

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 2-3.25a as follows:

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

7 Sec. 2-3.25a. "School district" defined; additional  
8 standards.

9 (a) For the purposes of this Section and Sections 3.25b,  
10 3.25c, 3.25d, 3.25e, and 3.25f of this Code, "school district"  
11 includes other public entities responsible for administering  
12 public schools, such as cooperatives, joint agreements,  
13 charter schools, special charter districts, regional offices  
14 of education, local agencies, and the Department of Human  
15 Services.

16 (b) In addition to the standards established pursuant to  
17 Section 2-3.25, the State Board of Education shall develop  
18 recognition standards for student performance and school  
19 improvement in all public schools operated by school districts.  
20 The indicators to determine adequate yearly progress shall be  
21 limited to the State assessment of student performance in  
22 reading and mathematics, student attendance rates at the  
23 elementary school level, graduation rates at the high school

1 level, and participation rates on student assessments. The  
2 standards shall be designed to permit the measurement of  
3 student performance and school improvement by schools and  
4 school districts compared to student performance and school  
5 improvement for the preceding academic years. The State Board  
6 of Education is prohibited from having separate performance  
7 standards for students based on race or ethnicity.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-734, eff. 8-25-09.)