

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 Sections
5 10-17a and 34-88 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-17a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-17a)

7 Sec. 10-17a. State, school district, and school report
8 cards ~~Better schools accountability.~~

9 (1) By October 31, 2013 and October 31 of each subsequent
10 school year, the State Board of Education, through the State
11 Superintendent of Education, shall prepare a State report card,
12 school district report cards, and school report cards, and
13 shall by the most economic means provide to ~~Policy and Purpose.~~
14 ~~It shall be the policy of the State of Illinois that each~~
15 school district in this State, including special charter
16 districts and districts subject to the provisions of Article
17 34, the report cards for the ~~shall submit to parents, taxpayers~~
18 ~~of such district, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the~~
19 ~~State Board of Education a school~~ district and each of its
20 schools report card assessing the performance of its schools
21 ~~and students.~~

22 (2) In addition to any information required by federal law,
23 the State Superintendent shall determine the indicators and

1 presentation of the school report card, which must include, at
2 a minimum, the most current data possessed by the State Board
3 of Education related to the following:

4 (A) school characteristics and student demographics,
5 including average class size, average teaching experience,
6 student racial/ethnic breakdown, and the percentage of
7 students classified as low-income; the percentage of
8 students classified as limited English proficiency; the
9 percentage of students who have individualized education
10 plans or 504 plans that provide for special education
11 services; the percentage of students who annually
12 transferred in or out of the school district; the per-pupil
13 operating expenditure of the school district; and the
14 per-pupil State average operating expenditure for the
15 district type (elementary, high school, or unit);

16 (B) curriculum information, including, where
17 applicable, Advanced Placement, International
18 Baccalaureate or equivalent courses, dual enrollment
19 courses, foreign language classes, school personnel
20 resources (including Career Technical Education teachers),
21 before and after school programs, extracurricular
22 activities, subjects in which elective classes are
23 offered, health and wellness initiatives (including the
24 average number of days of Physical Education per week per
25 student), approved programs of study, awards received,
26 community partnerships, and special programs such as

1 programming for the gifted and talented, students with
2 disabilities, and work-study students;

3 (C) student outcomes, including, where applicable, the
4 percentage of students meeting as well as exceeding State
5 standards on assessments, the percentage of students in the
6 eighth grade who pass Algebra, the percentage of students
7 enrolled in post-secondary institutions (including
8 colleges, universities, community colleges,
9 trade/vocational schools, and training programs leading to
10 career certification within 2 semesters of high school
11 graduation), the percentage of students graduating from
12 high school who are college ready, the percentage of
13 students graduating from high school who are career ready,
14 and the percentage of graduates enrolled in community
15 colleges, colleges, and universities who are in one or more
16 courses that the community college, college, or university
17 identifies as a remedial course;

18 (D) student progress, including, where applicable, the
19 percentage of students in the ninth grade who have earned 5
20 credits or more without failing more than one core class, a
21 measure of students entering kindergarten ready to learn, a
22 measure of growth, and the percentage of students who enter
23 high school on track for college and career readiness; and

24 (E) the school environment, including, where
25 applicable, the percentage of students with less than 10
26 absences in a school year, the percentage of teachers with

1 less than 10 absences in a school year for reasons other
2 than professional development, leaves taken pursuant to
3 the federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, long-term
4 disability, or parental leaves, the 3-year average of the
5 percentage of teachers returning to the school from the
6 previous year, the number of different principals at the
7 school in the last 6 years, 2 or more indicators from any
8 school climate survey developed by the State and
9 administered pursuant to Section 2-3.153 of this Code, and
10 the combined percentage of teachers rated as proficient or
11 excellent in their most recent evaluation.

12 The school report card shall also ~~be an index of school~~
13 ~~performance measured against statewide and local standards and~~
14 ~~will~~ provide information that allows for comparing the current
15 outcome, progress, and environment data to the State average,
16 to the school data from the past 5 years, and to the outcomes,
17 progress, and environment of similar schools based on the type
18 of school and enrollment of low-income, special education, and
19 limited English proficiency students ~~to make prior year~~
20 ~~comparisons and to set future year targets through the school~~
21 ~~improvement plan.~~

22 (3) At the discretion of the State Superintendent, the
23 school district report card shall include a subset of the
24 information identified in paragraphs (A) through (E) of
25 subsection (2) of this Section, as well as information relating
26 to the operating expense per pupil and other finances of the

1 school district, and the State report card shall include a
2 subset of the information identified in paragraphs (A) through
3 (E) of subsections (2) of this Section.

4 (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this
5 Section, in consultation with key education stakeholders, the
6 State Superintendent shall at any time have the discretion to
7 amend or update any and all metrics on the school, district, or
8 State report card.

9 ~~(2) Reporting Requirements. Each school district shall~~
10 ~~prepare a report card in accordance with the guidelines set~~
11 ~~forth in this Section which describes the performance of its~~
12 ~~students by school attendance centers and by district and the~~
13 ~~district's financial resources and use of financial resources.~~

14 (5) Annually, no more than 30 calendar days after receipt
15 of the school district and school report cards from the State
16 Superintendent of Education, each school district, including
17 special charter districts and districts subject to the
18 provisions of Article 34, shall present such ~~Such~~ report cards
19 ~~card shall be presented~~ at a regular school board meeting
20 subject to applicable notice requirements, post the report
21 cards ~~posted~~ on the school district's Internet web site, if the
22 district maintains an Internet web site, make the report cards
23 ~~made~~ available to a newspaper of general circulation serving
24 the district, and, upon request, send the report cards ~~sent~~
25 home to a parent (unless the district does not maintain an
26 Internet web site, in which case the report card shall be sent

1 home to parents without request). If the district posts the
2 report card on its Internet web site, the district shall send a
3 written notice home to parents stating (i) that the report card
4 is available on the web site, (ii) the address of the web site,
5 (iii) that a printed copy of the report card will be sent to
6 parents upon request, and (iv) the telephone number that
7 parents may call to request a printed copy of the report card.
8 ~~In addition, each school district shall submit the completed~~
9 ~~report card to the office of the district's Regional~~
10 ~~Superintendent which shall make copies available to any~~
11 ~~individuals requesting them.~~

12 ~~The report card shall be completed and disseminated prior~~
13 ~~to October 31 in each school year. The report card shall~~
14 ~~contain, but not be limited to, actual local school attendance~~
15 ~~center, school district and statewide data indicating the~~
16 ~~present performance of the school, the State norms and the~~
17 ~~areas for planned improvement for the school and school~~
18 ~~district.~~

19 ~~(3) (a) The report card shall include the following~~
20 ~~applicable indicators of attendance center, district, and~~
21 ~~statewide student performance: percent of students who exceed,~~
22 ~~meet, or do not meet standards established by the State Board~~
23 ~~of Education pursuant to Section 2-3.25a; composite and subtest~~
24 ~~means on nationally normed achievement tests for college bound~~
25 ~~students; student attendance rates; chronic truancy rate;~~
26 ~~dropout rate; graduation rate; and student mobility, turnover~~

1 ~~shown as a percent of transfers out and a percent of transfers~~
2 ~~in.~~

3 ~~(b) The report card shall include the following~~
4 ~~descriptions for the school, district, and State: average class~~
5 ~~size; amount of time per day devoted to mathematics, science,~~
6 ~~English and social science at primary, middle and junior high~~
7 ~~school grade levels; number of students taking the Prairie~~
8 ~~State Achievement Examination under subsection (c) of Section~~
9 ~~2-3.64, the number of those students who received a score of~~
10 ~~excellent, and the average score by school of students taking~~
11 ~~the examination; pupil-teacher ratio; pupil-administrator~~
12 ~~ratio; operating expenditure per pupil; district expenditure~~
13 ~~by fund; average administrator salary; and average teacher~~
14 ~~salary. The report card shall also specify the amount of money~~
15 ~~that the district receives from all sources, including without~~
16 ~~limitation subcategories specifying the amount from local~~
17 ~~property taxes, the amount from general State aid, the amount~~
18 ~~from other State funding, and the amount from other income.~~

19 ~~(c) The report card shall include applicable indicators of~~
20 ~~parental involvement in each attendance center. The parental~~
21 ~~involvement component of the report card shall include the~~
22 ~~percentage of students whose parents or guardians have had one~~
23 ~~or more personal contacts with the students' teachers during~~
24 ~~the school year concerning the students' education, and such~~
25 ~~other information, commentary, and suggestions as the school~~
26 ~~district desires. For the purposes of this paragraph, "personal~~

1 ~~contact" includes, but is not limited to, parent teacher~~
2 ~~conferences, parental visits to school, school visits to home,~~
3 ~~telephone conversations, and written correspondence. The~~
4 ~~parental involvement component shall not single out or identify~~
5 ~~individual students, parents, or guardians by name.~~

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

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

10 (105 ILCS 5/34-88) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-88)

11 Sec. 34-88. District and school report cards ~~School~~
12 ~~reports.~~ The board shall, in accordance with Section 10-17a of
13 the School Code, annually present and disseminate the school
14 district and school report cards prepared by the State
15 Superintendent of Education. ~~Each attendance center shall~~
16 ~~prepare a report card in accordance with the guidelines~~
17 ~~established in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (3) of~~
18 ~~Section 10-17a which describes the performance of its schools~~
19 ~~and students. This report card shall be transmitted to the~~
20 ~~general superintendent who shall present report cards from each~~
21 ~~of the attendance centers within the district to the board.~~

22 ~~The board shall make available to a newspaper of general~~
23 ~~circulation serving the district a report which provides~~
24 ~~information detailing the performance of the district.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 89-15, eff. 5-30-95.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
2 1, 2012.