

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Green
5 Cleaning Schools Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. Children are vulnerable
7 to and may be severely affected by exposure to chemicals,
8 hazardous waste, and other environmental hazards. The Federal
9 Environmental Protection Agency estimates that human exposure
10 to indoor air pollutants can be 2 to 5 times and up to 100 times
11 higher than outdoor levels. Children, teachers, janitors, and
12 other staff members spend a significant amount of time inside
13 school buildings and are continuously exposed to chemicals from
14 cleaners, waxes, deodorizers, and other maintenance products.

15 Section 10. Use of green cleaning supplies. By no later
16 than 90 days after implementation of the guidelines and
17 specifications established under Section 15 of this Act or
18 thereafter when it is economically feasible, all elementary and
19 secondary public schools and all elementary and secondary
20 non-public schools with 50 or more students shall establish a
21 green cleaning policy and exclusively purchase and use
22 environmentally-sensitive cleaning products pursuant to the

1 guidelines and specifications established under Section 15 of
2 this Act. However, a school may deplete its existing cleaning
3 and maintenance supply stocks and implement the new
4 requirements in the procurement cycle for the following school
5 year.

6 For the purposes of this Section, adopting a green cleaning
7 policy is not economically feasible if such adoption would
8 result in an increase in the cleaning costs of the school. If
9 adopting a green cleaning policy is not economically feasible,
10 the school must provide annual written notification to the
11 Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council (IGGCC), on a
12 form provided by the IGGCC, that the development and
13 implementation of a green cleaning policy is not economically
14 feasible until such time that it is economically feasible.

15 Section 15. Green cleaning supply guidelines and
16 specifications. The Illinois Green Government Coordinating
17 Council (IGGCC) shall, in consultation with the Department of
18 Public Health, the State Board of Education, regional offices
19 of education, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency,
20 and a panel of interested stakeholders, including cleaning
21 product industry representatives, non-governmental
22 organizations, and others, establish and amend on an annual
23 basis guidelines and specifications for
24 environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products
25 for use in school facilities. The IGGCC shall provide multiple

1 avenues by which cleaning products may be determined to be
2 environmentally-sensitive under the guidelines. Guidelines and
3 specifications must be established after a review and
4 evaluation of existing research and must be completed no later
5 than 180 days after the effective date of this Act. Guidelines
6 and specifications may include implementation practices,
7 including inspection. The completed guidelines and
8 specifications must be posted on the IGGCC's Internet website.

9 Section 20. Dissemination to schools.

10 (a) Upon the completion of the guidelines and
11 specifications under Section 15 of this Act, the IGGCC shall
12 provide each regional office of education and each elementary
13 or secondary non-public school with 50 or more students in this
14 State with the guidelines and specifications. Each regional
15 office of education shall immediately disseminate the
16 guidelines and specifications to every public school in the
17 educational service region. Regional offices of education and
18 the IGGCC shall provide on-going assistance to schools to carry
19 out the requirements of this Act.

20 (b) In the event that the guidelines and specifications
21 under Section 15 of this Act are updated by the IGGCC, the
22 IGGCC shall provide the updates to each regional office of
23 education for immediate dissemination to each public school.
24 Additionally, the IGGCC shall post all updated materials on its
25 Internet website.

1 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
2 Section 8.31 as follows:

3 (30 ILCS 805/8.31 new)

4 Sec. 8.31. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
5 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
6 implementation of any mandate created by the Green Cleaning
7 Schools Act.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.