



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB4276

Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/34-200

Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. With respect to school action and facility master planning, defines "co-location" as a school action in which 2 or more separate schools, each under the direction of its own principal and local school council and maintaining a distinct program and attendance area or other enrollment, are assigned by the Chicago Board of Education to operate entirely within the same school building, but provides that the term does not include an existing school's temporary use of available, vacant, or underutilized space in a second school building to increase capacity or relieve overcrowding if: (1) that school continues to additionally operate in its current building under its own principal and local school council and to serve the same attendance area or population; and (2) the Board designates the use of the second building's space as a temporary measure for a specified period of time.

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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 34-200 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-200)

7 Sec. 34-200. Definitions. For the purposes of Sections  
8 34-200 through 34-235 of this Article:

9 "Capital improvement plan" means a plan that identifies  
10 capital projects to be started or finished within the  
11 designated period, excluding projects funded by locally raised  
12 capital not exceeding \$10,000.

13 "Co-location" means a school action in which 2 or more  
14 separate schools, each under the direction of its own  
15 principal and local school council and maintaining a distinct  
16 program and attendance area or other enrollment, are assigned  
17 by the board to operate entirely within the same school  
18 building. "Co-location" does not include an existing school's  
19 temporary use of available, vacant, or underutilized space in  
20 a second school building to increase capacity or relieve  
21 overcrowding if:

22 (1) that school continues to additionally operate in  
23 its current building under its own principal and local

1 school council and to serve the same attendance area or  
2 population; and

3 (2) the board designates the use of the second  
4 building's space as a temporary measure for a specified  
5 period of time.

6 "Community area" means a geographic area of the City of  
7 Chicago defined by the chief executive officer as part of the  
8 development of the educational facilities master plan.

9 "Space utilization" means the percentage achieved by  
10 dividing the school's actual enrollment by its design  
11 capacity.

12 "School closing" or "school closure" means the closing of  
13 a school, the effect of which is the assignment and transfer of  
14 all students enrolled at that school to one or more designated  
15 receiving schools.

16 "School consolidation" means the consolidation of 2 or  
17 more schools by closing one or more schools and reassigning  
18 the students to another school.

19 "Phase-out" means the gradual cessation of enrollment in  
20 certain grades each school year until a school closes or is  
21 consolidated with another school.

22 "School action" means any school closing; school  
23 consolidation; co-location; boundary change that requires  
24 reassignment of students, unless the reassignment is to a new  
25 school with an attendance area boundary and is made to relieve  
26 overcrowding; or phase-out.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-473, eff. 1-1-12; 97-474, eff. 8-22-11;  
2 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)