

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.

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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.