



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB3555

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Mary Beth Canty

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.990 new
105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new

Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall administer the School International Trips Program from the funds appropriated from the School International Trips Program Fund for the purpose of making international school trips available to low-income students in disadvantaged neighborhoods. Sets forth who will be able to receive grants and provisions concerning rulemaking. Amends the State Finance Act to make a conforming change.

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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 5.990 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

7 Sec. 5.990. The School International Trips Program Fund.

8 Section 10. The School Code is amended by adding Section
9 2-3.196 as follows:

10 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new)

11 Sec. 2-3.196. School International Trips Program.

12 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer the
13 School International Trips Program from the funds appropriated
14 from the School International Trips Program Fund for the
15 purpose of making international school trips available to
16 low-income students in disadvantaged neighborhoods. School
17 International Trips grants shall be made available to public
18 schools, charter schools, area vocational centers, and
19 laboratory schools in which the percentage of students
20 classified as low income exceeds the State average. Grant
21 recipients shall use grant proceeds to conduct, or contract

1 with a third party to conduct, programming that educates,
2 encourages, and promotes obtaining skills and career
3 opportunities in the fields of science, technology,
4 engineering, art, and math. Priority shall be given to
5 programs that provide hands-on experience and programs that
6 focus on promoting young women to enter into the fields of
7 science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

8 (b) The State Board of Education may adopt all rules
9 necessary for the implementation and administration of the
10 School International Trips Program, including, but not limited
11 to, rules defining application procedures and prescribing a
12 mechanism for disbursing grant funds if requests exceed
13 available funds.

14 (c) There is created in the State treasury the School
15 International Trips Program Fund. The State Board shall have
16 the authority to make expenditures from the Fund pursuant to
17 appropriations made for the purposes of this Section. There
18 shall be deposited into the Fund such amounts, including, but
19 not limited to, any appropriations, grants, or gifts made to
20 the fund.