99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-1 from Ch. 122, par. 27-1

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning instruction.

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A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
27-1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-1)

7 Sec. 27-1. Areas of education taught - discrimination on The State of Illinois, having the the 8 account of sex. 9 responsibility of defining requirements for elementary and secondary education, establishes that the primary purpose of 10 schooling is the transmission of knowledge and culture through 11 which children learn in areas necessary to their continuing 12 development and entry into the world of work. Such areas 13 14 include the language arts, mathematics, the biological, physical and social sciences, the fine arts and physical 15 development and health. 16

Each school district shall give priority in the allocation of resources, including funds, time allocation, personnel, and facilities, to fulfilling the primary purpose of schooling.

The State Board of Education shall establish goals and learning standards consistent with the above purposes and define the knowledge and skills which the State expects students to master and apply as a consequence of their 1 education.

Each school district shall establish learning objectives consistent with the State Board of Education's goals and learning standards for the areas referred to in this Section, shall develop appropriate testing and assessment systems for determining the degree to which students are achieving the objectives, and shall develop reporting systems to apprise the community and State of the assessment results.

9 Each school district shall make available to all students 10 academic and vocational courses for the attainment of learning 11 objectives.

12 No student shall be refused admission into or be excluded 13 from any course of instruction offered in the common schools by 14 reason of that person's sex. No student shall, solely by reason 15 of that person's sex, be denied equal access to physical 16 education and interscholastic athletic programs or comparable 17 programs supported from school district funds. This Section is violated when a high school subject to this Act participates in 18 19 the post-season basketball tournament of any organization or 20 association that does not conduct post-season high school basketball tournaments for both boys and girls, 21 which 22 tournaments are identically structured. Conducting identically 23 structured tournaments includes having the same number of girls' teams as boys' teams playing, in their respective 24 25 tournaments, at any common location chosen for the final series of games in a tournament; provided, that nothing in this 26

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1 paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit the selection for the 2 final series of games in the girls' tournaments of a common 3 location that is different than the common location selected for the final series of games in the boys' tournaments. Except 4 as specifically stated in this Section, equal access to 5 6 programs supported by school district funds and comparable 7 programs will be defined in rules promulgated by the State 8 Board of Education in consultation with the Illinois High School Association. 9

10 (Source: P.A. 94-875, eff. 7-1-06.)