

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 18-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/18-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-12)

7 Sec. 18-12. Dates for filing State aid claims. The school
8 board of each school district, a regional office of education,
9 a laboratory school, or a State-authorized charter school shall
10 require teachers, principals, or superintendents to furnish
11 from records kept by them such data as it needs in preparing
12 and certifying to the State Superintendent of Education its
13 report of claims provided in Section 18-8.05 of this Code. The
14 claim shall be based on the latest available equalized assessed
15 valuation and tax rates, as provided in Section 18-8.05, shall
16 use the average daily attendance as determined by the method
17 outlined in Section 18-8.05, and shall be certified and filed
18 with the State Superintendent of Education by June 21 for
19 districts and State-authorized charter schools with an
20 official school calendar end date before June 15 or within 2
21 weeks following the official school calendar end date for
22 districts, regional offices of education, laboratory schools,
23 or State-authorized charter schools with a school year end date

1 of June 15 or later. Failure to so file by these deadlines
2 constitutes a forfeiture of the right to receive payment by the
3 State until such claim is filed. The State Superintendent of
4 Education shall voucher for payment those claims to the State
5 Comptroller as provided in Section 18-11.

6 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, if any school
7 district fails to provide the minimum school term specified in
8 Section 10-19, the State aid claim for that year shall be
9 reduced by the State Superintendent of Education in an amount
10 equivalent to 1/176 or .56818% for each day less than the
11 number of days required by this Code.

12 If the State Superintendent of Education determines that
13 the failure to provide the minimum school term was occasioned
14 by an act or acts of God, or was occasioned by conditions
15 beyond the control of the school district which posed a
16 hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils, the State
17 aid claim need not be reduced.

18 If a school district is precluded from providing the
19 minimum hours of instruction required for a full day of
20 attendance due to (A) an adverse weather condition, (B) ~~or~~ a
21 condition beyond the control of the school district that poses
22 a hazardous threat to the health and safety of students, or (C)
23 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the utilization of
24 the school district's facilities for not more than 2 school
25 days per school year by local or county authorities for the
26 purpose of holding a memorial or funeral services in

1 remembrance of a community member, then the partial day of
2 attendance may be counted if (i) the school district has
3 provided at least one hour of instruction prior to the closure
4 of the school district, (ii) a school building has provided at
5 least one hour of instruction prior to the closure of the
6 school building, or (iii) the normal start time of the school
7 district is delayed.

8 If, prior to providing any instruction, a school district
9 must close one or more but not all school buildings after
10 consultation with a local emergency response agency or due to a
11 condition beyond the control of the school district, then the
12 school district may claim attendance for up to 2 school days
13 based on the average attendance of the 3 school days
14 immediately preceding the closure of the affected school
15 building or, if approved by the State Board of Education,
16 utilize the provisions of an e-learning program for the
17 affected school building as prescribed in Section 10-20.56 of
18 this Code. The partial or no day of attendance described in
19 this Section and the reasons therefore shall be certified
20 within a month of the closing or delayed start by the school
21 district superintendent to the regional superintendent of
22 schools for forwarding to the State Superintendent of Education
23 for approval.

24 Other than the utilization of any e-learning days as
25 prescribed in Section 10-20.56 of this Code, no exception to
26 the requirement of providing a minimum school term may be

1 approved by the State Superintendent of Education pursuant to
2 this Section unless a school district has first used all
3 emergency days provided for in its regular calendar.

4 If the State Superintendent of Education declares that an
5 energy shortage exists during any part of the school year for
6 the State or a designated portion of the State, a district may
7 operate the school attendance centers within the district 4
8 days of the week during the time of the shortage by extending
9 each existing school day by one clock hour of school work, and
10 the State aid claim shall not be reduced, nor shall the
11 employees of that district suffer any reduction in salary or
12 benefits as a result thereof. A district may operate all
13 attendance centers on this revised schedule, or may apply the
14 schedule to selected attendance centers, taking into
15 consideration such factors as pupil transportation schedules
16 and patterns and sources of energy for individual attendance
17 centers.

18 Electronically submitted State aid claims shall be
19 submitted by duly authorized district individuals over a secure
20 network that is password protected. The electronic submission
21 of a State aid claim must be accompanied with an affirmation
22 that all of the provisions of Sections 18-8.05, 10-22.5, and
23 24-4 of this Code are met in all respects.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-194, eff. 7-30-15; 99-657, eff. 7-28-16.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.