



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

### 2013 and 2014

#### HB1450

by Rep. Fred Crespo

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/17-1.10 new  
105 ILCS 5/34-43.5 new  
30 ILCS 805/8.37 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district must spend at least 65% of its total operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures and if a school district's direct classroom expenditures for the 2013-2014 school year are less than 65% of its total operating expenditures, then the district must increase its direct classroom expenditures by at least 2 percentage points per school year beginning with the 2014-2015 school year until at least 65% of the district's total operating expenditures are spent on direct classroom expenditures. Provides that a school district that is unable to meet these expenditure standards due to special circumstances may apply to the State Superintendent of Education for a one-year, renewable waiver. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 adding Sections  
5 17-1.10 and 34-43.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/17-1.10 new)

7 Sec. 17-1.10. Direct classroom expenditures.

8 (a) This Section applies beginning with the 2013-2014  
9 school year.

10 (b) In this Section:

11 "Direct classroom expenditures" means the amount defined  
12 by the National Center of Educational Statistics of the United  
13 States Department of Education.

14 "Total operating expenditures" includes all operating  
15 expenditures incurred for the benefit of elementary and  
16 secondary education during that school year, except capital  
17 expenditures. Debt service is a nonoperating expenditure.

18 (c) A school district must spend at least 65% of its total  
19 operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures. If a  
20 school district's direct classroom expenditures for the  
21 2013-2014 school year are less than 65% of its total operating  
22 expenditures, then the district must increase its direct  
23 classroom expenditures by at least 2 percentage points per

1 school year beginning with the 2014-2015 school year until at  
2 least 65% of the district's total operating expenditures are  
3 spent on direct classroom expenditures.

4 (d) At the end of each school year, the district  
5 superintendent must submit to the State Superintendent of  
6 Education a letter signed by the district superintendent  
7 certifying the percentage of the school district's total  
8 operating expenditures that were actually spent on direct  
9 classroom expenditures for that school year.

10 (e) A school district that is unable to meet the  
11 requirements of subsection (c) of this Section due to special  
12 circumstances may apply to the State Superintendent of  
13 Education for a one-year, renewable waiver. The waiver request  
14 must list the reasons why the district's direct classroom  
15 expenditures cannot meet the requirements of subsection (c) of  
16 this Section and describe the changes the district intends to  
17 make in the subsequent year in order to meet the requirements  
18 of subsection (c) of this Section. The State Superintendent of  
19 Education must grant or deny the waiver request within 60 days  
20 after receiving the request.

21 (105 ILCS 5/34-43.5 new)

22 Sec. 34-43.5. Direct classroom expenditures.

23 (a) This Section applies beginning with the 2013-2014  
24 school year.

25 (b) In this Section:

1       "Direct classroom expenditures" means the amount defined  
2 by the National Center of Educational Statistics of the United  
3 States Department of Education.

4       "Total operating expenditures" includes all operating  
5 expenditures incurred for the benefit of elementary and  
6 secondary education during that school year, except capital  
7 expenditures. Debt service is a nonoperating expenditure.

8       (c) The school district must spend at least 65% of its  
9 total operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures.  
10 If the school district's direct classroom expenditures for the  
11 2013-2014 school year are less than 65% of its total operating  
12 expenditures, then the district must increase its direct  
13 classroom expenditures by at least 2 percentage points per  
14 school year beginning with the 2014-2015 school year until at  
15 least 65% of the district's total operating expenditures are  
16 spent on direct classroom expenditures.

17       (d) At the end of each school year, the general  
18 superintendent of schools must submit to the State  
19 Superintendent of Education a letter signed by the general  
20 superintendent of schools certifying the percentage of the  
21 school district's total operating expenditures that were  
22 actually spent on direct classroom expenditures for that school  
23 year.

24       (e) If the school district is unable to meet the  
25 requirements of subsection (c) of this Section due to special  
26 circumstances, then the district may apply to the State

1 Superintendent of Education for a one-year, renewable waiver.  
2 The waiver request must list the reasons why the district's  
3 direct classroom expenditures cannot meet the requirements of  
4 subsection (c) of this Section and describe the changes the  
5 district intends to make in the subsequent year in order to  
6 meet the requirements of subsection (c) of this Section. The  
7 State Superintendent of Education must grant or deny the waiver  
8 request within 60 days after receiving the request.

9 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
10 Section 8.37 as follows:

11 (30 ILCS 805/8.37 new)

12 Sec. 8.37. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8  
13 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the  
14 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of  
15 the 98th General Assembly.

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