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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d

from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d

Amends the School Code. Provides that only scores on State assessments of students enrolled in a school on or before the last school day in September of the school year in which a State assessment is given shall be used in determining whether a school is placed on academic early warning status or academic watch status. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT relating to 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 changing Section
5 2-3.25d as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)

7 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic early warning and watch status.

8 (a) Only scores on State assessments of students enrolled
9 in a school on or before the last school day in September of
10 the school year in which a State assessment is given shall be
11 used in determining whether a school is placed on academic
12 early warning status or academic watch status. Those schools
13 that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria, as
14 specified by the State Board of Education, for 2 consecutive
15 annual calculations, shall be placed on academic early warning
16 status for the next school year. Schools on academic early
17 warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress
18 criteria for a third annual calculation shall remain on
19 academic early warning status. Schools on academic early
20 warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress
21 criteria for a fourth annual calculation shall be placed on
22 initial academic watch status. Schools on academic watch status
23 that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a fifth
24 or subsequent annual calculation shall remain on academic watch
25 status. Schools on academic early warning or academic watch
26 status that meet adequate yearly progress criteria for one
27 annual calculation shall be acknowledged for making
28 improvement and shall maintain their current statuses for the
29 next school year. Schools on academic early warning or academic
30 watch status that meet adequate yearly progress criteria for 2
31 consecutive annual calculations shall be considered as having
32 met expectations and shall be removed from any status

1 designation.

2 The school district of a school placed on either academic
3 early warning status or academic watch status may appeal the
4 status to the State Board of Education in accordance with
5 Section 2-3.25m of this Code.

6 A school district that has one or more schools on academic
7 early warning or academic watch status shall prepare a revised
8 School Improvement Plan or amendments thereto setting forth the
9 district's expectations for removing each school from academic
10 early warning or academic watch status and for improving
11 student performance in the affected school or schools.
12 Districts operating under Article 34 of this Code may prepare
13 the School Improvement Plan required under Section 34-2.4 of
14 this Code.

15 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that is
16 initially placed on academic early warning status or that
17 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
18 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
19 school's local school council in a district operating under
20 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
21 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code).

22 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school placed on
23 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation
24 must be approved by the school board (and by the school's local
25 school council in a district operating under Article 34 of this
26 Code, unless the school is on probation pursuant to subsection
27 (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and the State
28 Superintendent of Education.

29 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that
30 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
31 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
32 school's local school council in a district operating under
33 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
34 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and
35 the State Superintendent of Education. In addition, the
36 district must develop a school restructuring plan for the

1 school that must be approved by the school board (and by the
2 school's local school council in a district operating under
3 Article 34 of this Code) and subsequently approved by the State
4 Superintendent of Education.

5 A school on academic watch status that does not meet
6 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
7 calculation shall implement its approved school restructuring
8 plan beginning with the next school year, subject to the State
9 interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this Code.

10 (b) Those school districts that do not meet adequate yearly
11 progress criteria, as specified by the State Board of
12 Education, for 2 consecutive annual calculations, shall be
13 placed on academic early warning status for the next school
14 year. Districts on academic early warning status that do not
15 meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a third annual
16 calculation shall remain on academic early warning status.
17 Districts on academic early warning status that do not meet
18 adequate yearly progress criteria for a fourth annual
19 calculation shall be placed on initial academic watch status.
20 Districts on academic watch status that do not meet adequate
21 yearly progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent annual
22 calculation shall remain on academic watch status. Districts on
23 academic early warning or academic watch status that meet
24 adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual calculation
25 shall be acknowledged for making improvement and shall maintain
26 their current statuses for the next school year. Districts on
27 academic early warning or academic watch status that meet
28 adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual
29 calculations shall be considered as having met expectations and
30 shall be removed from any status designation.

31 A district placed on either academic early warning status
32 or academic watch status may appeal the status to the State
33 Board of Education in accordance with Section 2-3.25m of this
34 Code.

35 Districts on academic early warning or academic watch
36 status shall prepare a District Improvement Plan or amendments

1 thereto setting forth the district's expectations for removing
2 the district from academic early warning or academic watch
3 status and for improving student performance in the district.

4 The District Improvement Plan for a district that is
5 initially placed on academic early warning status must be
6 approved by the school board.

7 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
8 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
9 calculation must be approved by the school board.

10 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district on
11 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation
12 must be approved by the school board and the State
13 Superintendent of Education.

14 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
15 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
16 calculation must be approved by the school board and the State
17 Superintendent of Education. In addition, the district must
18 develop a district restructuring plan that must be approved by
19 the school board and the State Superintendent of Education.

20 A district on academic watch status that does not meet
21 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
22 calculation shall implement its approved district
23 restructuring plan beginning with the next school year, subject
24 to the State interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this
25 Code.

26 (c) All revised School and District Improvement Plans shall
27 be developed in collaboration with staff in the affected school
28 or school district. All revised School and District Improvement
29 Plans shall be developed, submitted, and approved pursuant to
30 rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The revised
31 Improvement Plan shall address measurable outcomes for
32 improving student performance so that such performance meets
33 adequate yearly progress criteria as specified by the State
34 Board of Education.

35 (d) All federal requirements apply to schools and school
36 districts utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the

1 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

2 (e) The State Board of Education, from any moneys it may
3 have available for this purpose, must implement and administer
4 a grant program that provides 2-year grants to school districts
5 on the academic watch list and other school districts that have
6 the lowest achieving students, as determined by the State Board
7 of Education, to be used to improve student achievement. In
8 order to receive a grant under this program, a school district
9 must establish an accountability program. The accountability
10 program must involve the use of statewide testing standards and
11 local evaluation measures. A grant shall be automatically
12 renewed when achievement goals are met. The Board may adopt any
13 rules necessary to implement and administer this grant program.
14 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03; 93-890, eff. 8-9-04.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.