



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3197

by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new

Amends the School Code. Creates the Attendance Commission within the State Board of Education to study chronic absenteeism and make recommendations for strategies to prevent chronic absenteeism. Sets forth provisions concerning the members of the Commission, meetings and hearings of the Commission, State Board support for the Commission, and duties of the Commission. Provides that the Attendance Commission shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the State Board of Education no later than December 15 of each year. Provides that the Commission is abolished and these provisions are repealed on December 16, 2020. 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 2-3.163 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.163. Attendance Commission.

8 (a) The Attendance Commission is created within the State  
9 Board of Education to study the issue of chronic absenteeism in  
10 this State and make recommendations for strategies to prevent  
11 chronic absenteeism. The Commission shall consist of all of the  
12 following members:

13 (1) The Director of the Department of Children and  
14 Family Services or his or her designee.

15 (2) The Chairperson of the State Board of Education or  
16 his or her designee.

17 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Higher Education or  
18 his or her designee.

19 (4) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services  
20 or his or her designee.

21 (5) The Director of the Department of Public Health or  
22 his or her designee.

23 (6) The Chairperson of the Illinois Community College

1 Board or his or her designee.

2 (7) The Chairperson of the State Charter School  
3 Commission or his or her designee.

4 (8) An individual that deals with children's  
5 disabilities, impairments, and social emotional issues,  
6 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

7 (9) One member from each of the following  
8 organizations, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
9 Education:

10 (A) A non-profit organization that advocates for  
11 students in temporary living situations.

12 (B) An Illinois-focused, non-profit organization  
13 that advocates for the well-being of all children and  
14 families in this State.

15 (C) An Illinois non-profit, anti-crime  
16 organization of law enforcement that researches and  
17 recommends early learning and youth development  
18 strategies to reduce crime.

19 (D) An Illinois non-profit organization that  
20 conducts community-organizing around family issues.

21 (E) A statewide professional teachers'  
22 organization.

23 (F) A different statewide professional teachers'  
24 organization.

25 (G) A professional teachers' organization in a  
26 city having a population exceeding 500,000.

1                   (H) An association representing school  
2                   administrators.

3                   (I) An association representing school board  
4                   members.

5                   (J) An association representing school principals.

6                   (K) An association representing regional  
7                   superintendents of schools.

8                   (L) An association representing parents.

9                   (M) An association representing high school  
10                   districts.

11                   (N) An association representing large unit  
12                   districts.

13                   Attendance Commission members shall serve without  
14                   compensation but shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses  
15                   from appropriations to the State Board of Education available  
16                   for that purpose and subject to the rules of the appropriate  
17                   travel control board.

18                   (b) The Attendance Commission shall meet initially at the  
19                   call of the State Superintendent of Education. The members  
20                   shall elect a chairperson at their initial meeting. Thereafter,  
21                   the Attendance Commission shall meet at the call of the  
22                   chairperson. The Attendance Commission shall hold hearings on a  
23                   periodic basis to receive testimony from the public regarding  
24                   attendance.

25                   (c) The Attendance Commission shall identify strategies,  
26                   mechanisms, and approaches to help parents, educators,

1 principals, superintendents, and the State Board of Education  
2 address and prevent chronic absenteeism and shall recommend to  
3 the General Assembly and State Board of Education:

4 (1) a standard for attendance and chronic absenteeism,  
5 defining attendance as a calculation of standard clock  
6 hours in a day that equal a full day based on instructional  
7 minutes for both a half day and a full day per learning  
8 environment;

9 (2) mechanisms to improve data systems to monitor and  
10 track chronic absenteeism across this State in a way that  
11 identifies trends from prekindergarten through grade 12  
12 and allows the identification of students who need  
13 individualized chronic absenteeism prevention plans;

14 (3) mechanisms for reporting and accountability for  
15 schools and districts across this State, including  
16 creating multiple measure indexes for reporting;

17 (4) best practices for utilizing attendance and  
18 chronic absenteeism data to create multi-tiered systems of  
19 support and prevention that will result in students being  
20 ready for college and career; and

21 (5) new initiatives and responses to ongoing  
22 challenges presented by chronic absenteeism.

23 (d) The State Board of Education shall provide  
24 administrative support to the Commission. The Attendance  
25 Commission shall submit an annual report to the General  
26 Assembly and the State Board of Education no later than

1 December 15 of each year.

2 (e) The Attendance Commission is abolished and this Section  
3 is repealed on December 16, 2020.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.