1 AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 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:

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8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 16, 2020)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 or18 his or her designee.

19 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Higher Education or20 his or her designee.

(4) The Secretary of the Department of Human Servicesor his or her designee.

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

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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 for13 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.

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

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

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

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barriers to learning and development, using schools as
 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.

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

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

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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 ongoing14 challenges presented by chronic absenteeism.

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

(e) The Attendance Commission is abolished and this Sectionis repealed on December 16, 2020.

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

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.