

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 14-19 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-19 new)

7 Sec. 14-19. Parental notice of right to be accompanied to
8 meeting and of the IEP facilitation process. The notice
9 provided to a parent or guardian prior to a meeting pursuant to
10 subsection (g) of Section 14-8.02 shall inform the parent or
11 guardian of the parent's or guardian's right to invite other
12 individuals to the meeting to assist the parent or guardian,
13 including individuals who have knowledge or special expertise
14 regarding the child, and advocates for the parent, guardian,
15 or child. The notice shall include a request that the parent or
16 guardian inform the school prior to the meeting if the parent
17 or guardian plans to bring other individuals to the meeting so
18 arrangements can be made to accommodate the additional
19 participants.

20 The State Board of Education shall prepare and distribute
21 to each school district written informational material about
22 the individualized education program (IEP) facilitation
23 process. The material may consist of a one-page document that

1 briefly describes the process and how to request IEP
2 facilitation. The informational material on IEP facilitation
3 shall be disseminated to parents and guardians by schools
4 using the same distribution methods employed to transmit other
5 documents and information related to an IEP meeting to a
6 parent or guardian.