

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 14C-13 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14C-13) (from Ch. 122, par. 14C-13)

7 Sec. 14C-13. Advisory Council. There is created an Advisory
8 Council on Bilingual Education, consisting of 17 members
9 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education and
10 selected, as nearly as possible, on the basis of experience in
11 or knowledge of the various programs of bilingual education.
12 The Council shall advise the State Superintendent on policy and
13 rules pertaining to bilingual education. The Council shall
14 establish such sub-committees as it deems appropriate to review
15 bilingual education issues including but not limited to
16 certification, finance and special education.

17 Initial appointees shall serve terms determined by lot as
18 follows: 6 for one year, 6 for 2 years and 5 for 3 years.
19 Successors shall serve 3-year terms. Members annually shall
20 select a chairman from among their number. Members shall
21 receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary
22 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

23 By no later than December 1, 2011, the Council shall submit

1 a report to the State Superintendent of Education, the
2 Governor, and the General Assembly addressing, at a minimum,
3 the following questions:

4 (1) whether and how the 20 child per attendance center
5 minimum in Section 14C-3 of this Code should be modified;

6 (2) whether and how educator certification
7 requirements in this Article 14C and applicable State Board
8 of Education rules should be modified;

9 (3) whether and how bilingual education requirements
10 in this Article 14C and applicable State Board of Education
11 rules should be modified to address differences between
12 elementary and secondary schools; and

13 (4) whether and how to allow school districts to
14 administer alternative bilingual education programs
15 instead of transitional bilingual education programs.

16 (Source: P.A. 87-995.)