
  - (c) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 50% and less than 60%, the grant for the 1998-99 school year shall be \$1,500 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
  - (d) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of 60% or more, the grant for the 1998-99 school year shall be \$1,900 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
  - (e) For the 1999-2000 school year, the per pupil amount specified in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) immediately above shall be increased to \$1,243, \$1,600, and \$2,000, respectively.
  - (f) For the 2000-2001 school year, the per pupil amounts specified in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) immediately above shall be \$1,273, \$1,640, and \$2,050, respectively.
- (2.5) Supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 2002-2003 school year:
  - (a) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of less than 10%, the grant for each school year shall be \$355 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
  - (b) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 10% and less than 20%, the grant for each school year shall be \$675 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
  - (c) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 20% and less than 35%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,330 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.

- (d) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 35% and less than 50%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,362 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
  - (e) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 50% and less than 60%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,680 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
  - (f) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of 60% or more, the grant for each school year shall be \$2,080 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
- (2.10) Except as otherwise provided, supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 2003-2004 school year and each school year thereafter:
  - (a) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of 15% or less, the grant for each school year shall be \$355 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
  - (b) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level greater than 15%, the grant for each school year shall be \$294.25 added to the product of \$2,700 and the square of the Low Income Concentration Level, all multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.

For the 2003-2004 school year only, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year. For the 2004-2005 school year only, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year multiplied by 0.66. For the 2005-2006 school year only, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year multiplied by 0.33.

For the 2003-2004 school year only, the grant shall be no greater than the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year added to the product of 0.25 multiplied by the difference between the grant amount calculated under subsection (a) or (b) of this paragraph (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the

grant received during the 2002-2003 school year. For the 2004-2005 school year only, the grant shall be no greater than the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year added to the product of 0.50 multiplied by the difference between the grant amount calculated under subsection (a) or (b) of this paragraph (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year. For the 2005-2006 school year only, the grant shall be no greater than the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year added to the product of 0.75 multiplied by the difference between the grant amount calculated under subsection (a) or (b) of this paragraph (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year.

- (3) School districts with an Average Daily Attendance of more than 1,000 and less than 50,000 that qualify for supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection shall submit a plan to the State Board of Education prior to October 30 of each year for the use of the funds resulting from supplemental general State aid this grant of improvement of instruction in which priority is given to meeting the education needs of disadvantaged children. Such plan shall submitted in accordance with rules be and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.
- (4) School districts with an Average Daily Attendance of 50,000 or more that qualify for supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection shall be required to distribute from funds available pursuant to this Section, no less than \$261,000,000 in accordance with the following requirements:
  - (a) The required amounts shall be distributed to the attendance centers within the district in proportion to the number of pupils enrolled at each attendance center who are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches or breakfasts under the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and under the National School Lunch Act during the immediately preceding school year.
    - (b) The distribution of these portions of supplemental

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and general State aid among attendance centers according to these requirements shall not be compensated for or contravened by adjustments of the total of other funds appropriated to any attendance centers, and the Board of Education shall utilize funding from one or several sources in order to fully implement this provision annually prior to the opening of school.

- (c) Each attendance center shall be provided by the school district a distribution of noncategorical funds and other categorical funds to which an attendance center is entitled under law in order that the general State aid and supplemental general State aid provided by application of this subsection supplements rather than supplants the noncategorical funds and other categorical funds provided by the school district to the attendance centers.
- (d) Any funds made available under this subsection that by reason of the provisions of this subsection are not required to be allocated and provided to attendance centers may be used and appropriated by the board of the district for any lawful school purpose.
- (e) Funds received by an attendance center pursuant to this subsection shall be used by the attendance center at the discretion of the principal and local school council for programs to improve educational opportunities at qualifying schools through the following programs and services: early childhood education, reduced class size or improved adult to student classroom ratio, enrichment programs, remedial assistance, attendance improvement, and other educationally beneficial expenditures which supplement the regular and basic programs as determined by the State Board of Education. Funds provided shall not be expended for any political or lobbying purposes as defined by board rule.
- (f) Each district subject to the provisions of this subdivision (H)(4) shall submit an acceptable plan to meet the educational needs of disadvantaged children, in

compliance with the requirements of this paragraph, to the State Board of Education prior to July 15 of each year. This plan shall be consistent with the decisions of local school councils concerning the school expenditure plans developed in accordance with part 4 of Section 34-2.3. The State Board shall approve or reject the plan within 60 days after its submission. If the plan is rejected, the district shall give written notice of intent to modify the plan within 15 days of the notification of rejection and then submit a modified plan within 30 days after the date of the written notice of intent to modify. Districts may amend approved plans pursuant to rules promulgated by the State Board of Education.

Upon notification by the State Board of Education that the district has not submitted a plan prior to July 15 or a modified plan within the time period specified herein, the State aid funds affected by that plan or modified plan shall be withheld by the State Board of Education until a plan or modified plan is submitted.

If the district fails to distribute State aid to attendance centers in accordance with an approved plan, the plan for the following year shall allocate funds, in addition to the funds otherwise required by this subsection, to those attendance centers which were underfunded during the previous year in amounts equal to such underfunding.

For purposes of determining compliance with this subsection in relation to the requirements of attendance center funding, each district subject to the provisions of this subsection shall submit as a separate document by December 1 of each year a report of expenditure data for the prior year in addition to any modification of its current plan. If it is determined that there has been a failure to comply with the expenditure provisions of this subsection regarding contravention or supplanting, the State Superintendent of Education shall, within 60 days of

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receipt of the report, notify the district and any affected local school council. The district shall within 45 days of receipt of that notification inform the State Superintendent of Education of the remedial or corrective action to be taken, whether by amendment of the current plan, if feasible, or by adjustment in the plan for the following year. Failure to provide the expenditure report or the notification of remedial or corrective action in a timely manner shall result in a withholding of the affected funds.

The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of subsection. funds shall be released under No this subdivision (H)(4) to any district that has not submitted a plan that has been approved by the State Board of Education.

- (I) General State Aid for Newly Configured School Districts.
- (1) For a new school district formed by combining property included totally within 2 or more previously existing school districts, for its first year of existence the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be computed for the new district and for the previously existing districts for which property is totally included within the new district. If the computation on the basis of the previously existing districts is greater, a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made for the first 4 years of existence of the new district.
- (2) For a school district which annexes all of the territory of one or more entire other school districts, for the first year during which the change of boundaries attributable to such annexation becomes effective for all purposes as determined under Section 7-9 or 7A-8, the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be computed for the annexing district as constituted after the annexation and for the annexing and each annexed

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district as constituted prior to the annexation; and if the computation on the basis of the annexing and annexed districts as constituted prior to the annexation is greater, a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made for the first 4 years of existence of the annexing school district as constituted upon such annexation.

(3) For 2 or more school districts which annex all of the territory of one or more entire other school districts, and for 2 or more community unit districts which result upon the division (pursuant to petition under Section 11A-2) of one or more other unit school districts into 2 or more parts and which together include all of the parts into which such other unit school district or districts are so divided, for the first year during which the change of boundaries attributable to such annexation or division becomes effective for all purposes as determined under Section 7-9 or 11A-10, as the case may be, the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be computed for each annexing or resulting district as constituted after the annexation or division and for each annexing and annexed district, or for each resulting and divided district, as constituted prior to the annexation or division; and if the aggregate of the general State aid and supplemental general State aid as so computed for the annexing or resulting districts as constituted after the annexation or division is less than the aggregate of the general State aid and supplemental general State aid as so computed for the annexing and annexed districts, or for the resulting and divided districts, as constituted prior to the annexation or division, then a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made and allocated between or among the annexing or resulting districts, as constituted upon such annexation or division, for the first 4 years of their existence. The total difference payment shall be allocated between or among the annexing or resulting districts in the same ratio as the pupil enrollment from that portion of the annexed or divided district or districts which is annexed to or

included in each such annexing or resulting district bears to the total pupil enrollment from the entire annexed or divided district or districts, as such pupil enrollment is determined for the school year last ending prior to the date when the change of boundaries attributable to the annexation or division becomes effective for all purposes. The amount of the total difference payment and the amount thereof to be allocated to the annexing or resulting districts shall be computed by the State Board of Education on the basis of pupil enrollment and other data which shall be certified to the State Board of Education, on forms which it shall provide for that purpose, by the regional superintendent of schools for each educational service region in which the annexing and annexed districts, or resulting and divided districts are located.

- (3.5) Claims for financial assistance under this subsection (I) shall not be recomputed except as expressly provided under this Section.
- (4) Any supplementary payment made under this subsection
  (I) shall be treated as separate from all other payments made
  pursuant to this Section.
  - (J) Supplementary Grants in Aid.
    - (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, the amount of the aggregate general State aid in combination with supplemental general State aid under this Section for which each school district is eligible shall be no less than the amount of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that was received by the district under Section 18-8 (exclusive of amounts received under subsections 5(p) and 5(p-5) of that Section) for the 1997-98 school year, pursuant to the provisions of that Section as it was then in effect. If a school district qualifies to receive a supplementary payment made under this subsection (J), the amount of the aggregate general State aid in combination with supplemental general State aid under this Section which that district is eligible to receive for each school year shall be no less than the amount

- of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that was received by the district under Section 18-8 (exclusive of amounts received under subsections 5(p) and 5(p-5) of that Section) for the 1997-1998 school year, pursuant to the provisions of that Section as it was then in effect.
  - (2) If, as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection (J), a school district is to receive aggregate general State aid in combination with supplemental general State aid under this Section for the 1998-99 school year and any subsequent school year that in any such school year is less than the amount of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that the district received for the 1997-98 school year, the school district shall also receive, from a separate appropriation made for purposes of this subsection (J), a supplementary payment that is equal to the amount of the difference in the aggregate State aid figures as described in paragraph (1).
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  - (K) Grants to Laboratory and Alternative Schools.

In calculating the amount to be paid to the governing board of a public university that operates a laboratory school under this Section or to any alternative school that is operated by a regional superintendent of schools, the State Board of Education shall require by rule such reporting requirements as it deems necessary.

As used in this Section, "laboratory school" means a public school which is created and operated by a public university and approved by the State Board of Education. The governing board of a public university which receives funds from the State Board under this subsection (K) may not increase the number of students enrolled in its laboratory school from a single district, if that district is already sending 50 or more students, except under a mutual agreement between the school board of a student's district of residence and the university which operates the laboratory school. A laboratory school may not have more than 1,000 students, excluding students with

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disabilities in a special education program.

As used in this Section, "alternative school" means a public school which is created and operated by a Regional Superintendent of Schools and approved by the State Board of Education. Such alternative schools may offer courses of instruction for which credit is given in regular school programs, courses to prepare students for the high school equivalency testing program or vocational and occupational training. A regional superintendent of schools may contract with a school district or a public community college district to operate an alternative school. An alternative school serving more than one educational service region may be established by the regional superintendents of schools of the affected educational service regions. An alternative school serving more than one educational service region may be operated under such terms as the regional superintendents of schools of those educational service regions may agree.

Each laboratory and alternative school shall file, on forms provided by the State Superintendent of Education, an annual State aid claim which states the Average Daily Attendance of the school's students by month. The best 3 months' Average Daily Attendance shall be computed for each school. The general State aid entitlement shall be computed by multiplying the applicable Average Daily Attendance by the Foundation Level as determined under this Section.

## (L) Payments, Additional Grants in Aid and Other Requirements.

(1) For a school district operating under the financial supervision of an Authority created under Article 34A, the general State aid otherwise payable to that district under this Section, but not the supplemental general State aid, shall be reduced by an amount equal to the budget for the operations of the Authority as certified by the Authority to the State Board of Education, and an amount equal to such reduction shall be paid to the Authority created for such district for its operating expenses in the manner provided in Section 18-11. The

- 1 remainder of general State school aid for any such district
- 2 shall be paid in accordance with Article 34A when that Article
- 3 provides for a disposition other than that provided by this
- 4 Article.

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- 6 (3) Summer school. Summer school payments shall be made as
- 7 provided in Section 18-4.3.
  - (M) Education Funding Advisory Board.

9 The Education Funding Advisory Board, hereinafter in this 10 subsection (M) referred to as the "Board", is hereby created. The Board shall consist of 5 members who are appointed by the 11 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The 12 members appointed shall include representatives of education, 13 14 business, and the general public. One of the members so 15 appointed shall be designated by the Governor at the time the 16 appointment is made as the chairperson of the Board. The initial members of the Board may be appointed any time after 17 18 the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997. The regular 19 term of each member of the Board shall be for 4 years from the third Monday of January of the year in which the term of the 20 member's appointment is to commence, except that of the 5 21 22 initial members appointed to serve on the Board, the member who 23 is appointed as the chairperson shall serve for a term that 24 commences on the date of his or her appointment and expires on 25 the third Monday of January, 2002, and the remaining 4 members, 26 by lots drawn at the first meeting of the Board that is held 27 after all 5 members are appointed, shall determine 2 of their 28 number to serve for terms that commence on the date of their 29 respective appointments and expire on the third Monday of January, 2001, and 2 of their number to serve for terms that 30 31 commence on the date of their respective appointments and expire on the third Monday of January, 2000. All members 32 appointed to serve on the Board shall serve until their 33 respective successors are appointed and confirmed. Vacancies 34

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a vacancy in membership occurs at a time when the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the Senate, when he or she shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a person to fill that membership for the unexpired term. If the Senate is not in session when the initial appointments are made, those appointments shall be made as in the case of vacancies.

The Education Funding Advisory Board shall be deemed established, and the initial members appointed by the Governor to serve as members of the Board shall take office, on the date that the Governor makes his or her appointment of the fifth initial member of the Board, whether those initial members are then serving pursuant to appointment and confirmation or pursuant to temporary appointments that are made by the Governor as in the case of vacancies.

The State Board of Education shall provide such staff assistance to the Education Funding Advisory Board as is reasonably required for the proper performance by the Board of its responsibilities.

For school years after the 2000-2001 school year, Education Funding Advisory Board, in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall make recommendations as provided in this subsection (M) to the General Assembly for the foundation level under subdivision (B)(3) of this Section and for the supplemental general State aid grant level under subsection (H) of this Section for districts with high concentrations of children from poverty. The recommended foundation level shall be determined based on a methodology which incorporates the basic education expenditures low-spending schools exhibiting high academic performance. The Education Funding Advisory Board shall make such recommendations to the General Assembly on January 1 of odd numbered years, beginning January 1, 2001.

- 1 (O) References.
- 2 (1) References in other laws to the various subdivisions of
- 3 Section 18-8 as that Section existed before its repeal and
- 4 replacement by this Section 18-8.05 shall be deemed to refer to
- 5 the corresponding provisions of this Section 18-8.05, to the
- 6 extent that those references remain applicable.
- 7 (2) References in other laws to State Chapter 1 funds shall
- 8 be deemed to refer to the supplemental general State aid
- 9 provided under subsection (H) of this Section.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-28, eff. 7-1-01; 92-29,
- 11 eff. 7-1-01; 92-269, eff. 8-7-01; 92-604, eff. 7-1-02; 92-636,
- 12 eff. 7-11-02; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 93-21, eff. 7-1-03.)
- 13 (105 ILCS 5/18-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-12)
- 14 Sec. 18-12. Dates for filing State aid claims. The school 15 board of each school district shall require teachers, principals, or superintendents to furnish from records kept by 16 17 them such data as it needs in preparing and certifying to the 18 regional superintendent its school district report of claims provided in Sections 18-8.05 through 18-10 as required by the 19 State Superintendent of Education. The district claim shall be 20 21 based on the latest available equalized assessed valuation and tax rates, as provided in Section 18-8.05 and shall use the 22 23 average daily attendance as determined by the method outlined 24 in Section 18-8.05 and shall be certified and filed with the 25 regional superintendent by June 21 for districts with an 26 official school calendar end date before June 15 or within 2 27 weeks following the official school calendar end date for 28 districts with a school year end date of June 15 or later. The 29 regional superintendent shall certify and file with the State 30 Superintendent of Education district State aid claims by July 1 for districts with an official school calendar end date before 31 June 15 or no later than July 15 for districts with an official 32 33 school calendar end date of June 15 or later. Failure to so

file by these deadlines constitutes a forfeiture of the right

to receive payment by the State until such claim is filed and vouchered for payment. The regional superintendent of schools shall certify the county report of claims by July 15; and the State Superintendent of Education shall voucher for payment those claims to the State Comptroller as provided in Section 18-11.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, if any school district fails to provide the minimum school term specified in Section 10-19, the State aid claim for that year shall be reduced by the State Superintendent of Education in an amount equivalent to 0.55555% 0.56818% for each day less than the number of days required by this Code.

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

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

If, during any school day, (i) a school district has provided at least one clock hour of instruction but must close the schools due to adverse weather conditions or due to a condition beyond the control of the school district that poses a hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils prior to providing the minimum hours of instruction required for a full day of attendance, or (ii) the school district must delay the start of the school day due to adverse weather conditions and this delay prevents the district from providing the minimum hours of instruction required for a full day of attendance, the partial day of attendance may be counted as a full day of attendance. The partial day of attendance and the reasons

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therefor shall be certified in writing within a month of the closing or delayed start by the local school district superintendent to the Regional Superintendent of Schools for forwarding to the State Superintendent of Education for approval.

If a school building is ordered to be closed by the school board, in consultation with a local emergency response agency, due to a condition that poses a hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils, then the school district shall have a grace period of 4 days in which the general State aid claim shall not be reduced so that alternative housing of the pupils may be located.

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

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

No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless the district superintendent executes and files with the State Superintendent of Education, in the method prescribed by the Superintendent, certification that the district has complied with the requirements of Section 10-22.5 in regard to the

- 1 nonsegregation of pupils on account of color, creed, race, sex
- 2 or nationality.
- 3 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless the
- 4 district superintendent executes and files with the State
- 5 Superintendent of Education, in the method prescribed by the
- 6 Superintendent, a sworn statement that to the best of his or
- 7 her knowledge or belief the employing or assigning personnel
- 8 have complied with Section 24-4 in all respects.
- 9 Electronically submitted State aid claims shall be
- 10 submitted by duly authorized district or regional individuals
- 11 over a secure network that is password protected. The
- 12 electronic submission of a State aid claim must be accompanied
- with an affirmation that all of the provisions of Sections
- 14 18-8.05 through 18-10, 10-22.5, and 24-4 of this Code are met
- in all respects.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 92-661, eff. 7-16-02; 93-54, eff. 7-1-03.)
- 17 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.16 rep.)
- 18 Section 10. The School Code is amended by repealing Section
- 19 2-3.16.
- 20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
- 21 2004.