

AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 14C-13 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/14C-13) (from Ch. 122, par. 14C-13)

Sec. 14C-13. Advisory Council. There is created an Advisory Council on Bilingual Education, consisting of 17 members appointed by the State Superintendent of Education and selected, as nearly as possible, on the basis of experience in or knowledge of the various programs of bilingual education. The Council shall advise the State Superintendent on policy and rules pertaining to bilingual education. The Council shall establish such sub-committees as it deems appropriate to review bilingual education issues including but not limited to certification, finance and special education.

Initial appointees shall serve terms determined by lot as follows: 6 for one year, 6 for 2 years and 5 for 3 years. Successors shall serve 3-year terms. Members annually shall select a chairman from among their number. Members shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

By no later than December 1, 2011, the Council shall submit

a report to the State Superintendent of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly addressing, at a minimum, the following questions:

(1) whether and how the 20 child per attendance center minimum in Section 14C-3 of this Code should be modified;

(2) whether and how educator certification requirements in this Article 14C and applicable State Board of Education rules should be modified;

(3) whether and how bilingual education requirements in this Article 14C and applicable State Board of Education rules should be modified to address differences between elementary and secondary schools; and

(4) whether and how to allow school districts to administer alternative bilingual education programs instead of transitional bilingual education programs.

(Source: P.A. 87-995.)