

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 10-23.8b as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-23.8b) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-23.8b)

7 Sec. 10-23.8b. Reclassification of principals. Upon  
8 non-renewal of a principal's administrative contract, the  
9 principal shall be reclassified pursuant to this Section. No  
10 principal who has completed 2 or more years of administrative  
11 service in the school district may be reclassified by demotion  
12 or reduction in rank from one position within a school district  
13 to another for which a lower salary is paid without written  
14 notice from the board of the proposed reclassification by April  
15 1 of the year in which the contract expires.

16 Within 10 days of the principal's receipt of this notice,  
17 the school board shall provide the principal with a written  
18 statement of the facts regarding reclassification, and the  
19 principal may request and receive a private hearing with the  
20 board to discuss the reasons for the reclassification. If the  
21 principal is not satisfied with the results of the private  
22 hearing, he may, within 5 days thereafter, request and receive  
23 a public hearing on the reclassification. Any principal may be  
24 represented by counsel at a private or public hearing conducted  
25 under this Section.

26 If the board decides to proceed with the reclassification,  
27 it shall give the principal written notice of its decision  
28 within 15 days of the private hearing or within 15 days of the  
29 public hearing held under this Section whichever is later. The  
30 decision of the board thereupon becomes final.

31 Nothing in this Section prohibits a board from ordering  
32 lateral transfers of principals to positions of similar rank

1 and equal salary.

2 The changes made by this amendatory Act of the 94th General

3 Assembly are declaratory of existing law.

4 (Source: P.A. 84-514.)