

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 2-3.160 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.160)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2015)

8 Sec. 2-3.160. School Security and Standards Task Force.

9 (a) The School Security and Standards Task Force is created
10 within the State Board of Education to study the security of
11 schools in this State, make recommendations, and draft minimum
12 standards for use by schools to make them more secure and to
13 provide a safer learning environment for the children of this
14 State. The Task Force shall consist of all of the following
15 members:

16 (1) One member of the public who is a parent and one
17 member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the
18 Senate.

19 (2) One member of the public who is a parent and one
20 member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority Leader of
21 the Senate.

22 (3) One member of the public who is a parent and one
23 member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

2 (4) One member of the public who is a parent and one
3 member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
4 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

5 (5) A representative from the State Board of Education,
6 appointed by the Chairperson of the State Board of
7 Education.

8 (6) A representative from the Department of State
9 Police, appointed by the Director of State Police.

10 (7) A representative from an association representing
11 Illinois sheriffs, appointed by the Governor.

12 (8) A representative from an association representing
13 Illinois chiefs of police, appointed by the Governor.

14 (9) A representative from an association representing
15 Illinois firefighters, appointed by the Governor.

16 (10) A representative from an association representing
17 Illinois regional superintendents of schools, appointed by
18 the Governor.

19 (11) A representative from an association representing
20 Illinois principals, appointed by the Governor.

21 (12) A representative from an association representing
22 Illinois school boards, appointed by the Governor.

23 (13) A representative from the security consulting
24 profession, appointed by the Governor.

25 (14) An architect or engineer who specializes in
26 security issues, appointed by the Governor.

1 Members of the Task Force appointed by the Governor must be
2 individuals who have knowledge, experience, and expertise in
3 the field of security or who have worked within the school
4 system. The appointment of members by the Governor must reflect
5 the geographic diversity of this State.

6 Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation
7 and shall not be reimbursed for their expenses.

8 (b) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the
9 State Superintendent of Education. At this initial meeting, the
10 Task Force shall elect a member as presiding officer of the
11 Task Force by a majority vote of the membership of the Task
12 Force. Thereafter, the Task Force shall meet at the call of the
13 presiding officer.

14 (c) The State Board of Education shall provide
15 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

16 (d) The Task Force shall make recommendations for minimum
17 standards for security for the schools in this State. In making
18 those recommendations, the Task Force shall do all of the
19 following:

20 (1) Gather information concerning security in schools
21 as it presently exists.

22 (2) Receive reports and testimony from individuals,
23 school district superintendents, principals, teachers,
24 security experts, architects, engineers, and the law
25 enforcement community.

26 (3) Create minimum standards for securing schools.

1 (4) Give consideration to securing the physical
2 structures, security staffing recommendations,
3 communications, security equipment, alarms, video and
4 audio monitoring, school policies, egress and ingress,
5 security plans, emergency exits and escape, and any other
6 areas of security that the Task Force deems appropriate for
7 securing schools.

8 (5) Create a model security plan policy.

9 (6) Suggest possible funding recommendations for
10 schools to access for use in implementing enhanced security
11 measures.

12 (7) On or before January 1, 2016 ~~2015~~, submit a report
13 to the General Assembly and the Governor on specific
14 recommendations for changes to the current law or other
15 legislative measures.

16 (8) On or before July 1, 2016 ~~January 1, 2015~~, submit a
17 report to the State Board of Education on specific
18 recommendations for model security plan policies for
19 schools to access and use as a guideline. This report is
20 exempt from inspection and copying under Section 7 of the
21 Freedom of Information Act.

22 The Task Force's recommendations may include proposals for
23 specific statutory changes and methods to foster cooperation
24 among State agencies and between this State and local
25 government.

26 (e) The Task Force is abolished and this Section is

1 repealed on July 2, 2016 ~~1, 2015~~.

2 (Source: P.A. 98-695, eff. 7-3-14.)

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