

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 adding Section
5 2-3.137 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.137 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.137. School wellness policies; taskforce.

8 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a State
9 goal that all school districts have a wellness policy that is
10 consistent with recommendations of the Centers for Disease
11 Control and Prevention (CDC), which recommendations include
12 the following:

13 (1) nutrition guidelines for all foods sold on school
14 campus during the school day;

15 (2) setting school goals for nutrition education and
16 physical activity;

17 (3) establishing community participation in creating
18 local wellness policies; and

19 (4) creating a plan for measuring implementation of
20 these wellness policies.

21 The Department of Public Health, the Department of Human
22 Services, and the State Board of Education shall form an
23 interagency working group to publish model wellness policies
24 and recommendations. Sample policies shall be based on CDC
25 recommendations for nutrition and physical activity. The State
26 Board of Education shall distribute the model wellness policies
27 to all school districts before June 1, 2006.

28 (b) There is created the School Wellness Policy Taskforce,
29 consisting of the following members:

30 (1) One member representing the State Board of
31 Education, appointed by the State Board of Education.

32 (2) One member representing the Department of Public

1 Health, appointed by the Director of Public Health.

2 (3) One member representing the Department of Human
3 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Human Services.

4 (4) One member of an organization representing the
5 interests of school nurses in this State, appointed by the
6 interagency working group.

7 (5) One member of an organization representing the
8 interests of school administrators in this State,
9 appointed by the interagency working group.

10 (6) One member of an organization representing the
11 interests of school boards in this State, appointed by the
12 interagency working group.

13 (7) One member of an organization representing the
14 interests of regional superintendents of schools in this
15 State, appointed by the interagency working group.

16 (8) One member of an organization representing the
17 interests of parent-teacher associations in this State,
18 appointed by the interagency working group.

19 (9) One member of an organization representing the
20 interests of pediatricians in this State, appointed by the
21 interagency working group.

22 (10) One member of an organization representing the
23 interests of dentists in this State, appointed by the
24 interagency working group.

25 (11) One member of an organization representing the
26 interests of dieticians in this State, appointed by the
27 interagency working group.

28 (12) One member of an organization that has an interest
29 and expertise in heart disease, appointed by the
30 interagency working group.

31 (13) One member of an organization that has an interest
32 and expertise in cancer, appointed by the interagency
33 working group.

34 (14) One member of an organization that has an interest
35 and expertise in childhood obesity, appointed by the
36 interagency working group.

1 (15) One member of an organization that has an interest
2 and expertise in the importance of physical education and
3 recreation in preventing disease, appointed by the
4 interagency working group.

5 (16) One member of an organization that has an interest
6 and expertise in school food service, appointed by the
7 interagency working group.

8 (17) One member of an organization that has an interest
9 and expertise in school health, appointed by the
10 interagency working group.

11 (18) One member of an organization that campaigns for
12 programs and policies for healthier school environments,
13 appointed by the interagency working group.

14 (19) One at-large member with a doctorate in nutrition,
15 appointed by the State Board of Education.

16 Members of the taskforce shall serve without compensation.
17 The taskforce shall meet at the call of the State Board of
18 Education. The taskforce shall report its identification of
19 barriers to implementing school wellness policies and its
20 recommendations to reduce those barriers to the General
21 Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1, 2006. The
22 taskforce shall report its recommendations on statewide school
23 nutrition standards to the General Assembly and the Governor on
24 or before January 1, 2007. The taskforce shall report its
25 evaluation of the effectiveness of school wellness policies to
26 the General Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1,
27 2008. The evaluation shall review a sample size of 5 to 10
28 school districts. Reports shall be made to the General Assembly
29 by filing copies of each report as provided in Section 3.1 of
30 the General Assembly Organization Act. Upon the filing of the
31 last report, the taskforce is dissolved.

32 (c) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules
33 necessary to implement this Section.

34 (d) Nothing in this Section may be construed as a
35 curricular mandate on any school district.

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