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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/17-1.5 105 ILCS 5/34-43.1

from Ch. 122, par. 34-43.1

Amends the School Code. Makes changes with regard to the limitation of administrative costs. Defines "consumer price index", "expenditures per pupil", "general administration expenditures", and "school administration expenditures". Provides that for the 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter, each school district shall undertake budgetary and expenditure control actions so that the increase in each of the budgeted administrative expenditures per pupil (with the exception of the Chicago school district, whose limit is not changed), budgeted general administration expenditures per pupil, and budgeted school administration expenditures per pupil, and budgeted school administration expenditures per pupil for that school year over the expenditures per pupil for the prior school year does not exceed the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index for the 12 months ending on the December 31 prior to the budgetary year or 5%, whichever one is less. Makes conforming changes and other changes.

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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 Sections
17-1.5 and 34-43.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/17-1.5)

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Sec. 17-1.5. Limitation of administrative costs.

8 (a) It is the purpose of this Section to establish 9 limitations on the growth of administrative expenditures in 10 order to maximize the proportion of school district resources 11 available for the instructional program, building maintenance, 12 and safety services for the students of each district.

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(b) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section:

14 "Administrative expenditures" mean the annual expenditures school districts properly attributable to expenditure 15 of functions defined by the rules of the State Board of Education 16 as: 2320 (Executive Administration Services); 2330 (Special 17 Area Administration Services); 2490 (Other Support Services -18 19 School Administration); 2510 (Direction of Business Support Services); 2570 (Internal Services); and 2610 (Direction of 20 21 Services); provided, Central Support however, that 22 "administrative expenditures" shall not include early retirement or other pension system obligations required by 23

1 State law.

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2	"Consumer price index" means the Consumer Price Index for
3	All Urban Consumers for all items published by the Bureau of
4	Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.
5	"Expenditures per pupil" means the total administrative
6	expenditures, general administration expenditures, or school
7	administration expenditures divided by the average number of
8	students reported to the State Board of Education as enrolled
9	in the school district on October 1 and March 1, in the
10	immediately preceding school year, as defined by "Average
10 11	immediately preceding school year, as defined by "Average Student Enrollment" under Section 18-8.15 of this Code.
11	Student Enrollment" under Section 18-8.15 of this Code.
11 12	Student Enrollment" under Section 18-8.15 of this Code. "General administration expenditures" means the sum of all
11 12 13	Student Enrollment" under Section 18-8.15 of this Code. "General administration expenditures" means the sum of all annual expenditures of a school district that are attributable
11 12 13 14	Student Enrollment" under Section 18-8.15 of this Code. "General administration expenditures" means the sum of all annual expenditures of a school district that are attributable to expenditure functions that are defined by the rules of the

18 pension system obligations required by State law.

19 <u>"School administration expenditures" means the sum of all</u> 20 <u>annual expenditures of a school district that are attributable</u> 21 <u>to expenditure functions that are defined by the rules of the</u> 22 <u>State Board of Education as 2400 (Total Support Services -</u> 23 <u>School Administration); however, "school administration</u> 24 <u>expenditures" does not include early retirement or other</u> 25 <u>pension system obligations required by State law.</u>

"School district" means all school districts having a

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1 population of less than 500,000.

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2 (c) For the 1998-99 school year through the 2019-2020 3 school year and each school year thereafter, each school 4 district shall undertake budgetary and expenditure control 5 actions so that the increase in administrative expenditures for 6 that school year over the prior school year does not exceed 5%. 7 For 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter, each school district shall undertake budgetary and expenditure 8 9 control actions so that the increase in each of the budgeted administrative expenditures per pupil, budgeted general 10 11 administration expenditures per pupil, and budgeted school 12 administration expenditures per pupil for that school year over 13 the expenditures per pupil for the prior school year does not 14 exceed the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index for the 12 months ending on December 31 prior to the 15 16 budgetary year or 5%, whichever one is less. For purposes of 17 this Section, for the 2019-2020 school year, the general administration expenditures per pupil shall be the lesser of 18 the actual expenditures per pupil of the school district for 19 20 the prior school year or the amount reported by the United States Census Bureau in its 2001 Annual Survey of School System 21 22 Finances as the Illinois average per pupil for Support Services 23 Expenditure - General Administration (Function 2300), 24 increased by the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer 25 price index for 2002 through 2019 compounded. For purposes of this Section, for the 2019-2020 school year, the school 26

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administration expenditures per pupil shall be the amount 1 2 reported by the United States Census Bureau in its 2015 Annual 3 Survey of School System Finances as the national average per pupil for Support Services Expenditure - School Administration 4 5 (Function 2400), increased by the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index for 2017, 2018, and 2019 6 7 compounded. For the 2020-2021 school year and each subsequent 8 school year, the State Board of Education shall publish on its 9 Internet website the current year allowable percentage 10 increase and a list of school districts that qualify to waive 11 each of the applicable limitations under subsection (c-5) of 12 this Section.

(c-5) School districts with administrative expenditures, 13 14 general administration expenditures, or school administration 15 expenditures per pupil in the 25th percentile and below for all 16 districts of the same type, as defined by the State Board of 17 Education, may waive the applicable limitation imposed under this Section for any year following a public hearing and with 18 the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of 19 20 the school board of the district. Any district waiving a the 21 limitation shall notify the State Board within 45 days of such 22 action.

(d) School districts shall file with the State Board of
 Education by November 15, 1998 and by each November 15th
 thereafter a one-page report that lists (i) the actual
 administrative expenditures, general administration

expenditures, and school administration expenditures for the 1 2 prior year from the district's audited Annual Financial Report, 3 with the relevant average number of students reported to the State Board of Education, as set forth in the definition of 4 5 "expenditures per pupil" under this Section, and (ii) the projected administrative expenditures, general administration 6 7 expenditures, and school administration expenditures for the 8 current year from the budget adopted by the school board 9 pursuant to Section 17-1 of this Code, with the relevant 10 average number of students reported to the State Board of 11 Education, as set forth in the definition of "expenditures per 12 pupil" under this Section, (iii) the administrative 13 expenditures per pupil, general administration expenditures 14 per pupil, and school administration expenditures per pupil for the prior year and the current year, and (iv) the percentage 15 16 increase in current year per pupil expenditures over prior year 17 per pupil expenditures.

If a school district that is ineligible to waive a the 18 limitation imposed by subsection (c) of this Section by board 19 20 limitation solely because action exceeds that the of circumstances beyond the control of the district and the 21 22 district has exhausted all available and reasonable remedies to 23 comply with the applicable limitation, the district may request a waiver pursuant to Section 2-3.25g of this Code. The waiver 24 application shall specify the amount, nature, and reason for 25 26 the relief requested, as well as all remedies the district has

exhausted to comply with the limitation. Any emergency relief 1 2 so requested shall apply only to the specific school year for which the request is made. The State Board of Education shall 3 analyze all such waivers submitted and shall recommend that the 4 5 General Assembly disapprove any such waiver requested that is not due solely to circumstances beyond the control of the 6 7 district and for which the district has not exhausted all 8 available and reasonable remedies to comply with the 9 limitation. The State Superintendent shall have no authority to 10 impose any sanctions pursuant to this Section for any 11 expenditures for which a waiver has been requested until such 12 waiver has been reviewed by the General Assembly. Except for a 13 new district formed under Article 11E of this Code, any district that has current year expenditures per pupil but no 14 15 prior year expenditures per pupil for a limitation must request 16 a waiver under Section 2-3.25g of this Code.

17 the report and information required under this If subsection (d) are not provided by the school district in a 18 19 timely manner, or are subsequently determined by the State 20 Superintendent of Education to be incomplete or inaccurate, the State Superintendent shall notify the district in writing of 21 22 reporting deficiencies. The school district shall, within 60 23 notice, address the reporting deficiencies days of the identified. 24

(e) If the State Superintendent determines that a schooldistrict has failed to comply with the administrative

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1 expenditure, the general administration expenditure, or the 2 school administration expenditure limitation imposed in subsection (c) of this Section, the State Superintendent shall 3 4 notify the district of the violation and direct the district to 5 undertake corrective action to bring the district's budget into 6 compliance with the <u>applicable</u> administrative expenditure 7 limitation. The district shall, within 60 days of the notice, provide adequate assurance to the State Superintendent that 8 appropriate corrective actions have been or will be taken. If 9 10 the district fails to provide adequate assurance or fails to 11 undertake the necessary corrective actions, the State 12 Superintendent may impose progressive sanctions against the 13 district that may culminate in withholding all subsequent payments of general State aid due the district under Section 14 18-8.05 of this Code or evidence-based funding due the district 15 16 under Section 18 8.15 of this Code until the assurance is 17 provided or the corrective actions taken.

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18 (f) The State Superintendent shall publish a list each year 19 of the school districts that violate <u>any</u> the limitation imposed 20 by subsection (c) of this Section and a list of the districts 21 that waive <u>a</u> the limitation by board action as provided in 22 subsection (c-5) (c) of this Section.

23 (g) For any school district that violates a limitation 24 imposed by subsection (c) of this Section for a minimum of 2 25 out of 3 years, the State Superintendent of Education may 26 withhold payments of evidence-based funding due to the school

- 8 - LRB101 09226 AXK 54320 b HB2741 district under Section 18-8.15 of this Code in an amount equal 1 2 to the amount the school district exceeded the limitation 3 imposed. (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.) 4 5 (105 ILCS 5/34-43.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-43.1) 6 Sec. 34-43.1. In this Section, "consumer price index", "expenditures per pupil", "general administration 7 expenditures", and "school administration expenditures" have 8 9 the meanings given to those terms under Section 17-1.5 of this 10 Code. 11 (A) Limitation of noninstructional costs. It is the 12 purpose of this Section to establish for the Board of 13 Education and the general superintendent of schools 14 requirements and standards which maximize the proportion 15 of school district resources in direct support of 16 educational, program, and building maintenance and safety services for the pupils of the district, and which 17 18 correspondingly minimize the amount and proportion of such resources associated with centralized administration, 19 20 administrative support services, and other 21 noninstructional services.

For the 1989-90 school year and for all subsequent school years, the Board of Education shall undertake budgetary and expenditure control actions which limit the administrative expenditures of the Board of Education to

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levels, as provided for in this Section, which represent an average of the administrative expenses of all school districts in this State not subject to Article 34.

For the 2020-2021 school year and for all subsequent 4 school years, the Board of Education shall also undertake 5 6 budgetary and expenditure control actions so that the 7 increase in each of the general administration 8 expenditures per pupil and school administration 9 expenditures per pupil for that school year over the immediately preceding school year expenditures per pupil 10 11 does not exceed the percentage increase, if any, in the 12 consumer price index for the 12 months ending on December 13 31 prior to the budgetary year or 5%, whichever one is 14 less.

15 For purposes of this Section, for the 2019-2020 school 16 year, the general administration expenditures per pupil shall be the amount reported by the United States Census 17 18 Bureau in its 2001 Annual Survey of School System Finances 19 as the average of the Support Services Expenditure -General Administration (Function 2300) per pupil for the 20 21 district, increased by the percentage increase, if any, in 22 the consumer price index for the years 2002 through 2019 compounded. The school administration expenditures per 23 24 pupil shall be the amount reported by the United States 25 Census Bureau in its 2015 Annual Survey of School System 26 Finances as the average of the Support Services Expenditure <u>- School Administration (Function 2400) per pupil for the</u>
 <u>10 largest school districts in the United States, increased</u>
 <u>by the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price</u>
 <u>index for 2017, 2018, and 2019 compounded.</u>

5 <u>On or before May 1, 2020 and annually thereafter, the</u> 6 <u>State Superintendent of Education shall certify to the</u> 7 <u>Board of Education the allowable percentage increase</u> 8 <u>applicable to the following year general administration</u> 9 <u>expenditures per pupil and school administration</u> 10 <u>expenditures per pupil.</u>

(B) Certification of expenses by the State Superintendent of Education. The State Superintendent of Education shall annually certify, on or before May 1, to the Board of Education and the School Finance Authority, for the applicable school year, the following information:

16 (1)the annual expenditures of all school 17 districts of the State not subject to Article 34 properly attributable to expenditure functions defined 18 19 by the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education as: 2210 (Improvement of 20 Instructional 21 Services); 2300 (Support Services -General 22 Administration) excluding, however, 2320 (Executive 23 Administrative Services); 2490 (Other Support Services - School Administration); 2500 (Support Services -24 25 Business); 2600 (Support Services - Central);

(2) the total annual expenditures of all school

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districts not subject to Article 34 attributable to the 1 2 Education Fund, the Operations, Building and 3 Maintenance Fund, the Transportation Fund and the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund of the several 4 districts, as defined by the rules and regulations of 5 the State Board of Education; and 6

7 (3) a ratio, to be called the statewide average of
8 administrative expenditures, derived by dividing the
9 expenditures certified pursuant to paragraph (B) (1) by
10 the expenditures certified pursuant to paragraph
11 (B) (2).

For purposes of the annual certification of expenditures and ratios required by this Section, the "applicable year" of certification shall initially be the 15 1986-87 school year and, in sequent years, each succeeding 16 school year.

17 The State Superintendent of Education shall consult with the Board of Education to ascertain whether particular 18 19 expenditure items allocable to the administrative 20 functions enumerated in paragraph (B)(1) are appropriately or necessarily higher in the applicable school district 21 22 than in the rest of the State due to noncomparable factors. 23 The State Superintendent shall also review the relevant 24 cost proportions in other large urban school districts. The 25 State Superintendent shall also review the expenditure 26 categories in paragraph (B)(1) to ascertain whether they

contain school-level expenses. If he or she finds that 1 2 adjustments to the formula are appropriate or necessary to 3 establish a more fair and comparable standard for administrative cost for the Board of Education or to 4 5 exclude school-level expenses, the State Superintendent 6 shall recommend to the School Finance Authority rules and 7 regulations adjusting particular subcategories in this 8 paragraph subsection (B) or adjusting certain costs in 9 determining the budget and expenditure items properly 10 attributable to the functions or otherwise adjust the 11 formula.

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12 (C) Administrative expenditure limitations. The annual 13 budget of the Board of Education, as adopted and 14 implemented, and the related annual expenditures for the 15 school year, shall reflect a limitation on administrative 16 outlays as required by the following provisions, taking 17 into account any adjustments established by the State of Education: (1) the 18 Superintendent budget and 19 expenditures of the Board of Education for the 1989-90 20 school year shall reflect a ratio of administrative 21 expenditures to total expenditures equal to or less than 22 the statewide average of administrative expenditures for 23 1986-87 school year as certified by the State the 24 Superintendent of Education pursuant to paragraph (B)(3); (2) for the 1990-91 school year and for all subsequent 25 26 school years, the budget and expenditures of the Board of

а ratio of administrative 1 Education shall reflect 2 expenditures to total expenditures equal to or less than 3 statewide average of administrative expenditures the certified by the State Superintendent of Education for the 4 5 applicable year pursuant to paragraph (B) (3); (2.5) for the 6 2020-2021 school year and for all subsequent school years, the budget and expenditures of the Board of Education shall 7 8 reflect an annual increase in each of the general 9 administration expenditures per pupil and school 10 administration expenditures per pupil over the immediately 11 preceding school year expenditures per pupil equal to or 12 less than the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer 13 price index for the 12 months ending on the previous 14 December 31 or 5%, whichever one is less, as certified by 15 the State Superintendent of Education under paragraph (A) 16 of this Section; (3) if for any school year the budget of 17 the Board of Education reflects a ratio of administrative expenditures to total expenditures which exceeds the 18 19 applicable statewide average, the Board of Education shall 20 reduce expenditure items allocable to the administrative 21 functions enumerated in paragraph (B)(1) such that the 22 Board of Education's ratio of administrative expenditures 23 total expenditures is equal to or less than the to 24 applicable statewide average ratio; and (4) beginning with 25 the 2020-2021 school year, if for any school year the budget of the Board of Education reflects an annual 26

1	increase in either general administration expenditures per
2	pupil or school administration expenditures per pupil
3	greater than the percentage increase, if any, in the
4	consumer price index for the 12 months ending on the
5	previous December 31 or 5%, whichever one is less, as
6	certified by the State Superintendent of Education for the
7	applicable school year under paragraph (A) of this Section,
8	the Board of Education shall reduce expenditure items
9	allocable to general administration expenditures or school
10	administration expenditures to ensure the expenditures per
11	pupil are equal to or less than the allowable increase
12	amount.

13 purposes of this Section, the For ratio of 14 administrative expenditures to the total expenditures of 15 the Board of Education, as applied to the budget of the 16 Board of Education, shall mean: the budgeted expenditure 17 items of the Board of Education properly attributable to the expenditure functions identified in paragraph (B)(1) 18 divided by the total budgeted expenditures of the Board of 19 20 Education properly attributable to the Board of Education 21 funds corresponding to those funds identified in paragraph 22 (B)(2), exclusive of any monies budgeted for payment to the 23 Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement System, attributable to payments due from the General Funds of the 24 25 State of Illinois.

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The annual expenditure of the Board of Education for

2320 (Executive Administrative Services) for the 1989-90 1 school year shall be no greater than the 2320 expenditure 2 3 for the 1988-89 school year. The annual expenditure of the Board of Education for 2320 for the 1990-91 school year and 4 5 each subsequent school year shall be no greater than the 6 2320 expenditure for the immediately preceding school year 7 or the 1988-89 school year, whichever is less. This annual 8 expenditure limitation may be adjusted in each year in an 9 amount not to exceed any change effective during the 10 applicable school year in salary to be paid under the 11 collective bargaining agreement with instructional 12 personnel to which the Board is a party and in benefit costs either required by law or such collective bargaining 13 14 agreement.

15 (D) Cost control measures. In undertaking actions to 16 control or reduce expenditure items necessitated by the 17 expenditure, general administration administrative expenditure, and school administration expenditure 18 19 limitations of this Section, the Board of Education shall 20 give priority consideration to reductions or cost controls 21 with the least effect upon direct services to students or 22 instructional services for pupils, and upon the safety and 23 and, as applicable, with the well-being of pupils, 24 particular costs or functions to which the Board of 25 Education is higher than the statewide average.

26 For purposes of assuring that the cost control

1 priorities of this paragraph subsection (D) are met, the 2 Superintendent of Education shall, with State the assistance of the Board of Education, review the cost 3 allocation practices of the Board of Education, and the 4 5 State Superintendent of Education shall thereafter 6 recommend to the School Finance Authority rules and 7 define administrative, general regulations which 8 administration, and school administration areas which most 9 impact upon the direct and instructional needs of students 10 and upon the safety and well-being of the pupils of the 11 district. No position closed shall be reopened using State 12 or federal categorical funds.

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13 (E) Report of Audited Information. For the 1988-89 14 school year and for all subsequent school years, the Board 15 of Education shall file with the State Board of Education 16 the Annual Financial Report and its audit, as required by 17 the rules of the State Board of Education. Such reports shall be filed no later than February 15 following the end 18 19 of the school year of the Board of Education, beginning 20 with the report to be filed no later than February 15, 1990 21 for the 1988-89 school year.

As part of the required Annual Financial Report, the Board of Education shall provide a detailed accounting of the central level, district, bureau and department costs and personnel included within expenditure functions included in <u>paragraphs (A) and</u> paragraph (B)(1) <u>of this</u>

Section. The nature and detail of the reporting required 1 for these functions shall be prescribed by the State Board 2 3 of Education in rules and regulations. A copy of this detailed accounting shall also be provided annually to the 4 School Finance Authority and the public. This report shall 5 6 contain a reconciliation to the Board of Education's board 7 of education's adopted budget for that fiscal year, 8 specifically delineating administrative functions.

9 If the information required under this Section is not 10 provided by the Board of Education in a timely manner, or 11 is initially or subsequently determined by the State 12 Superintendent of Education to be incomplete or 13 inaccurate, the State Superintendent shall, in writing, 14 notify the Board of Education of reporting deficiencies. 15 The Board of Education shall, within 60 days of such 16 notice, address the reporting deficiencies identified. If 17 the State Superintendent of Education does not receive 18 satisfactory response to these reporting deficiencies 19 within 60 days, the next payment of general State aid or 20 evidence-based funding due the Board of Education under Section 18-8 or Section 18-8.15 21 of this Code, as 22 applicable, and all subsequent payments, shall be withheld 23 by the State Superintendent of Education until the enumerated deficiencies have been addressed. 24

Utilizing the Annual Financial Report, the State
 Superintendent of Education shall certify on or before May

1	1 to the <u>Board of Education</u> School Finance Authority the
2	Board of Education's ratio of administrative expenditures
3	to total expenditures for the 1988-89 school year and for
4	each succeeding school year and the Board of Education's
5	general administration expenditures and school
6	administration expenditures for the 2020-2021 school year
7	and for each subsequent school year. Such certification
8	shall indicate the extent to which the administrative
9	expenditure ratio, general administration expenditures,
10	and school administration expenditures of the Board of
11	Education conformed to the limitations required in
12	paragraph subsection (C) of this Section, taking into
13	account any adjustments of the administrative expenditure
14	limitations which may have been recommended by the State
15	Superintendent of Education to the School Finance
16	Authority. In deriving the administrative expenditure
17	ratio of the Chicago Board of Education, the State
18	Superintendent of Education shall utilize the definition
19	of this ratio prescribed in <u>paragraph</u> subsection (C) of
20	this Section, except that the actual expenditures of the
21	Board of Education shall be substituted for budgeted
22	expenditure items. In deriving the general administration
23	expenditures per pupil and school administration
24	expenditures per pupil of the Board of Education, the State
25	Superintendent of Education shall utilize the percentage
26	increase under paragraph (C) of this Section, except that

the actual expenditures per pupil of the Board of Education shall be substituted for budgeted expenditures per pupil.

3 (F) adjustments to administrative Approval and expenditure limitations. The School Finance Authority 4 5 organized under Article 34A shall monitor the Board of 6 Education's adherence to the requirements of this Section. 7 As part of its responsibility the School Finance Authority 8 shall determine whether the Board of Education's budget for 9 the next school year, and the expenditures for a prior 10 school year, comply with the limitation of administrative 11 expenditures, general administration expenditures, and 12 school administration expenditures required by this 13 Section. The Board of Education and the State Board of 14 Education shall provide such information as is required by 15 the School Finance Authority in order for the Authority to 16 determine compliance with the provisions of this Section. 17 If the Authority determines that the budget proposed by the Education does not meet the cost 18 Board of control 19 requirements of this Section, the Board of Education shall budgetary reductions, consistent with 20 undertake the 21 requirements of this Section, to bring the proposed budget 22 into compliance with such cost control limitations.

If, in formulating cost control and cost reduction alternatives, the Board of Education believes that meeting the cost control requirements of this Section related to the budget for the ensuing year would impair the education,

safety, or well-being of the pupils of the school district, 1 2 the Board of Education may request that the School Finance 3 Authority make adjustments to the limitations required by this Section. The Board of Education shall specify the 4 5 amount, nature, and reasons for the relief required and 6 shall also identify cost reductions which can be made in 7 expenditure functions not enumerated in paragraphs (A) and 8 paragraph (B)(1) of this Section, which would serve the 9 purposes of this Section.

10 The School Finance Authority shall consult with the 11 State Superintendent of Education concerning the 12 reasonableness from an educational administration perspective of the adjustments sought by the Board of 13 14 Education. The School Finance Authority shall provide an opportunity for the 15 public to comment upon the 16 reasonableness of the Board's request. If, after such consultation, the School Finance Authority determines that 17 18 all or a portion of the adjustments sought by the Board of 19 Education are reasonably appropriate or necessary, the 20 Authority may grant such relief from the provisions of this 21 Section which the Authority deems appropriate. Adjustments 22 so granted apply only to the specific school year for which 23 the request was made.

In the event that the School Finance Authority determines that the Board of Education has failed to achieve the required administrative, general

1 administration, and school administration expenditure limitations for a prior school year, or if the Authority 2 3 determines that the Board of Education has not met the requirements of this paragraph subsection 4 (F), the Authority shall make recommendations to the Board of 5 6 Education concerning appropriate corrective actions. If 7 the Board of Education fails to provide adequate assurance 8 to the Authority that appropriate corrective actions have 9 been or will be taken, the Authority may, within 60 days 10 thereafter, require the board to adjust its current budget 11 to correct for the prior year's shortage or may recommend 12 to the members of the General Assembly and the Governor 13 such sanctions or remedial actions as will serve to deter 14 any further such failures on the part of the Board of 15 Education.

16 To assist the Authority in its monitoring 17 responsibilities, the Board of Education shall provide 18 such reports and information as are from time to time 19 required by the Authority.

20 (G) Independent reviews of administrative 21 expenditures. The School Finance Authority may direct 22 independent reviews of the administrative and 23 administrative support expenditures and services and other non-instructional expenditure functions of the Board of 24 25 Education. The Board of Education shall afford full 26 cooperation to the School Finance Authority in such review

activity. The purpose of such reviews shall be to verify specific targets for improved operating efficiencies of the Board of Education, to identify other areas of potential efficiencies, and to assure full and proper compliance by the Board of Education with all requirements of this Section.

7 In the conduct of reviews under this <u>paragraph (G)</u> 8 subsection, the Authority may request the assistance and 9 consultation of the State Superintendent of Education with 10 regard to questions of efficiency and effectiveness in 11 educational administration.

12 (H) Reports to Governor and General Assembly. On or before May 1, 1991 and no less frequently than yearly 13 14 thereafter, the School Finance Authority shall provide to 15 the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the members 16 of the General Assembly an annual report, as outlined in 17 Section 34A-606, which includes the following information: (1) documenting the compliance or non-compliance of the 18 19 Board of Education with the requirements of this Section; 20 (2) summarizing the costs, findings, and recommendations 21 of any reviews directed by the School Finance Authority, 22 and the response to such recommendations made by the Board 23 Education: of and (3) recommending sanctions or 24 legislation necessary to fulfill the intent of this 25 Section.

26 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)