



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1599

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. William "Will" Davis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/13A-8

Amends the Safe Schools Law of the School Code. In provisions concerning funding, provides that in any fiscal year in which the State funding allocation is at or above \$22,730,000, each alternative school program shall receive \$100,000 for that fiscal year (instead of receiving funding in the amount of \$30,000), plus an amount based on the ratio of an educational service region's or the Chicago public school system's average student enrollment (instead of best 3 months' average daily attendance in grades pre-kindergarten through 12) to the statewide totals of these amounts. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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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 13A-8 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/13A-8)

7 Sec. 13A-8. Funding.

8 (a) The State of Illinois shall provide funding for the  
9 alternative school programs within each educational service  
10 region and within the Chicago public school system by line  
11 item appropriation made to the State Board of Education for  
12 that purpose. This money, when appropriated, shall be provided  
13 to the regional superintendent and to the Chicago Board of  
14 Education, who shall establish a budget, including salaries,  
15 for their alternative school programs. Each program shall  
16 receive funding in the amount of \$30,000, except that in any  
17 fiscal year in which the funding allocation is at or above  
18 \$22,730,000, each program shall receive \$100,000 for that  
19 fiscal year, plus an amount based on the ratio of the region's  
20 or Chicago's average student enrollment ~~best 3 months' average~~  
21 ~~daily attendance in grades pre-kindergarten through 12~~ to the  
22 statewide totals of these amounts. For purposes of this  
23 calculation, average student enrollment ~~the best 3 months'~~

1 ~~average daily attendance~~ for each region or Chicago shall be  
2 calculated by adding to the average student enrollment ~~best 3~~  
3 ~~months' average daily attendance~~ the number of low-income  
4 students identified in the most recently available federal  
5 census multiplied by one-half times the percentage of the  
6 region's or Chicago's low-income students to the State's total  
7 low-income students. The State Board of Education shall retain  
8 up to 1.1% of the appropriation to be used to provide technical  
9 assistance, professional development, and evaluations for the  
10 programs.

11 (a-5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
12 Section, for the 1998-1999 fiscal year, the total amount  
13 distributed under subsection (a) for an alternative school  
14 program shall be not less than the total amount that was  
15 distributed under that subsection for that alternative school  
16 program for the 1997-1998 fiscal year. If an alternative  
17 school program is to receive a total distribution under  
18 subsection (a) for the 1998-1999 fiscal year that is less than  
19 the total distribution that the program received under that  
20 subsection for the 1997-1998 fiscal year, that alternative  
21 school program shall also receive, from a separate  
22 appropriation made for purposes of this subsection (a-5), a  
23 supplementary payment equal to the amount by which its total  
24 distribution under subsection (a) for the 1997-1998 fiscal  
25 year exceeds the amount of the total distribution that the  
26 alternative school program receives under that subsection for

1 the 1998-1999 fiscal year. If the amount appropriated for  
2 supplementary payments to alternative school programs under  
3 this subsection (a-5) is insufficient for that purpose, those  
4 supplementary payments shall be prorated among the alternative  
5 school programs entitled to receive those supplementary  
6 payments according to the aggregate amount of the  
7 appropriation made for purposes of this subsection (a-5).

8 (b) An alternative school program shall be entitled to  
9 receive general State aid as calculated in subsection (K) of  
10 Section 18-8.05 or evidence-based funding as calculated in  
11 subsection (g) of Section 18-8.15 upon filing a claim as  
12 provided therein. Any time that a student who is enrolled in an  
13 alternative school program spends in work-based learning,  
14 community service, or a similar alternative educational  
15 setting shall be included in determining the student's minimum  
16 number of clock hours of daily school work that constitute a  
17 day of attendance for purposes of calculating general State  
18 aid or evidence-based funding.

19 (c) An alternative school program may receive additional  
20 funding from its school districts in such amount as may be  
21 agreed upon by the parties and necessary to support the  
22 program. In addition, an alternative school program is  
23 authorized to accept and expend gifts, legacies, and grants,  
24 including but not limited to federal grants, from any source  
25 for purposes directly related to the conduct and operation of  
26 the program.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)

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