



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3008

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Jed Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new
105 ILCS 5/2-3.206 new

Amends the School Code. Authorizes the State Board of Education to administer the Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance Program. Requires the State Board to create a list of preapproved items which may be purchased using funds loaded onto a Classroom Supply Assistance Card (CSAC). Provides that at the beginning of each school quarter starting during the 2027-2028 school year, the State Board shall distribute funds from the Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance Program Fund to teachers throughout the State. Provides that funds for the Program shall be distributed according to a needs-based formula taking into account school district funding, district poverty rates and Title 1 status, per-pupil spending disparities, student performance metrics, and teacher-to-student ratios. Provides that purchases made with a CSAC shall be tracked electronically and monitored to ensure compliance with the list of approved supplies. Provides that teachers shall have access to an online portal to manage funds, review balances, and track purchases. Provides that annual audits shall be conducted to maintain transparency and prevent misuse. Requires the State Board to launch a pilot program in high-needs districts for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years to test the funding model and distribution process. Requires the State Board to annually report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of the Program and any problems that arose with its implementation in the preceding calendar year. Creates the Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance Fund. Makes a conforming change in the State Finance Act.

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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 State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.1030 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

7 Sec. 5.1030. The Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance
8 Fund.

9 Section 10. The School Code is amended by adding Section
10 2-3.206 as follows:

11 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.206 new)

12 Sec. 2-3.206. Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance
13 Program.

14 (a) To support Illinois teachers and improve student
15 outcomes, the State Board of Education is authorized to
16 administer the Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance Program.

17 (b) As used in this Section, "necessary classroom
18 materials" means: basic classroom materials, such as paper,
19 pencils, and art supplies; educational tools, such as
20 manipulatives, learning aids, and technology accessories; and
21 organizational items, such as storage, bulletin boards, and

1 cleaning supplies. "Necessary classroom materials" does not
2 include personal electronics, clothing, and noneducational
3 goods.

4 (c) The State Board of Education shall create a list of
5 preapproved items which may be purchased using funds loaded
6 onto a Classroom Supply Assistance Card.

7 (d) Subject to appropriation, at the beginning of each
8 school quarter starting during the 2027-2028 school year, the
9 State Board of Education shall distribute funds from the
10 Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance Program Fund to teachers
11 throughout the State via State-issued Classroom Supply
12 Assistance Cards (CSAC) giving teachers flexibility to
13 purchase necessary classroom materials throughout that
14 quarter.

15 (e) Funds for the Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance
16 Program shall be distributed according to a needs-based
17 formula taking into account school district funding, district
18 poverty rates and Title 1 status, per-pupil spending
19 disparities, student performance metrics, and
20 teacher-to-student ratios, as determined by the State Board of
21 Education. Additional quarterly funding shall be made
22 available to teachers in special education, STEM, and arts
23 classrooms, reflecting the higher material cost of these
24 programs.

25 (f) The State Board of Education shall collaborate with
26 major office and educational supply retailers, as well as

1 participating local businesses to streamline purchasing.

2 (g) Purchases made with a CSAC shall be tracked
3 electronically and monitored to ensure compliance with the
4 list of approved supplies. Teachers shall have access to an
5 online portal to manage funds, review balances, and track
6 purchases. Annual audits shall be conducted to maintain
7 transparency and prevent misuse.

8 (h) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education
9 shall launch a pilot program in high-needs districts for the
10 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years to test the funding model
11 and distribution process. The State Board of Education shall
12 annually report to the Governor and the General Assembly on
13 the status of the Program and any problems that arose with its
14 implementation in the preceding calendar year. Adjustments
15 shall be made based on the pilot's feedback and results.

16 (i) The Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance Fund is
17 created as a special fund in the State treasury for the purpose
18 of funding the Illinois Classroom Supply Assistance Program.