



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB0978

Introduced 2/3/2005, by Rep. Sidney H. Mathias

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/3-14.20

from Ch. 122, par. 3-14.20

Amends the School Code. Provides that within 10 business days after the regional superintendent of schools receives school building plans and specifications from a school board and prior to the bidding process, the regional superintendent shall notify the municipality (or county in an unincorporated area) and, if applicable, the fire protection district where the school is being constructed or altered that the plans and specifications have been submitted. Allows local fire, building, and plumbing inspectors to review the plans and specifications. Removes a provision regarding requests by the local fire department or fire protection district where the school is being constructed or altered to review the plans and specifications. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 3-14.20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-14.20) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-14.20)

7 Sec. 3-14.20. Building plans and specifications. To  
8 inspect the building plans and specifications, including but  
9 not limited to plans and specifications for the heating,  
10 ventilating, lighting, seating, water supply, toilets and  
11 safety against fire of public school rooms and buildings  
12 submitted to him by school boards, and to approve all those  
13 which comply substantially with the building code authorized in  
14 Section 2-3.12. Within 10 business days after the regional  
15 superintendent of schools receives plans and specifications  
16 from a school board and prior to the bidding process, he or she  
17 shall notify the municipality and, if applicable, the fire  
18 protection district where the school that is being constructed  
19 or altered lies that plans and specifications have been  
20 submitted. In the case of an unincorporated area, the county  
21 shall be notified. If (i) local fire, building, or plumbing  
22 inspectors in the municipality, fire protection district, or  
23 county request a review of the plans and specifications or (ii)  
24 the regional superintendent of schools requests that any of  
25 these local inspectors review the plans and specifications and  
26 the municipality, fire protection district, or county  
27 determines that it can accommodate this request, then the  
28 school board shall submit a copy of the plans and  
29 specifications to the local inspectors. The local inspectors  
30 or, on behalf of the local inspectors, a certified plan  
31 reviewer or certified inspector shall comment on the plans and  
32 specifications based on the building code authorized in Section

1 2-3.12 and respond to the regional superintendent of schools  
2 within 15 business days after a copy of the plans and  
3 specifications has been received by the local inspectors.  
4 "Certified plan reviewer" and "certified inspector" mean an  
5 individual who has been certified as such by a national model  
6 code organization or equivalent agency approved by the Capital  
7 Development Board. The Office of the State Fire Marshal may  
8 review the plans and specifications at the request of the local  
9 fire department or fire protection district. If the local  
10 inspectors or certified inspector wish to inspect the actual  
11 school construction or alteration, the local inspectors or  
12 certified inspector must set up an initial pre-construction  
13 meeting with the regional superintendent of schools, outlining  
14 the inspection schedule and construction reviews. The regional  
15 superintendent of schools shall then notify the school  
16 district. The local inspectors or certified inspector shall  
17 respond to the regional superintendent of schools with any  
18 comments at the completion of each inspection. The review and  
19 inspection shall be done at no cost to the school district. The  
20 ~~local fire department or fire protection district where the~~  
21 ~~school is being constructed or altered may request a review of~~  
22 ~~the plans and specifications. The regional superintendent of~~  
23 ~~schools shall submit a copy of the plans and specifications~~  
24 ~~within 10 business days after the request. The fire department~~  
25 ~~or fire protection district may comment on the plans and~~  
26 ~~specifications based on the building code authorized in Section~~  
27 ~~2-3.12 of the Code and, if any corrective action must be taken,~~  
28 ~~shall respond to the regional superintendent of schools within~~  
29 ~~15 days after receipt of the plans and specifications. The~~  
30 ~~Office of the State Fire Marshal may review the plans and~~  
31 ~~specifications at the request of the fire department or fire~~  
32 ~~protection district. The review must be conducted at no cost to~~  
33 ~~the school district.~~

34 If such plans and specifications are not approved or denied  
35 approval by the regional superintendent of schools within 3  
36 months after the date on which they are submitted to him or

1 her, the school board may submit such plans and specifications  
2 directly to the State Superintendent of Education for approval  
3 or denial.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-593, eff. 1-1-03.)

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