

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 2-3.64a-15 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-15 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.64a-15. Restrictions on prekindergarten through
8 grade 2 assessments.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Diagnostic and screening purposes" means for the purpose
11 of determining if individual students need remedial
12 instruction or to determine eligibility for special education,
13 early intervention, bilingual education, dyslexia services, or
14 other related educational services. Any assessment used to
15 determine eligibility for special education or related
16 services must be consistent with Section 614 of the federal
17 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. "Diagnostic and
18 screening purposes" includes the identification and evaluation
19 of students with disabilities. "Diagnostic and screening
20 purposes" does not include any assessment in which student
21 scores are used to rate or rank a classroom, program, teacher,
22 school, school district, or jurisdiction.

23 "Standardized assessment" means an assessment that

1 requires all student test takers to answer the same questions,
2 or a selection of questions from a common bank of questions, in
3 the same manner or substantially the same questions in the
4 same manner. "Standardized assessment" does not include an
5 observational assessment tool used to satisfy the requirements
6 of Section 2-3.64a-10.

7 (b) The State Board of Education may not develop,
8 purchase, or require a school district to administer, develop,
9 or purchase a standardized assessment for students enrolled or
10 preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2, other
11 than for diagnostic and screening purposes.

12 (c) The State Board of Education may not provide funding
13 for any standardized assessment of students enrolled or
14 preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade 2, other
15 than for diagnostic and screening purposes.

16 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit
17 the ability of a classroom teacher or school district to
18 develop, purchase, administer, or score an assessment for an
19 individual classroom, grade level, or group of grade levels in
20 any subject area in prekindergarten through grade 2.

21 (e) Nothing in this Section limits procedures used by a
22 school or school district for Child Find under 34 C.F.R.
23 300.111(c) or evaluation under 34 C.F.R. 300.304.

24 (f) Nothing in this Section restricts the use of an annual
25 assessment of English proficiency of all English learners to
26 comply with Section 1111(b)(2)(G) of the federal Elementary

1 and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

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