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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/14-13.01

from Ch. 122, par. 14-13.01

Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Increases the reimbursement amount to school districts for teachers, professional workers, directors, school psychologists, and non-certified employees by a specified amount each school year through the 2011-2012 school year. Provides that for each school year thereafter, the reimbursement amount is the amount from the previous school year increased by a percentage increase equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the Employment Cost Index. Effective July 1, 2007.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
14-13.01 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/14-13.01) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-13.01)
Sec. 14-13.01. Reimbursement payable by State; Amounts.
In this Section, "Employment Cost Index" means the average
of (i) the Employment Cost Index for total compensation for
civilian workers and (ii) the Employment Cost Index for total
compensation for state and local government workers, both of
which are published by the United States Department of Labor.

13 Reimbursement for furnishing special educational 14 facilities in a recognized school to the type of children defined in Section 14-1.02 shall be paid to the school 15 16 districts in accordance with Section 14-12.01 for each school 17 year ending June 30 by the State Comptroller out of any money in the treasury appropriated for such purposes on 18 the 19 presentation of vouchers by the State Board of Education.

The reimbursement shall be limited to funds expended for construction and maintenance of special education facilities designed and utilized to house instructional programs, diagnostic services, other special education services for

children with disabilities and reimbursement as provided in 1 2 14-13.01. There shall be no Section reimbursement for construction and maintenance of any administrative facility 3 separated from special education facilities designed and 4 5 utilized to house instructional programs, diagnostic services 6 and other special education services for children with 7 disabilities.

8 (a) For children who have not been identified as eligible 9 for special education and for eligible children with physical 10 disabilities, including all eligible children whose placement 11 has been determined under Section 14-8.02 in hospital or home 12 instruction, 1/2 of the teacher's salary but not more than 13 \$1,000 annually per child or \$8,000 per teacher for the 1985-1986 school year through the 2006-2007 school year, \$3,100 14 per child or \$10,100 per teacher for the 2007-2008 school year, 15 \$5,200 per child or \$12,200 per teacher for the 2008-2009 16 17 school year, \$7,300 per child or \$14,300 per teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, \$9,400 per child or \$16,400 per teacher 18 for the 2010-2011 school year, \$11,500 per child or \$18,500 per 19 20 teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, and for each school year thereafter, the amount from the previous school year increased 21 22 by a percentage increase equal to the percentage increase, if 23 any, in the Employment Cost Index and thereafter, whichever is less. Children to be included in any reimbursement under this 24 25 paragraph must regularly receive a minimum of one hour of 26 instruction each school day, or in lieu thereof of a minimum of

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5 hours of instruction in each school week in order to qualify for full reimbursement under this Section. If the attending physician for such a child has certified that the child should not receive as many as 5 hours of instruction in a school week, however, reimbursement under this paragraph on account of that child shall be computed proportionate to the actual hours of instruction per week for that child divided by 5.

(b) For children described in Section 14-1.02, 4/5 of the 8 9 cost of transportation for each such child, whom the State 10 Superintendent of Education determined in advance requires special transportation service in order to take advantage of 11 12 special educational facilities. Transportation costs shall be 13 determined in the same fashion as provided in Section 29-5. For purposes of this subsection (b), the dates for processing 14 15 claims specified in Section 29-5 shall apply.

16 (c) For each professional worker excluding those included 17 in subparagraphs (a), (d), (e), and (f) of this Section, the annual sum of \$8,000 for the 1985-1986 school year through the 18 2006-2007 school year, \$10,100 for the 2007-2008 school year, 19 20 \$12,200 for the 2008-2009 school year, \$14,300 for the 2009-2010 school year, \$16,400 for the 2010-2011 school year, 21 22 \$18,500 for the 2011-2012 school year, and for each school year 23 thereafter, the amount from the previous school year increased 24 by a percentage increase equal to the percentage increase, if 25 any, in the Employment Cost Index and thereafter.

(d) For one full time qualified director of the special

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education program of each school district which maintains a 1 2 fully approved program of special education the annual sum of 3 \$8,000 for the 1985-1986 school year through the 2006-2007 4 school year, \$10,100 for the 2007-2008 school year, \$12,200 for the 2008-2009 school year, \$14,300 for the 2009-2010 school 5 year, \$16,400 for the 2010-2011 school year, \$18,500 for the 6 2011-2012 school year, and for each school year thereafter, the 7 amount from the previous school year increased by a percentage 8 9 increase equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the 10 Employment Cost Index and thereafter. Districts participating 11 in a joint agreement special education program shall not 12 receive such reimbursement if reimbursement is made for a 13 director of the joint agreement program.

(e) For each school psychologist as defined in Section 14 15 14-1.09 the annual sum of \$8,000 for the 1985-1986 school year 16 through the 2006-2007 school year, \$10,100 for the 2007-2008 17 school year, \$12,200 for the 2008-2009 school year, \$14,300 for the 2009-2010 school year, \$16,400 for the 2010-2011 school 18 19 year, \$18,500 for the 2011-2012 school year, and for each 20 school year thereafter, the amount from the previous school 21 year increased by a percentage increase equal to the percentage 22 increase, if any, in the Employment Cost Index and thereafter.

(f) For each qualified teacher working in a fully approved program for children of preschool age who are deaf or hard-of-hearing the annual sum of \$8,000 for the 1985-1986 school year <u>through the 2006-2007 school year</u>, \$10,100 for the HB1927 - 5 - LRB095 10801 NHT 31051 b

1 2007-2008 school year, \$12,200 for the 2008-2009 school year, \$14,300 for the 2009-2010 school year, \$16,400 for the 3 2010-2011 school year, \$18,500 for the 2011-2012 school year, 4 and for each school year thereafter, the amount from the 5 previous school year increased by a percentage increase equal 6 to the percentage increase, if any, in the Employment Cost 7 Index and thereafter.

8 (g) For readers, working with blind or partially seeing 9 children 1/2 of their salary but not more than \$400 annually 10 per child. Readers may be employed to assist such children and 11 shall not be required to be certified but prior to employment 12 shall meet standards set up by the State Board of Education.

13 (h) For necessary non-certified employees working in any 14 class or program for children defined in this Article, 1/2 of 15 the salary paid or \$2,800 annually per employee through the 16 2006-2007 school year, \$3,940 per employee for the 2007-2008 17 school year, \$5,080 per employee for the 2008-2009 school year, \$6,220 per employee for the 2009-2010 school year, \$7,360 per 18 19 employee for the 2010-2011 school year, \$8,500 per employee for 20 the 2011-2012 school year, and for each school year thereafter, the amount from the previous school year increased by a 21 22 percentage increase equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the Employment Cost Index, per employee, whichever is less. 23 The State Board of Education shall set standards and 24

25 prescribe rules for determining the allocation of 26 reimbursement under this section on less than a full time basis 1 and for less than a school year.

When any school district eligible for reimbursement under this Section operates a school or program approved by the State Superintendent of Education for a number of days in excess of the adopted school calendar but not to exceed 235 school days, such reimbursement shall be increased by 1/185 of the amount or rate paid hereunder for each day such school is operated in excess of 185 days per calendar year.

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any school 10 district receiving a payment under this Section or under 11 Section 14-7.02, 14-7.02b, or 29-5 of this Code may classify 12 all or a portion of the funds that it receives in a particular 13 fiscal year or from general State aid pursuant to Section 18-8.05 of this Code as funds received in connection with any 14 funding program for which it is entitled to receive funds from 15 16 the State in that fiscal year (including, without limitation, 17 any funding program referenced in this Section), regardless of the source or timing of the receipt. The district may not 18 classify more funds as funds received in connection with the 19 20 funding program than the district is entitled to receive in that fiscal year for that program. Any classification by a 21 22 district must be made by a resolution of its board of 23 education. The resolution must identify the amount of any payments or general State aid to be classified under this 24 25 paragraph and must specify the funding program to which the funds are to be treated as received in connection therewith. 26

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1 This resolution is controlling as to the classification of 2 funds referenced therein. A certified copy of the resolution must be sent to the State Superintendent of Education. The 3 resolution shall still take effect even though a copy of the 4 5 resolution has not been sent to the State Superintendent of 6 Education in a timely manner. No classification under this paragraph by a district shall affect the total amount or timing 7 of money the district is entitled to receive under this Code. 8 9 No classification under this paragraph by a district shall in 10 any way relieve the district from or affect any requirements 11 that otherwise would apply with respect to that funding 12 program, including any accounting of funds by source, reporting 13 expenditures by original source and purpose, reporting requirements, or requirements of providing services. 14

15 (Source: P.A. 92-568, eff. 6-26-02; 93-1022, eff. 8-24-04.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2007.

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