

HB4577



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/31/2024, by Rep. Joyce Mason

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.9a

from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.9a

Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that no public high school of a school district may punish or penalize a student because of an unpaid balance on the student's school account. Removes a provision making the prohibition on withholding a student's grades, transcripts, or diploma because of an unpaid balance inoperative beginning 3 years from May 5, 2022. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 10-20.9a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.9a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.9a)

7 Sec. 10-20.9a. Final grade; promotion; student account
8 balance.

9 (a) Teachers shall administer the approved marking system
10 or other approved means of evaluating pupil progress. The
11 teacher shall maintain the responsibility and right to
12 determine grades and other evaluations of students within the
13 grading policies of the district based upon his or her
14 professional judgment of available criteria pertinent to any
15 given subject area or activity for which he or she is
16 responsible. District policy shall provide the procedure and
17 reasons by and for which a grade may be changed; provided that
18 no grade or evaluation shall be changed without notification
19 to the teacher concerning the nature and reasons for such
20 change. If such a change is made, the person making the change
21 shall assume such responsibility for determining the grade or
22 evaluation, and shall initial such change.

23 (b) School districts shall not promote students to the

1 next higher grade level based upon age or any other social
2 reasons not related to the academic performance of the
3 students. On or before September 1, 1998, school boards shall
4 adopt and enforce a policy on promotion as they deem necessary
5 to ensure that students meet local goals and objectives and
6 can perform at the expected grade level prior to promotion.
7 Decisions to promote or retain students in any classes shall
8 be based on successful completion of the curriculum,
9 attendance, performance based on the assessments required
10 under Section 2-3.64a-5 of this Code, the Iowa Test of Basic
11 Skills, or other testing or any other criteria established by
12 the school board. Students determined by the local district to
13 not qualify for promotion to the next higher grade shall be
14 provided remedial assistance, which may include, but shall not
15 be limited to, a summer bridge program of no less than 90
16 hours, tutorial sessions, increased or concentrated
17 instructional time, modifications to instructional materials,
18 and retention in grade.

19 (c) No public high school of a school district shall
20 withhold a student's grades, transcripts, or diploma or
21 otherwise punish or penalize the student because of an unpaid
22 balance on the student's school account.

23 At the end of each school year, the school district shall
24 catalogue and report to the State Board of Education the total
25 amount that remains unpaid by students due to the prohibition
26 under this subsection (c).

1 (d) (Blank). ~~On and after 3 years from the effective date~~
2 ~~of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly,~~
3 ~~subsection (c) is inoperative.~~

4 (Source: P.A. 102-727, eff. 5-6-22.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.