

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB4176

Introduced 1/22/2020, by Rep. Sam Yingling

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/1E-5

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning downstate school finance authorities.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

- 4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
- 5 1E-5 as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/1E-5)
- 7 (This Section scheduled to be repealed in accordance with
- 8 105 ILCS 5/1E-165)

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- 9 Sec. 1E-5. Findings; purpose; intent.
- 10 (a) The The General Assembly finds all of the following:
- 11 (1) A fundamental goal of the people of this State, as
 12 expressed in Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois
 13 Constitution, is the educational development of all
 14 persons to the limits of their capacities. When a board of
 15 education faces financial difficulties, continued
- operation of the public school system is threatened.
 - (2) A sound financial structure is essential to the continued operation of any school system. It is vital to commercial, educational, and cultural interests that public schools remain in operation. To achieve that goal, public school systems must have effective access to the private market to borrow short and long term funds.
- 23 (3) To promote the financial integrity of districts, as

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defined in this Article, it is necessary to provide for the 1 2 creation of school finance authorities with the powers 3 necessary to promote sound financial management and to ensure the continued operation of the public schools. 4

(b) It is the purpose of this Article to provide a secure financial basis for the continued operation of public schools. The intention of the General Assembly, in creating this Article, is to establish procedures, provide powers, and impose restrictions to ensure the financial and educational integrity of the public schools, while leaving principal responsibility for the educational policies of public schools to the boards of education within the State, consistent with the requirements for satisfying the public policy and purpose set forth in this Article.

15 (Source: P.A. 92-547, eff. 6-13-02.)