

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 2-3.25d as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)

7 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic early warning and watch status.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, unless the  
9 federal government formally disapproves of such policy through  
10 the submission and review process for the Illinois  
11 Accountability Workbook, those schools that do not meet  
12 adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual  
13 calculations for the percentage meeting or exceeding standards  
14 in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their  
15 participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same  
16 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall  
17 be placed on academic early warning status for the next school  
18 year. Schools on academic early warning status that do not meet  
19 adequate yearly progress criteria for a third annual  
20 calculation for the percentage meeting or exceeding standards  
21 in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their  
22 participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same  
23 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall  
24 remain on academic early warning status. Schools on academic  
25 early warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress  
26 criteria for a fourth annual calculation for the percentage  
27 meeting or exceeding standards in the same subgroup and in the  
28 same subject or in their participation rate for the same  
29 subgroup and in the same subject or in their, attendance rate,  
30 or graduation rate shall be placed on initial academic watch  
31 status. Schools on academic watch status that do not meet  
32 adequate yearly progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent

1 annual calculation for the percentage meeting or exceeding  
2 standards in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in  
3 their participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same  
4 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall  
5 remain on academic watch status. Schools on academic early  
6 warning or academic watch status that meet adequate yearly  
7 progress criteria for one annual calculation shall be  
8 considered as having met expectations and shall be removed from  
9 any status designation.

10 The school district of a school placed on either academic  
11 early warning status or academic watch status may appeal the  
12 status to the State Board of Education in accordance with  
13 Section 2-3.25m of this Code.

14 A school district that has one or more schools on academic  
15 early warning or academic watch status shall prepare a revised  
16 School Improvement Plan or amendments thereto setting forth the  
17 district's expectations for removing each school from academic  
18 early warning or academic watch status and for improving  
19 student performance in the affected school or schools.  
20 Districts operating under Article 34 of this Code may prepare  
21 the School Improvement Plan required under Section 34-2.4 of  
22 this Code.

23 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that is  
24 initially placed on academic early warning status or that  
25 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual  
26 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the  
27 school's local school council in a district operating under  
28 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation  
29 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code).

30 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school placed on  
31 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation  
32 must be approved by the school board (and by the school's local  
33 school council in a district operating under Article 34 of this  
34 Code, unless the school is on probation pursuant to subsection  
35 (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and the State  
36 Superintendent of Education.

1           The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that  
2 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual  
3 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the  
4 school's local school council in a district operating under  
5 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation  
6 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and  
7 the State Superintendent of Education. In addition, the  
8 district must develop a school restructuring plan for the  
9 school that must be approved by the school board (and by the  
10 school's local school council in a district operating under  
11 Article 34 of this Code) and subsequently approved by the State  
12 Superintendent of Education.

13           A school on academic watch status that does not meet  
14 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual  
15 calculation shall implement its approved school restructuring  
16 plan beginning with the next school year, subject to the State  
17 interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this Code.

18           (b) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, unless the  
19 federal government formally disapproves of such policy through  
20 the submission and review process for the Illinois  
21 Accountability Workbook, those school districts that do not  
22 meet adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual  
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33 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall  
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12 warning or academic watch status that meet adequate yearly  
13 progress criteria for one annual calculation shall be  
14 considered as having met expectations and shall be removed from  
15 any status designation.

16 A district placed on either academic early warning status  
17 or academic watch status may appeal the status to the State  
18 Board of Education in accordance with Section 2-3.25m of this  
19 Code.

20 Districts on academic early warning or academic watch  
21 status shall prepare a District Improvement Plan or amendments  
22 thereto setting forth the district's expectations for removing  
23 the district from academic early warning or academic watch  
24 status and for improving student performance in the district.

25 The District Improvement Plan for a district that is  
26 initially placed on academic early warning status must be  
27 approved by the school board.

28 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that  
29 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual  
30 calculation must be approved by the school board.

31 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district on  
32 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation  
33 must be approved by the school board and the State  
34 Superintendent of Education.

35 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that  
36 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual

1 calculation must be approved by the school board and the State  
2 Superintendent of Education. In addition, the district must  
3 develop a district restructuring plan that must be approved by  
4 the school board and the State Superintendent of Education.

5 A district on academic watch status that does not meet  
6 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual  
7 calculation shall implement its approved district  
8 restructuring plan beginning with the next school year, subject  
9 to the State interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this  
10 Code.

11 (c) All revised School and District Improvement Plans shall  
12 be developed in collaboration with staff in the affected school  
13 or school district. All revised School and District Improvement  
14 Plans shall be developed, submitted, and approved pursuant to  
15 rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The revised  
16 Improvement Plan shall address measurable outcomes for  
17 improving student performance so that such performance meets  
18 adequate yearly progress criteria as specified by the State  
19 Board of Education.

20 (d) All federal requirements apply to schools and school  
21 districts utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the  
22 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

23 (e) The State Board of Education, from any moneys it may  
24 have available for this purpose, must implement and administer  
25 a grant program that provides 2-year grants to school districts  
26 on the academic watch list and other school districts that have  
27 the lowest achieving students, as determined by the State Board  
28 of Education, to be used to improve student achievement. In  
29 order to receive a grant under this program, a school district  
30 must establish an accountability program. The accountability  
31 program must involve the use of statewide testing standards and  
32 local evaluation measures. A grant shall be automatically  
33 renewed when achievement goals are met. The Board may adopt any  
34 rules necessary to implement and administer this grant program.  
35 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03; 93-890, eff. 8-9-04; 94-666,  
36 eff. 8-23-05.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.