

**SB3358**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 2/4/2026, by Sen. Laura Ellman

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.117

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop statewide guidance for school districts and educators on the use of technology-based learning resources in elementary and secondary education. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop and publish the guidance by July 1, 2027 and provide continuous updates as it deems necessary. Allows the State Superintendent of Education to convene stakeholders for a statewide council to consult on the further development of guidance, resources, and other support for school districts and educators on the use of technology-based learning resources in schools.

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**A BILL FOR**

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 2-3.117 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.117)

7 Sec. 2-3.117. School Technology Program.

8 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to provide  
9 technology-based learning resources to school districts to  
10 improve educational opportunities and student achievement  
11 throughout the State. These resources may include  
12 reimbursements for the cost of tuition incurred by a school  
13 district for approved online courses accessed through the  
14 State Board of Education's Illinois Virtual Course Catalog  
15 Program.

16 (1) A school district shall be eligible for  
17 reimbursement for the cost of each virtual class accessed  
18 through the Illinois Virtual Course Catalog program and  
19 successfully completed by a student of the school  
20 district, to the extent appropriated funds are available  
21 for such reimbursements.

22 (2) A school district shall claim reimbursement on  
23 forms and through a process prescribed by the State Board

1 of Education.

2 (a-5) The State Board of Education, in consultation with  
3 stakeholders, shall develop statewide guidance for school  
4 districts and educators on the use of technology-based  
5 learning resources in elementary and secondary education. This  
6 guidance shall include, but is not limited to:

7 (1) explanations and examples of technology-based  
8 learning resources that may be used in a classroom,  
9 including, but not limited to, Canvas, Blackboard, and  
10 Google Classroom;

11 (2) specific ways technology-based learning resources  
12 can be used at the district, school, and classroom levels  
13 to inform teaching and learning practices;

14 (3) how districts and educators can evaluate and  
15 address privacy concerns in the usage of technology-based  
16 learning resources; and

17 (4) The impact of technology-based learning resources  
18 on student-data privacy, including federal and State law  
19 associated with student-data privacy that are important to  
20 be aware of when setting policy for the use of  
21 technology-based learning resources in schools.

22 The State Board of Education shall develop and publish  
23 this guidance by July 1, 2027 and provide continuous updates  
24 as it deems necessary.

25 The State Superintendent of Education may convene  
26 stakeholders for a statewide council to consult on the further

1 development of guidance, resources, and other support for  
2 school districts and educators on the use of technology-based  
3 learning resources in schools. The council must include  
4 individuals with expertise in technology-based learning  
5 resources and no fewer than 2 currently practicing classroom  
6 teachers. The council shall represent the ethnic, racial, and  
7 geographic diversity of this State and include expertise  
8 across early childhood and elementary, middle, and high school  
9 settings.

10 (b) The State Board of Education is authorized, to the  
11 extent funds are available, to establish a statewide support  
12 system for information, professional development, technical  
13 assistance, network design consultation, leadership,  
14 technology planning consultation, and information exchange; to  
15 expand school district connectivity; and to increase the  
16 quantity and quality of student and educator access to on-line  
17 resources, experts, and communications avenues from moneys  
18 appropriated for the purposes of this Section.

19 (b-5) The State Board of Education may enter into  
20 intergovernmental contracts or agreements with other State  
21 agencies, public community colleges, public libraries, public  
22 and private colleges and universities, museums on public land,  
23 and other public agencies in the areas of technology,  
24 telecommunications, and information access, under such terms  
25 as the parties may agree, provided that those contracts and  
26 agreements are in compliance with the Department of Central

1 Management Services' mandate to provide telecommunications  
2 services to all State agencies.

3 (c) (Blank).

4 (d) (Blank).

5 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21.)