

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 changing Section
5 10-17a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-17a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-17a)
7 Sec. 10-17a. Better schools accountability.

8 (1) Policy and Purpose. It shall be the policy of the State
9 of Illinois that each school district in this State, including
10 special charter districts and districts subject to the
11 provisions of Article 34, shall submit to parents, taxpayers of
12 such district, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the
13 State Board of Education a school report card assessing the
14 performance of its schools and students. The report card shall
15 be an index of school performance measured against statewide
16 and local standards and will provide information to make prior
17 year comparisons and to set future year targets through the
18 school improvement plan.

19 (2) Reporting Requirements. Each school district shall
20 prepare a report card in accordance with the guidelines set
21 forth in this Section which describes the performance of its
22 students by school attendance centers and by district, its
23 teachers, and the district's financial resources and use of

1 financial resources. Such report card shall be presented at a
2 regular school board meeting subject to applicable notice
3 requirements, posted on the school district's Internet web
4 site, if the district maintains an Internet web site, made
5 available to a newspaper of general circulation serving the
6 district, and, upon request, sent home to a parent (unless the
7 district does not maintain an Internet web site, in which case
8 the report card shall be sent home to parents without request).
9 If the district posts the report card on its Internet web site,
10 the district shall send a written notice home to parents
11 stating (i) that the report card is available on the web site,
12 (ii) the address of the web site, (iii) that a printed copy of
13 the report card will be sent to parents upon request, and (iv)
14 the telephone number that parents may call to request a printed
15 copy of the report card. In addition, each school district
16 shall submit the completed report card to the office of the
17 district's Regional Superintendent which shall make copies
18 available to any individuals requesting them.

19 The report card shall be completed and disseminated prior
20 to October 31 in each school year. The report card shall
21 contain, but not be limited to, actual local school attendance
22 center, school district and statewide data indicating the
23 present performance of the school, the State norms and the
24 areas for planned improvement for the school and school
25 district.

26 (3) (a) The report card shall include the following

1 applicable indicators of attendance center, district, and
2 statewide student performance: percent of students who exceed,
3 meet, or do not meet standards established by the State Board
4 of Education pursuant to Section 2-3.25a; composite and subtest
5 means on nationally normed achievement tests for college bound
6 students; student attendance rates; chronic truancy rate;
7 dropout rate; graduation rate; and student mobility, turnover
8 shown as a percent of transfers out and a percent of transfers
9 in.

10 (b) The report card shall include the following
11 descriptions for the school, district, and State: average class
12 size; amount of time per day devoted to mathematics, science,
13 English and social science at primary, middle and junior high
14 school grade levels; number of students taking the Prairie
15 State Achievement Examination under subsection (c) of Section
16 2-3.64, the number of those students who received a score of
17 excellent, and the average score by school of students taking
18 the examination; pupil-teacher ratio; pupil-administrator
19 ratio; operating expenditure per pupil; district expenditure
20 by fund; average administrator salary; ~~and~~ average teacher
21 salary; and the number of teachers who hold a Master
22 Certificate. The report card shall also specify the amount of
23 money that the district receives from all sources, including
24 without limitation subcategories specifying the amount from
25 local property taxes, the amount from general State aid, the
26 amount from other State funding, and the amount from other

1 income.

2 (c) The report card shall include applicable indicators of
3 parental involvement in each attendance center. The parental
4 involvement component of the report card shall include the
5 percentage of students whose parents or guardians have had one
6 or more personal contacts with the students' teachers during
7 the school year concerning the students' education, and such
8 other information, commentary, and suggestions as the school
9 district desires. For the purposes of this paragraph, "personal
10 contact" includes, but is not limited to, parent-teacher
11 conferences, parental visits to school, school visits to home,
12 telephone conversations, and written correspondence. The
13 parental involvement component shall not single out or identify
14 individual students, parents, or guardians by name.

15 (d) The report card form shall be prepared by the State
16 Board of Education and provided to school districts by the most
17 efficient, economic, and appropriate means.

18 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
20 1, 2009.