



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4399

Introduced 01/05/06, by Rep. Robert W. Churchill

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/17-1.10 new
105 ILCS 5/34-43.5 new
30 ILCS 805/8.30 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school district must spend at least 65% of its total operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures and if a school district's direct classroom expenditures for the 2006-2007 school year are less than 65% of its total operating expenditures, then the district must increase its direct classroom expenditures by at least 2 percentage points per school year beginning with the 2007-2008 school year until at least 65% of the district's total operating expenditures are spent on direct classroom expenditures. Provides that a school district that is unable to meet these expenditure standards due to special circumstances may apply to the State Superintendent of Education for a one-year, renewable waiver. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. 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 adding Sections
5 17-1.10 and 34-43.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/17-1.10 new)

7 Sec. 17-1.10. Direct classroom expenditures.

8 (a) This Section applies beginning with the 2006-2007
9 school year.

10 (b) In this Section:

11 "Direct classroom expenditures" means the amount defined
12 by the National Center of Educational Statistics of the United
13 States Department of Education.

14 "Total operating expenditures" includes all operating
15 expenditures incurred for the benefit of elementary and
16 secondary education during that school year, except capital
17 expenditures. Debt service is a nonoperating expenditure.

18 (c) A school district must spend at least 65% of its total
19 operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures. If a
20 school district's direct classroom expenditures for the
21 2006-2007 school year are less than 65% of its total operating
22 expenditures, then the district must increase its direct
23 classroom expenditures by at least 2 percentage points per
24 school year beginning with the 2007-2008 school year until at
25 least 65% of the district's total operating expenditures are
26 spent on direct classroom expenditures.

27 (d) At the end of each school year, the district
28 superintendent must submit to the State Superintendent of
29 Education a letter signed by the district superintendent
30 certifying the percentage of the school district's total
31 operating expenditures that were actually spent on direct
32 classroom expenditures for that school year.

1 (e) A school district that is unable to meet the
2 requirements of subsection (c) of this Section due to special
3 circumstances may apply to the State Superintendent of
4 Education for a one-year, renewable waiver. The waiver request
5 must list the reasons why the district's direct classroom
6 expenditures cannot meet the requirements of subsection (c) of
7 this Section and describe the changes the district intends to
8 make in the subsequent year in order to meet the requirements
9 of subsection (c) of this Section. The State Superintendent of
10 Education must grant or deny the waiver request within 60 days
11 after receiving the request.

12 (105 ILCS 5/34-43.5 new)

13 Sec. 34-43.5. Direct classroom expenditures.

14 (a) This Section applies beginning with the 2006-2007
15 school year.

16 (b) In this Section:

17 "Direct classroom expenditures" means the amount defined
18 by the National Center of Educational Statistics of the United
19 States Department of Education.

20 "Total operating expenditures" includes all operating
21 expenditures incurred for the benefit of elementary and
22 secondary education during that school year, except capital
23 expenditures. Debt service is a nonoperating expenditure.

24 (c) The school district must spend at least 65% of its
25 total operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures.
26 If the school district's direct classroom expenditures for the
27 2006-2007 school year are less than 65% of its total operating
28 expenditures, then the district must increase its direct
29 classroom expenditures by at least 2 percentage points per
30 school year beginning with the 2007-2008 school year until at
31 least 65% of the district's total operating expenditures are
32 spent on direct classroom expenditures.

33 (d) At the end of each school year, the general
34 superintendent of schools must submit to the State
35 Superintendent of Education a letter signed by the general

1 superintendent of schools certifying the percentage of the
2 school district's total operating expenditures that were
3 actually spent on direct classroom expenditures for that school
4 year.

5 (e) If the school district is unable to meet the
6 requirements of subsection (c) of this Section due to special
7 circumstances, then the district may apply to the State
8 Superintendent of Education for a one-year, renewable waiver.
9 The waiver request must list the reasons why the district's
10 direct classroom expenditures cannot meet the requirements of
11 subsection (c) of this Section and describe the changes the
12 district intends to make in the subsequent year in order to
13 meet the requirements of subsection (c) of this Section. The
14 State Superintendent of Education must grant or deny the waiver
15 request within 60 days after receiving the request.

16 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
17 Section 8.30 as follows:

18 (30 ILCS 805/8.30 new)

19 Sec. 8.30. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
20 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
21 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
22 the 94th General Assembly.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.