

1 AN ACT in relation to schools.

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
5 Section 3-14.20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-14.20) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-14.20)

7 Sec. 3-14.20. Building plans and specifications. To
8 inspect the building plans and specifications, including but
9 not limited to plans and specifications for the heating,
10 ventilating, lighting, seating, water supply, toilets and
11 safety against fire of public school rooms and buildings
12 submitted to him by school boards, and to approve all those
13 which comply substantially with the building code authorized
14 in Section 2-3.12. If, within 10 days after the plans and
15 specifications have been received by the regional
16 superintendent of schools and prior to the bidding process,
17 (i) local fire, building, or plumbing inspectors in the
18 municipality, fire district, or county in which the school is
19 being constructed or altered request a review of the plans
20 and specifications or (ii) the regional superintendent of
21 schools requests that any of these local inspectors review
22 the plans and specifications and the municipality, fire
23 district, or county determines that it can accommodate this
24 request, then the school board shall submit a copy of the
25 plans and specifications to the local inspectors. The local
26 inspectors or, on behalf of the local inspectors, a certified
27 plan reviewer and certified inspector shall comment on the
28 plans and specifications based on the building code
29 authorized in Section 2-3.12 and respond to the regional
30 superintendent of schools within 15 business days after a
31 copy of the plans and specifications has been received by the

1 local inspectors. "Certified plan reviewer" and "certified
2 inspector" mean an individual who has been certified as such
3 by a national model code organization or equivalent agency
4 approved by the Capital Development Board. If the local
5 inspectors or certified inspector wish to inspect the actual
6 school construction or alteration, the local inspectors or
7 certified inspector must set up an initial pre-construction
8 meeting with the regional superintendent of schools,
9 outlining the inspection schedule and construction reviews.
10 The regional superintendent of schools shall then notify the
11 school district. The local inspectors or certified inspector
12 shall respond to the regional superintendent of schools with
13 any comments at the completion of each inspection. With
14 respect to the provisions of this Section concerning the
15 review of the plans and specifications and the inspection of
16 the actual school construction or alteration, in the case of
17 Cook County, references to the regional superintendent of
18 schools shall be deemed to refer to the intermediate service
19 center for the school district. If the such plans and
20 specifications are not approved or denied approval by the
21 regional superintendent of schools within 3 months after the
22 date on which they are submitted to him or her, the school
23 board may submit such plans and specifications directly to
24 the State Superintendent of Education for approval or denial.
25 (Source: P.A. 86-1312; 87-984.)