

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 renumbering and
5 changing Section 2-3.163 as added by Public Act 99-432 as
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.164)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 16, 2020)

9 Sec. 2-3.164 ~~2-3.163~~. Attendance Commission.

10 (a) The Attendance Commission is created within the State
11 Board of Education to study the issue of chronic absenteeism in
12 this State and make recommendations for strategies to prevent
13 chronic absenteeism. The Commission shall consist of all of the
14 following members:

15 (1) The Director of the Department of Children and
16 Family Services or his or her designee.

17 (2) The Chairperson of the State Board of Education or
18 his or her designee.

19 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Higher Education or
20 his or her designee.

21 (4) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services
22 or his or her designee.

23 (5) The Director of the Department of Public Health or

1 his or her designee.

2 (6) The Chairperson of the Illinois Community College
3 Board or his or her designee.

4 (7) The Chairperson of the State Charter School
5 Commission or his or her designee.

6 (8) An individual that deals with children's
7 disabilities, impairments, and social emotional issues,
8 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

9 (9) One member from each of the following
10 organizations, appointed by the State Superintendent of
11 Education:

12 (A) A non-profit organization that advocates for
13 students in temporary living situations.

14 (B) An Illinois-focused, non-profit organization
15 that advocates for the well-being of all children and
16 families in this State.

17 (C) An Illinois non-profit, anti-crime
18 organization of law enforcement that researches and
19 recommends early learning and youth development
20 strategies to reduce crime.

21 (D) An Illinois non-profit organization that
22 conducts community-organizing around family issues.

23 (E) A statewide professional teachers'
24 organization.

25 (F) A different statewide professional teachers'
26 organization.

1 (G) A professional teachers' organization in a
2 city having a population exceeding 500,000.

3 (H) An association representing school
4 administrators.

5 (I) An association representing school board
6 members.

7 (J) An association representing school principals.

8 (K) An association representing regional
9 superintendents of schools.

10 (L) An association representing parents.

11 (M) An association representing high school
12 districts.

13 (N) An association representing large unit
14 districts.

15 (O) An organization that advocates for healthier
16 school environments in Illinois.

17 (P) An organization that advocates for the health
18 and safety of Illinois youth and families by providing
19 capacity building services.

20 (Q) A statewide association of local philanthropic
21 organizations that advocates for effective
22 educational, health, and human service policies to
23 improve this State's communities.

24 (R) A statewide organization that advocates for
25 partnerships among schools, families, and the
26 community that provide access to support and remove

1 barriers to learning and development, using schools as
2 hubs.

3 (S) An organization representing statewide
4 programs actively involved in truancy intervention.

5 Attendance Commission members shall serve without
6 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses
7 from appropriations to the State Board of Education available
8 for that purpose and subject to the rules of the appropriate
9 travel control board.

10 (b) The Attendance Commission shall meet initially at the
11 call of the State Superintendent of Education. The members
12 shall elect a chairperson at their initial meeting. Thereafter,
13 the Attendance Commission shall meet at the call of the
14 chairperson. The Attendance Commission shall hold hearings on a
15 periodic basis to receive testimony from the public regarding
16 attendance.

17 (c) The Attendance Commission shall identify strategies,
18 mechanisms, and approaches to help parents, educators,
19 principals, superintendents, and the State Board of Education
20 address and prevent chronic absenteeism and shall recommend to
21 the General Assembly and State Board of Education:

22 (1) a standard for attendance and chronic absenteeism,
23 defining attendance as a calculation of standard clock
24 hours in a day that equal a full day based on instructional
25 minutes for both a half day and a full day per learning
26 environment;

1 (2) mechanisms to improve data systems to monitor and
2 track chronic absenteeism across this State in a way that
3 identifies trends from prekindergarten through grade 12
4 and allows the identification of students who need
5 individualized chronic absenteeism prevention plans;

6 (3) mechanisms for reporting and accountability for
7 schools and districts across this State, including
8 creating multiple measure indexes for reporting;

9 (4) best practices for utilizing attendance and
10 chronic absenteeism data to create multi-tiered systems of
11 support and prevention that will result in students being
12 ready for college and career; and

13 (5) new initiatives and responses to ongoing
14 challenges presented by chronic absenteeism.

15 (d) The State Board of Education shall provide
16 administrative support to the Commission. The Attendance
17 Commission shall submit an initial report to the General
18 Assembly and the State Board of Education no later than March
19 15, 2016. The Attendance Commission shall submit an annual
20 report to the General Assembly and the State Board of Education
21 no later than December 15, 2016 and each December 15 thereafter
22 ~~of each year.~~

23 (e) The Attendance Commission is abolished and this Section
24 is repealed on December 16, 2020.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-432, eff. 8-21-15; revised 10-5-15.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.