

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Construction Law is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-5)

7 Sec. 5-5. Definitions. As used in this Article:

8 "Approved school construction bonds" mean bonds that were  
9 approved by referendum after January 1, 1996 but prior to  
10 January 1, 1998 as provided in Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of  
11 the School Code to provide funds for the acquisition,  
12 development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,  
13 improvement, architectural planning, and installation of  
14 capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures,  
15 durable-equipment, and land for educational purposes.

16 "Grant index" means a figure for each school district equal  
17 to one minus the ratio of the district's equalized assessed  
18 valuation per pupil in average daily attendance to the  
19 equalized assessed valuation per pupil in average daily  
20 attendance of the district located at the 90th percentile for  
21 all districts of the same category. For the purpose of  
22 calculating the grant index, school districts are grouped into  
23 2 categories, Category I and Category II. Category I consists  
24 of elementary and unit school districts. The equalized assessed  
25 valuation per pupil in average daily attendance of each school  
26 district in Category I shall be computed using its grades  
27 kindergarten through 8 average daily attendance figure. A unit  
28 school district's Category I grant index shall be used for  
29 projects or portions of projects constructed for elementary  
30 school pupils. Category II consists of high school and unit  
31 school districts. The equalized assessed valuation per pupil in  
32 average daily attendance of each school district in Category II

1 shall be computed using its grades 9 through 12 average daily  
2 attendance figure. A unit school district's Category II grant  
3 index shall be used for projects or portions of projects  
4 constructed for high school pupils. The changes made by this  
5 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly apply to all grants  
6 made on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act,  
7 provided that for grants not yet made on the effective date of  
8 this amendatory Act but made in fiscal year 2001 and for grants  
9 made in fiscal year 2002, the grant index for a school district  
10 shall be the greater of (i) the grant index as calculated under  
11 this Law on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
12 or (ii) the grant index as calculated under this Law before the  
13 effective date of this amendatory Act. The grant index shall be  
14 no less than 0.35 and no greater than 0.75 for each district;  
15 provided that the grant index for districts whose equalized  
16 assessed valuation per pupil in average daily attendance is at  
17 the 99th percentile and above for all districts of the same  
18 type shall be 0.00. For school districts that have consolidated  
19 within a prior fiscal year, the grant index shall be calculated  
20 for each of those school districts that form the new school  
21 district. Whichever grant index is the highest shall be used as  
22 the grant index for the newly consolidated school district.

23 "School construction project" means the acquisition,  
24 development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,  
25 improvement, architectural planning, and installation of  
26 capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures,  
27 durable equipment, and land for educational purposes.

28 "School maintenance project" means a project, other than a  
29 school construction project, intended to provide for the  
30 maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for  
31 educational purposes, but does not include ongoing operational  
32 costs.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-38, eff. 6-15-99; 92-168, eff. 7-26-01.)