

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 Code is amended by changing Section
5 14C-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14C-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 14C-12)

7 Sec. 14C-12. Account of expenditures; Cost report;
8 Reimbursement. Each school district shall keep an accurate,
9 detailed and separate account of all monies paid out by it for
10 the programs in transitional bilingual education required or
11 permitted by this Article, including transportation costs, and
12 shall annually report thereon for the school year ending June
13 30 indicating the average per pupil expenditure. Each school
14 district shall be reimbursed for the amount by which such costs
15 exceed the average per pupil expenditure by such school
16 district for the education of children of comparable age who
17 are not in any special education program.

18 Applications for preapproval for reimbursement for costs
19 of transitional bilingual education programs must be submitted
20 to the State Superintendent of Education at least 60 days
21 before a transitional bilingual education program is started,
22 unless a justifiable exception is granted by the State
23 Superintendent of Education. Applications shall set forth a
24 plan for transitional bilingual education established and
25 maintained in accordance with this Article.

26 Reimbursement claims for transitional bilingual education
27 programs shall be made as follows:

28 Each school district shall claim reimbursement on a current
29 basis for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year and file a
30 final adjusted claim for the school year ended June 30
31 preceding computed in accordance with rules prescribed by the
32 State Superintendent's Office. ~~School districts shall file~~

1 ~~estimated claims with the State Superintendent by October 20,~~
2 ~~January 20, and April 20 and file final adjusted claims by July~~
3 ~~20.~~ The State Superintendent of Education before approving any
4 such claims shall determine their accuracy and whether they are
5 based upon services and facilities provided under approved
6 programs. Upon approval he shall transmit ~~by November 15,~~
7 ~~February 15, May 15, and August 20~~ to the Comptroller the
8 vouchers showing the amounts due for school district
9 reimbursement claims. Upon receipt of the ~~July~~ final adjusted
10 claims the State Superintendent of Education shall make a final
11 determination of the accuracy of such claims. If the money
12 appropriated by the General Assembly for such purpose for any
13 year is insufficient, it shall be apportioned on the basis of
14 the claims approved.

15 Failure on the part of the school district to prepare and
16 certify the final adjusted claims due under this Section on or
17 before July 20 of any year, and its failure thereafter to
18 prepare and certify such report to the regional superintendent
19 of schools within 10 days after receipt of notice of such
20 delinquency sent to it by the State Superintendent of Education
21 by registered mail, shall constitute a forfeiture by the school
22 district of its right to be reimbursed by the State under this
23 Section.

24 (Source: P.A. 90-463, eff. 8-17-97; 91-764, eff. 6-9-00.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
26 2005.