



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB1216

Introduced 02/08/11, by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/11E-190 new

Amends the School Code. Establishes the School District Realignment and Consolidation Commission to make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the number of school districts in this State, the optimal amount of enrollment for a school district, and where consolidation and realignment would be beneficial. Provides that within 60 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Commission must vote on its recommendations and file a report with the Governor and the General Assembly. Provides that if the Commission adopts the report by a three-fifths vote, then the General Assembly must, within 14 days after the report is filed by the Commission, vote on whether to accept the report by the adoption of a resolution by a record vote of a majority of the members elected in each house. Provides that if the General Assembly is not in session on the day that the report is filed, then the General Assembly must vote on whether to accept the report within 14 days after the General Assembly convenes for the first time after the report is filed. Dissolves the Commission on the day after the report is filed with both the Governor and the General Assembly. Repeals these provisions on January 1, 2012. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 adding Section  
5 11E-190 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/11E-190 new)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2012)

8 Sec. 11E-190. School District Realignment and  
9 Consolidation Commission.

10 (a) The School District Realignment and Consolidation  
11 Commission is established. The Commission shall consist of all  
12 of the following voting members:

13 (1) Six members of the House of Representatives, 3  
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House and 3 appointed by  
15 the Minority Leader of the House.

16 (2) Six members of the Senate, 3 appointed by the  
17 President of the Senate and 3 appointed by the Minority  
18 Leader of the Senate.

19 (3) Six members, with no more than 4 from the same  
20 political party, appointed by the Governor.

21 Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
22 reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from  
23 funds appropriated for that purpose. Members shall be

1 reimbursed for their travel expenses from appropriations to the  
2 State Board of Education available for that purpose and subject  
3 to the rules of the appropriate travel control board.

4 The Commission shall meet initially at the call of the  
5 Governor as soon as possible after the effective date of this  
6 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, shall select one  
7 member as chairperson at its initial meeting, shall thereafter  
8 meet at the call of the chairperson, and shall hold public  
9 hearings.

10 The State Board of Education shall provide assistance and  
11 necessary staff support services to the Commission.

12 (b) The purpose of the Commission is to make  
13 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the  
14 number of school districts in this State, the optimal amount of  
15 enrollment for a school district, and where consolidation and  
16 realignment would be beneficial. The Commission's  
17 recommendations must focus on all of the following areas:

18 (1) Reducing the money spent on duplication of efforts.

19 (2) Improving the education of students by having less  
20 obstacles between qualified teachers and their students.

21 (3) Lowering the property tax burden.

22 (4) Providing recommendations as to what the net cost  
23 savings of realignment is to this State.

24 (5) Providing input to school districts on  
25 reorganization.

26 (c) Within 60 days after the effective date of this

1 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the Commission  
2 must vote on its recommendations and file a report with the  
3 Governor and the General Assembly. If the Commission adopts the  
4 report by a three-fifths vote, then the General Assembly must,  
5 within 14 days after the report is filed by the Commission,  
6 vote on whether to accept the report by the adoption of a  
7 resolution by a record vote of a majority of the members  
8 elected in each house. If the General Assembly is not in  
9 session on the day that the report is filed, then the General  
10 Assembly must vote on whether to accept the report within 14  
11 days after the General Assembly convenes for the first time  
12 after the report is filed. The Commission is dissolved on the  
13 day after the report is filed with both the Governor and the  
14 General Assembly.

15 (d) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2012.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.