

1 AN ACT in relation to schools.

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  
5 Section 18-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/18-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-12)

7 Sec. 18-12. Dates for filing State aid claims.} The  
8 school board of each school district shall require teachers,  
9 principals, or superintendents to furnish from records kept  
10 by them such data as it needs in preparing and certifying  
11 under oath or affirmation to the regional superintendent its  
12 school district report of claims provided in Sections 18-8  
13 through 18-10 on blanks to be provided by the State  
14 Superintendent of Education. The district claim shall be  
15 based on the latest available equalized assessed valuation  
16 and tax rates, as provided in Section 18-8.05 18-8 and shall  
17 use the average daily attendance as determined by the method  
18 outlined in Section 18-8.05 18-8 and shall be certified and  
19 filed with the regional superintendent by July 1. Failure to  
20 so file by July 1 constitutes a forfeiture of the right to  
21 receive payment by the State until such claim is filed and  
22 vouchered for payment. The regional superintendent of  
23 schools shall certify the county report of claims by July 15;  
24 and the State Superintendent of Education shall voucher for  
25 payment those claims to the State Comptroller as provided in  
26 Section 18-11.

27 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, if any  
28 school district fails to provide the minimum school term  
29 specified in Section 10-19, the State aid claim for that year  
30 shall be reduced by the State Superintendent of Education in  
31 an amount equivalent to .56818% for each day less than the

1 number of days required by this Code Act. However,

2 If the State Superintendent of Education determines that  
3 the such failure to provide the minimum school term was  
4 occasioned by an act or acts of God, or was occasioned by  
5 conditions beyond the control of the school district which  
6 posed a hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils,  
7 the State aid claim need not be reduced.

8 If the State Superintendent of Education determines that  
9 the failure to provide the minimum school term was due to a  
10 school being closed on or after September 11, 2001 for more  
11 than one-half day of attendance due to a bioterrorism or  
12 terrorism threat that was investigated by a law enforcement  
13 agency, the State aid claim shall not be reduced.

14 If, during any school day, (i) a school district has  
15 provided at least one clock hour of instruction but must  
16 close the schools due to adverse weather conditions prior to  
17 providing the minimum hours of instruction required for a  
18 full day of attendance, or (ii) the school district must  
19 delay the start of the school day due to adverse weather  
20 conditions and this delay prevents the district from  
21 providing the minimum hours of instruction required for a  
22 full day of attendance, the partial day of attendance may be  
23 counted as a full day of attendance. The partial day of  
24 attendance and the reasons therefor shall be certified in  
25 writing within a month of the closing or delayed start by the  
26 local school district superintendent to the Regional  
27 Superintendent of Schools for forwarding to the State  
28 Superintendent of Education for approval.

29 No exception to the requirement of providing a minimum  
30 school term may be approved by the State Superintendent of  
31 Education pursuant to this Section unless a school district  
32 has first used all emergency days provided for in its regular  
33 calendar.

34 If the State Superintendent of Education declares that an

1 energy shortage exists during any part of the school year for  
2 the State or a designated portion of the State, a district  
3 may operate the school attendance centers within the district  
4 4 days of the week during the time of the shortage by  
5 extending each existing school day by one clock hour of  
6 school work, and the State aid claim shall not be reduced,  
7 nor shall the employees of that district suffer any reduction  
8 in salary or benefits as a result thereof. A district may  
9 operate all attendance centers on this revised schedule, or  
10 may apply the schedule to selected attendance centers, taking  
11 into consideration such factors as pupil transportation  
12 schedules and patterns and sources of energy for individual  
13 attendance centers.

14 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless  
15 the clerk or secretary of the school board executes and files  
16 with the State Superintendent of Education, on forms  
17 prescribed by the Superintendent, a sworn statement that the  
18 district has complied with the requirements of Section  
19 10-22.5 in regard to the nonsegregation of pupils on account  
20 of color, creed, race, sex or nationality.

21 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless  
22 the clerk or secretary of the school board executes and files  
23 with the State Superintendent of Education, on forms  
24 prescribed by the Superintendent, a sworn statement that to  
25 the best of his or her knowledge or belief the employing or  
26 assigning personnel have complied with Section 24-4 in all  
27 respects.

28 (Source: P.A. 90-98, eff. 7-11-97.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
30 becoming law.