

1 AN ACT relating to schools.

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  
5 Section 18-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/18-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-12)

7 Sec. 18-12. Dates for filing State aid claims. The  
8 school board of each school district shall require teachers,  
9 principals, or superintendents to furnish from records kept  
10 by them such data as it needs in preparing and certifying  
11 under oath or affirmation to the regional superintendent its  
12 school district report of claims provided in Sections 18-8  
13 through 18-10 on blanks to be provided by the State  
14 Superintendent of Education. The district claim shall be  
15 based on the latest available equalized assessed valuation  
16 and tax rates, as provided in Section 18-8.05 and shall use  
17 the average daily attendance as determined by the method  
18 outlined in Section 18-8.05 and shall be certified and filed  
19 with the regional superintendent by July 1. Failure to so  
20 file by July 1 constitutes a forfeiture of the right to  
21 receive payment by the State until such claim is filed and  
22 vouchered for payment. The regional superintendent of  
23 schools shall certify the county report of claims by July 15;  
24 and the State Superintendent of Education shall voucher for  
25 payment those claims to the State Comptroller as provided in  
26 Section 18-11.

27 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, if any  
28 school district fails to provide the minimum school term  
29 specified in Section 10-19, the State aid claim for that year  
30 shall be reduced by the State Superintendent of Education in  
31 an amount equivalent to .56818% for each day less than the

1 number of days required by this Code.

2 If the State Superintendent of Education determines that  
3 the failure to provide the minimum school term was occasioned  
4 by an act or acts of God, or was occasioned by conditions  
5 beyond the control of the school district which posed a  
6 hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils, the  
7 State aid claim need not be reduced.

8 If the State Superintendent of Education determines that  
9 the failure to provide the minimum school term was due to a  
10 school being closed on or after September 11, 2001 for more  
11 than one-half day of attendance due to a bioterrorism or  
12 terrorism threat that was investigated by a law enforcement  
13 agency, the State aid claim shall not be reduced.

14 If, during any school day, (i) a school district has  
15 provided at least one clock hour of instruction but must  
16 close the schools due to adverse weather conditions or due to  
17 a ~~condition--beyond--the--control--of--the--school--district--that~~  
18 ~~poses-a-hazardous~~ threat to the health or and safety of  
19 pupils prior to providing the minimum hours of instruction  
20 required for a full day of attendance, or (ii) the school  
21 district must delay the start of the school day due to  
22 adverse weather conditions or due to a threat to the health  
23 or safety of pupils and this delay prevents the district from  
24 providing the minimum hours of instruction required for a  
25 full day of attendance, the partial day of attendance may be  
26 counted as a full day of attendance. The partial day of  
27 attendance and the reasons therefor shall be certified in  
28 writing within a month of the closing or delayed start by the  
29 local school district superintendent to the Regional  
30 Superintendent of Schools for forwarding to the State  
31 Superintendent of Education for approval.

32 If a school building is ordered to be closed by the  
33 school board, in consultation with a local emergency response  
34 agency, due to a condition that poses a hazardous threat to

1 the health and safety of pupils, then the school district  
2 shall have a grace period of 4 days in which the general  
3 State aid claim shall not be reduced so that alternative  
4 housing of the pupils may be located.

5 No exception to the requirement of providing a minimum  
6 school term may be approved by the State Superintendent of  
7 Education pursuant to this Section unless a school district  
8 has first used all emergency days provided for in its regular  
9 calendar.

10 If the State Superintendent of Education declares that an  
11 energy shortage exists during any part of the school year for  
12 the State or a designated portion of the State, a district  
13 may operate the school attendance centers within the district  
14 4 days of the week during the time of the shortage by  
15 extending each existing school day by one clock hour of  
16 school work, and the State aid claim shall not be reduced,  
17 nor shall the employees of that district suffer any reduction  
18 in salary or benefits as a result thereof. A district may  
19 operate all attendance centers on this revised schedule, or  
20 may apply the schedule to selected attendance centers, taking  
21 into consideration such factors as pupil transportation  
22 schedules and patterns and sources of energy for individual  
23 attendance centers.

24 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless  
25 the clerk or secretary of the school board executes and files  
26 with the State Superintendent of Education, on forms  
27 prescribed by the Superintendent, a sworn statement that the  
28 district has complied with the requirements of Section  
29 10-22.5 in regard to the nonsegregation of pupils on account  
30 of color, creed, race, sex or nationality.

31 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless  
32 the clerk or secretary of the school board executes and files  
33 with the State Superintendent of Education, on forms  
34 prescribed by the Superintendent, a sworn statement that to

1 the best of his or her knowledge or belief the employing or  
2 assigning personnel have complied with Section 24-4 in all  
3 respects.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-661, eff. 7-16-02.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
6 July 1, 2003.