

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 1C-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1C-2)

7 Sec. 1C-2. Block grants.

8 (a) For fiscal year 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter,
9 the State Board of Education shall award to school districts
10 block grants as described in subsection (c). The State Board of
11 Education may adopt rules and regulations necessary to
12 implement this Section. In accordance with Section 2-3.32, all
13 state block grants are subject to an audit. Therefore, block
14 grant receipts and block grant expenditures shall be recorded
15 to the appropriate fund code.

16 (b) (Blank).

17 (c) An Early Childhood Education Block Grant shall be
18 created by combining the following programs: Preschool
19 Education, Parental Training and Prevention Initiative. These
20 funds shall be distributed to school districts and other
21 entities on a competitive basis. Not less than 14% of the Early
22 Childhood Education Block Grant allocation of funds ~~this grant~~
23 shall be used to fund programs for children ages 0-3, ~~which~~

1 ~~percentage shall increase to at least 20% by Fiscal Year 2016.~~
2 Beginning in Fiscal Year 2016, at least 25% of any additional
3 Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding over and above
4 the previous fiscal year's allocation shall be used to fund
5 programs for children ages 0-3. Once the percentage of Early
6 Childhood Education Block Grant funding allocated to programs
7 for children ages 0-3 reaches 20% of the overall Early
8 Childhood Education Block Grant allocation for a full fiscal
9 year, thereafter in subsequent fiscal years the percentage of
10 Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding allocated to
11 programs for children ages 0-3 each fiscal year shall remain at
12 least 20% of the overall Early Childhood Education Block Grant
13 allocation. However, if, in a given fiscal year, the amount
14 appropriated for the Early Childhood Education Block Grant is
15 insufficient to increase the percentage of the grant to fund
16 programs for children ages 0-3 without reducing the amount of
17 the grant for existing providers of preschool education
18 programs, then the percentage of the grant to fund programs for
19 children ages 0-3 may be held steady instead of increased.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-645, eff. 7-1-14.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.