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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/18-8.05

105 ILCS 5/24-2

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Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the compilation of average daily attendance under the State aid formula and allowing a session of 3 or more clock hours but less than 5 clock hours to be counted as a day of attendance, makes changes with respect to days that are used for parent-teacher conferences. Authorizes a school board to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on certain school holidays if (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are recognized through instructional activities conducted on that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance, on the first school day preceding or following that day; and (2) the school board first holds a public hearing about the proposal to exercise this authority. Makes other changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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A BILL FOR

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 Sections
5 18-8.05 and 24-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/18-8.05)

7 Sec. 18-8.05. Basis for apportionment of general State
8 financial aid and supplemental general State aid to the common
9 schools for the 1998-1999 and subsequent school years.

10 (A) General Provisions.

11 (1) The provisions of this Section apply to the 1998-1999
12 and subsequent school years. The system of general State
13 financial aid provided for in this Section is designed to
14 assure that, through a combination of State financial aid and
15 required local resources, the financial support provided each
16 pupil in Average Daily Attendance equals or exceeds a
17 prescribed per pupil Foundation Level. This formula approach
18 imputes a level of per pupil Available Local Resources and
19 provides for the basis to calculate a per pupil level of
20 general State financial aid that, when added to Available Local
21 Resources, equals or exceeds the Foundation Level. The amount
22 of per pupil general State financial aid for school districts,

1 in general, varies in inverse relation to Available Local
2 Resources. Per pupil amounts are based upon each school
3 district's Average Daily Attendance as that term is defined in
4 this Section.

5 (2) In addition to general State financial aid, school
6 districts with specified levels or concentrations of pupils
7 from low income households are eligible to receive supplemental
8 general State financial aid grants as provided pursuant to
9 subsection (H). The supplemental State aid grants provided for
10 school districts under subsection (H) shall be appropriated for
11 distribution to school districts as part of the same line item
12 in which the general State financial aid of school districts is
13 appropriated under this Section.

14 (3) To receive financial assistance under this Section,
15 school districts are required to file claims with the State
16 Board of Education, subject to the following requirements:

17 (a) Any school district which fails for any given
18 school year to maintain school as required by law, or to
19 maintain a recognized school is not eligible to file for
20 such school year any claim upon the Common School Fund. In
21 case of nonrecognition of one or more attendance centers in
22 a school district otherwise operating recognized schools,
23 the claim of the district shall be reduced in the
24 proportion which the Average Daily Attendance in the
25 attendance center or centers bear to the Average Daily
26 Attendance in the school district. A "recognized school"

1 means any public school which meets the standards as
2 established for recognition by the State Board of
3 Education. A school district or attendance center not
4 having recognition status at the end of a school term is
5 entitled to receive State aid payments due upon a legal
6 claim which was filed while it was recognized.

7 (b) School district claims filed under this Section are
8 subject to Sections 18-9, 18-10, and 18-12, except as
9 otherwise provided in this Section.

10 (c) If a school district operates a full year school
11 under Section 10-19.1, the general State aid to the school
12 district shall be determined by the State Board of
13 Education in accordance with this Section as near as may be
14 applicable.

15 (d) (Blank).

16 (4) Except as provided in subsections (H) and (L), the
17 board of any district receiving any of the grants provided for
18 in this Section may apply those funds to any fund so received
19 for which that board is authorized to make expenditures by law.

20 School districts are not required to exert a minimum
21 Operating Tax Rate in order to qualify for assistance under
22 this Section.

23 (5) As used in this Section the following terms, when
24 capitalized, shall have the meaning ascribed herein:

25 (a) "Average Daily Attendance": A count of pupil
26 attendance in school, averaged as provided for in

1 subsection (C) and utilized in deriving per pupil financial
2 support levels.

3 (b) "Available Local Resources": A computation of
4 local financial support, calculated on the basis of Average
5 Daily Attendance and derived as provided pursuant to
6 subsection (D).

7 (c) "Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes":
8 Funds paid to local school districts pursuant to "An Act in
9 relation to the abolition of ad valorem personal property
10 tax and the replacement of revenues lost thereby, and
11 amending and repealing certain Acts and parts of Acts in
12 connection therewith", certified August 14, 1979, as
13 amended (Public Act 81-1st S.S.-1).

14 (d) "Foundation Level": A prescribed level of per pupil
15 financial support as provided for in subsection (B).

16 (e) "Operating Tax Rate": All school district property
17 taxes extended for all purposes, except Bond and Interest,
18 Summer School, Rent, Capital Improvement, and Vocational
19 Education Building purposes.

20 (B) Foundation Level.

21 (1) The Foundation Level is a figure established by the
22 State representing the minimum level of per pupil financial
23 support that should be available to provide for the basic
24 education of each pupil in Average Daily Attendance. As set
25 forth in this Section, each school district is assumed to exert

1 a sufficient local taxing effort such that, in combination with
2 the aggregate of general State financial aid provided the
3 district, an aggregate of State and local resources are
4 available to meet the basic education needs of pupils in the
5 district.

6 (2) For the 1998-1999 school year, the Foundation Level of
7 support is \$4,225. For the 1999-2000 school year, the
8 Foundation Level of support is \$4,325. For the 2000-2001 school
9 year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,425. For the
10 2001-2002 school year and 2002-2003 school year, the Foundation
11 Level of support is \$4,560. For the 2003-2004 school year, the
12 Foundation Level of support is \$4,810. For the 2004-2005 school
13 year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,964. For the
14 2005-2006 school year, the Foundation Level of support is
15 \$5,164.

16 (3) For the 2006-2007 school year and each school year
17 thereafter, the Foundation Level of support is \$5,334 or such
18 greater amount as may be established by law by the General
19 Assembly.

20 (C) Average Daily Attendance.

21 (1) For purposes of calculating general State aid pursuant
22 to subsection (E), an Average Daily Attendance figure shall be
23 utilized. The Average Daily Attendance figure for formula
24 calculation purposes shall be the monthly average of the actual
25 number of pupils in attendance of each school district, as

1 further averaged for the best 3 months of pupil attendance for
2 each school district. In compiling the figures for the number
3 of pupils in attendance, school districts and the State Board
4 of Education shall, for purposes of general State aid funding,
5 conform attendance figures to the requirements of subsection
6 (F).

7 (2) The Average Daily Attendance figures utilized in
8 subsection (E) shall be the requisite attendance data for the
9 school year immediately preceding the school year for which
10 general State aid is being calculated or the average of the
11 attendance data for the 3 preceding school years, whichever is
12 greater. The Average Daily Attendance figures utilized in
13 subsection (H) shall be the requisite attendance data for the
14 school year immediately preceding the school year for which
15 general State aid is being calculated.

16 (D) Available Local Resources.

17 (1) For purposes of calculating general State aid pursuant
18 to subsection (E), a representation of Available Local
19 Resources per pupil, as that term is defined and determined in
20 this subsection, shall be utilized. Available Local Resources
21 per pupil shall include a calculated dollar amount representing
22 local school district revenues from local property taxes and
23 from Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes, expressed
24 on the basis of pupils in Average Daily Attendance. Calculation
25 of Available Local Resources shall exclude any tax amnesty

1 funds received as a result of Public Act 93-26.

2 (2) In determining a school district's revenue from local
3 property taxes, the State Board of Education shall utilize the
4 equalized assessed valuation of all taxable property of each
5 school district as of September 30 of the previous year. The
6 equalized assessed valuation utilized shall be obtained and
7 determined as provided in subsection (G).

8 (3) For school districts maintaining grades kindergarten
9 through 12, local property tax revenues per pupil shall be
10 calculated as the product of the applicable equalized assessed
11 valuation for the district multiplied by 3.00%, and divided by
12 the district's Average Daily Attendance figure. For school
13 districts maintaining grades kindergarten through 8, local
14 property tax revenues per pupil shall be calculated as the
15 product of the applicable equalized assessed valuation for the
16 district multiplied by 2.30%, and divided by the district's
17 Average Daily Attendance figure. For school districts
18 maintaining grades 9 through 12, local property tax revenues
19 per pupil shall be the applicable equalized assessed valuation
20 of the district multiplied by 1.05%, and divided by the
21 district's Average Daily Attendance figure.

22 For partial elementary unit districts created pursuant to
23 Article 11E of this Code, local property tax revenues per pupil
24 shall be calculated as the product of the equalized assessed
25 valuation for property within the elementary and high school
26 classification of the partial elementary unit district

1 multiplied by 2.06% and divided by the Average Daily Attendance
2 figure for grades kindergarten through 8, plus the product of
3 the equalized assessed valuation for property within the high
4 school only classification of the partial elementary unit
5 district multiplied by 0.94% and divided by the Average Daily
6 Attendance figure for grades 9 through 12.

7 (4) The Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes paid
8 to each school district during the calendar year 2 years before
9 the calendar year in which a school year begins, divided by the
10 Average Daily Attendance figure for that district, shall be
11 added to the local property tax revenues per pupil as derived
12 by the application of the immediately preceding paragraph (3).
13 The sum of these per pupil figures for each school district
14 shall constitute Available Local Resources as that term is
15 utilized in subsection (E) in the calculation of general State
16 aid.

17 (E) Computation of General State Aid.

18 (1) For each school year, the amount of general State aid
19 allotted to a school district shall be computed by the State
20 Board of Education as provided in this subsection.

21 (2) For any school district for which Available Local
22 Resources per pupil is less than the product of 0.93 times the
23 Foundation Level, general State aid for that district shall be
24 calculated as an amount equal to the Foundation Level minus
25 Available Local Resources, multiplied by the Average Daily

1 Attendance of the school district.

2 (3) For any school district for which Available Local
3 Resources per pupil is equal to or greater than the product of
4 0.93 times the Foundation Level and less than the product of
5 1.75 times the Foundation Level, the general State aid per
6 pupil shall be a decimal proportion of the Foundation Level
7 derived using a linear algorithm. Under this linear algorithm,
8 the calculated general State aid per pupil shall decline in
9 direct linear fashion from 0.07 times the Foundation Level for
10 a school district with Available Local Resources equal to the
11 product of 0.93 times the Foundation Level, to 0.05 times the
12 Foundation Level for a school district with Available Local
13 Resources equal to the product of 1.75 times the Foundation
14 Level. The allocation of general State aid for school districts
15 subject to this paragraph 3 shall be the calculated general
16 State aid per pupil figure multiplied by the Average Daily
17 Attendance of the school district.

18 (4) For any school district for which Available Local
19 Resources per pupil equals or exceeds the product of 1.75 times
20 the Foundation Level, the general State aid for the school
21 district shall be calculated as the product of \$218 multiplied
22 by the Average Daily Attendance of the school district.

23 (5) The amount of general State aid allocated to a school
24 district for the 1999-2000 school year meeting the requirements
25 set forth in paragraph (4) of subsection (G) shall be increased
26 by an amount equal to the general State aid that would have

1 been received by the district for the 1998-1999 school year by
2 utilizing the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed
3 Valuation as calculated in paragraph (4) of subsection (G) less
4 the general State aid allotted for the 1998-1999 school year.
5 This amount shall be deemed a one time increase, and shall not
6 affect any future general State aid allocations.

7 (F) Compilation of Average Daily Attendance.

8 (1) Each school district shall, by July 1 of each year,
9 submit to the State Board of Education, on forms prescribed by
10 the State Board of Education, attendance figures for the school
11 year that began in the preceding calendar year. The attendance
12 information so transmitted shall identify the average daily
13 attendance figures for each month of the school year. Beginning
14 with the general State aid claim form for the 2002-2003 school
15 year, districts shall calculate Average Daily Attendance as
16 provided in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of this paragraph
17 (1).

18 (a) In districts that do not hold year-round classes,
19 days of attendance in August shall be added to the month of
20 September and any days of attendance in June shall be added
21 to the month of May.

22 (b) In districts in which all buildings hold year-round
23 classes, days of attendance in July and August shall be
24 added to the month of September and any days of attendance
25 in June shall be added to the month of May.

1 (c) In districts in which some buildings, but not all,
2 hold year-round classes, for the non-year-round buildings,
3 days of attendance in August shall be added to the month of
4 September and any days of attendance in June shall be added
5 to the month of May. The average daily attendance for the
6 year-round buildings shall be computed as provided in
7 subdivision (b) of this paragraph (1). To calculate the
8 Average Daily Attendance for the district, the average
9 daily attendance for the year-round buildings shall be
10 multiplied by the days in session for the non-year-round
11 buildings for each month and added to the monthly
12 attendance of the non-year-round buildings.

13 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, days of
14 attendance by pupils shall be counted only for sessions of not
15 less than 5 clock hours of school work per day under direct
16 supervision of: (i) teachers, or (ii) non-teaching personnel or
17 volunteer personnel when engaging in non-teaching duties and
18 supervising in those instances specified in subsection (a) of
19 Section 10-22.34 and paragraph 10 of Section 34-18, with pupils
20 of legal school age and in kindergarten and grades 1 through
21 12.

22 Days of attendance by tuition pupils shall be accredited
23 only to the districts that pay the tuition to a recognized
24 school.

25 (2) Days of attendance by pupils of less than 5 clock hours
26 of school shall be subject to the following provisions in the

1 compilation of Average Daily Attendance.

2 (a) Pupils regularly enrolled in a public school for
3 only a part of the school day may be counted on the basis
4 of 1/6 day for every class hour of instruction of 40
5 minutes or more attended pursuant to such enrollment,
6 unless a pupil is enrolled in a block-schedule format of 80
7 minutes or more of instruction, in which case the pupil may
8 be counted on the basis of the proportion of minutes of
9 school work completed each day to the minimum number of
10 minutes that school work is required to be held that day.

11 (b) Days of attendance may be less than 5 clock hours
12 on the opening and closing of the school term, and upon the
13 first day of pupil attendance, if preceded by a day or days
14 utilized as an institute or teachers' workshop.

15 (c) A session of 4 or more clock hours may be counted
16 as a day of attendance upon certification by the regional
17 superintendent, and approved by the State Superintendent
18 of Education to the extent that the district has been
19 forced to use daily multiple sessions.

20 (d) A session of 3 or more clock hours may be counted
21 as a day of attendance (1) when the remainder of the school
22 day or at least 2 hours in the evening of that day is
23 utilized for an in-service training program for teachers,
24 up to a maximum of 5 days per school year ~~of which a~~
25 ~~maximum of 4 days of such 5 days may be used for~~
26 ~~parent teacher conferences,~~ provided a district conducts

1 an in-service training program for teachers which has been
2 approved by the State Superintendent of Education; or, in
3 lieu of 4 such days, 2 full days may be used, in which
4 event each such day may be counted as a day of attendance
5 required under Section 10-19 of this Code; (1.5) when, of
6 the 5 days allowed under item (1), a maximum of 4 days of
7 the 5 days are used for parent-teacher conferences, or, in
8 lieu of 4 such days, 2 full days are used, in which case
9 each such day may be counted as a day of attendance
10 required under Section 10-19 of this Code, provided that
11 the full-day, parent-teacher conference day (i) consists
12 of a minimum of 5 clock hours of parent-teacher
13 conferences, (ii) consists of both a minimum of 2 clock
14 hours of parent-teacher conferences held in the evening
15 following a full day of student attendance, as specified in
16 subsection (F)(1)(c), and a minimum of 3 clock hours of
17 parent-teacher conferences held on the day immediately
18 following evening parent-teacher conferences, or (iii)
19 consists of multiple parent-teacher conferences held in
20 the evenings following full days of student attendance, as
21 specified in subsection (F)(1)(c), in which the time used
22 for the parent-teacher conferences is equivalent to a
23 minimum of 5 clock hours; and (2) when days in addition to
24 those provided in items ~~item~~ (1) and (1.5) are scheduled by
25 a school pursuant to its school improvement plan adopted
26 under Article 34 or its revised or amended school

1 improvement plan adopted under Article 2, provided that (i)
2 such sessions of 3 or more clock hours are scheduled to
3 occur at regular intervals, (ii) the remainder of the
4 school days in which such sessions occur are utilized for
5 in-service training programs or other staff development
6 activities for teachers, and (iii) a sufficient number of
7 minutes of school work under the direct supervision of
8 teachers are added to the school days between such
9 regularly scheduled sessions to accumulate not less than
10 the number of minutes by which such sessions of 3 or more
11 clock hours fall short of 5 clock hours. Any full days used
12 for the purposes of this paragraph shall not be considered
13 for computing average daily attendance. Days scheduled for
14 in-service training programs, staff development
15 activities, or parent-teacher conferences may be scheduled
16 separately for different grade levels and different
17 attendance centers of the district.

18 (e) A session of not less than one clock hour of
19 teaching hospitalized or homebound pupils on-site or by
20 telephone to the classroom may be counted as 1/2 day of
21 attendance, however these pupils must receive 4 or more
22 clock hours of instruction to be counted for a full day of
23 attendance.

24 (f) A session of at least 4 clock hours may be counted
25 as a day of attendance for first grade pupils, and pupils
26 in full day kindergartens, and a session of 2 or more hours

1 may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance by pupils in
2 kindergartens which provide only 1/2 day of attendance.

3 (g) For children with disabilities who are below the
4 age of 6 years and who cannot attend 2 or more clock hours
5 because of their disability or immaturity, a session of not
6 less than one clock hour may be counted as 1/2 day of
7 attendance; however for such children whose educational
8 needs so require a session of 4 or more clock hours may be
9 counted as a full day of attendance.

10 (h) A recognized kindergarten which provides for only
11 1/2 day of attendance by each pupil shall not have more
12 than 1/2 day of attendance counted in any one day. However,
13 kindergartens may count 2 1/2 days of attendance in any 5
14 consecutive school days. When a pupil attends such a
15 kindergarten for 2 half days on any one school day, the
16 pupil shall have the following day as a day absent from
17 school, unless the school district obtains permission in
18 writing from the State Superintendent of Education.
19 Attendance at kindergartens which provide for a full day of
20 attendance by each pupil shall be counted the same as
21 attendance by first grade pupils. Only the first year of
22 attendance in one kindergarten shall be counted, except in
23 case of children who entered the kindergarten in their
24 fifth year whose educational development requires a second
25 year of kindergarten as determined under the rules and
26 regulations of the State Board of Education.

1 (i) On the days when the Prairie State Achievement
2 Examination is administered under subsection (c) of
3 Section 2-3.64 of this Code, the day of attendance for a
4 pupil whose school day must be shortened to accommodate
5 required testing procedures may be less than 5 clock hours
6 and shall be counted towards the 176 days of actual pupil
7 attendance required under Section 10-19 of this Code,
8 provided that a sufficient number of minutes of school work
9 in excess of 5 clock hours are first completed on other
10 school days to compensate for the loss of school work on
11 the examination days.

12 (G) Equalized Assessed Valuation Data.

13 (1) For purposes of the calculation of Available Local
14 Resources required pursuant to subsection (D), the State Board
15 of Education shall secure from the Department of Revenue the
16 value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of
17 all taxable property of every school district, together with
18 (i) the applicable tax rate used in extending taxes for the
19 funds of the district as of September 30 of the previous year
20 and (ii) the limiting rate for all school districts subject to
21 property tax extension limitations as imposed under the
22 Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

23 The Department of Revenue shall add to the equalized
24 assessed value of all taxable property of each school district
25 situated entirely or partially within a county that is or was

1 subject to the alternative general homestead exemption
2 provisions of Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code (a) an
3 amount equal to the total amount by which the homestead
4 exemption allowed under Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code
5 for real property situated in that school district exceeds the
6 total amount that would have been allowed in that school
7 district if the maximum reduction under Section 15-176 was (i)
8 \$4,500 in Cook County or \$3,500 in all other counties in tax
9 year 2003 or (ii) \$5,000 in all counties in tax year 2004 and
10 thereafter and (b) an amount equal to the aggregate amount for
11 the taxable year of all additional exemptions under Section
12 15-175 of the Property Tax Code for owners with a household
13 income of \$30,000 or less. The county clerk of any county that
14 is or was subject to the alternative general homestead
15 exemption provisions of Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code
16 shall annually calculate and certify to the Department of
17 Revenue for each school district all homestead exemption
18 amounts under Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code and all
19 amounts of additional exemptions under Section 15-175 of the
20 Property Tax Code for owners with a household income of \$30,000
21 or less. It is the intent of this paragraph that if the general
22 homestead exemption for a parcel of property is determined
23 under Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code rather than
24 Section 15-175, then the calculation of Available Local
25 Resources shall not be affected by the difference, if any,
26 between the amount of the general homestead exemption allowed

1 for that parcel of property under Section 15-176 of the
2 Property Tax Code and the amount that would have been allowed
3 had the general homestead exemption for that parcel of property
4 been determined under Section 15-175 of the Property Tax Code.
5 It is further the intent of this paragraph that if additional
6 exemptions are allowed under Section 15-175 of the Property Tax
7 Code for owners with a household income of less than \$30,000,
8 then the calculation of Available Local Resources shall not be
9 affected by the difference, if any, because of those additional
10 exemptions.

11 This equalized assessed valuation, as adjusted further by
12 the requirements of this subsection, shall be utilized in the
13 calculation of Available Local Resources.

14 (2) The equalized assessed valuation in paragraph (1) shall
15 be adjusted, as applicable, in the following manner:

16 (a) For the purposes of calculating State aid under
17 this Section, with respect to any part of a school district
18 within a redevelopment project area in respect to which a
19 municipality has adopted tax increment allocation
20 financing pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation
21 Redevelopment Act, Sections 11-74.4-1 through 11-74.4-11
22 of the Illinois Municipal Code or the Industrial Jobs
23 Recovery Law, Sections 11-74.6-1 through 11-74.6-50 of the
24 Illinois Municipal Code, no part of the current equalized
25 assessed valuation of real property located in any such
26 project area which is attributable to an increase above the

1 total initial equalized assessed valuation of such
2 property shall be used as part of the equalized assessed
3 valuation of the district, until such time as all
4 redevelopment project costs have been paid, as provided in
5 Section 11-74.4-8 of the Tax Increment Allocation
6 Redevelopment Act or in Section 11-74.6-35 of the
7 Industrial Jobs Recovery Law. For the purpose of the
8 equalized assessed valuation of the district, the total
9 initial equalized assessed valuation or the current
10 equalized assessed valuation, whichever is lower, shall be
11 used until such time as all redevelopment project costs
12 have been paid.

13 (b) The real property equalized assessed valuation for
14 a school district shall be adjusted by subtracting from the
15 real property value as equalized or assessed by the
16 Department of Revenue for the district an amount computed
17 by dividing the amount of any abatement of taxes under
18 Section 18-170 of the Property Tax Code by 3.00% for a
19 district maintaining grades kindergarten through 12, by
20 2.30% for a district maintaining grades kindergarten
21 through 8, or by 1.05% for a district maintaining grades 9
22 through 12 and adjusted by an amount computed by dividing
23 the amount of any abatement of taxes under subsection (a)
24 of Section 18-165 of the Property Tax Code by the same
25 percentage rates for district type as specified in this
26 subparagraph (b).

1 (3) For the 1999-2000 school year and each school year
2 thereafter, if a school district meets all of the criteria of
3 this subsection (G) (3), the school district's Available Local
4 Resources shall be calculated under subsection (D) using the
5 district's Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation
6 as calculated under this subsection (G) (3).

7 For purposes of this subsection (G) (3) the following terms
8 shall have the following meanings:

9 "Budget Year": The school year for which general State
10 aid is calculated and awarded under subsection (E).

11 "Base Tax Year": The property tax levy year used to
12 calculate the Budget Year allocation of general State aid.

13 "Preceding Tax Year": The property tax levy year
14 immediately preceding the Base Tax Year.

15 "Base Tax Year's Tax Extension": The product of the
16 equalized assessed valuation utilized by the County Clerk
17 in the Base Tax Year multiplied by the limiting rate as
18 calculated by the County Clerk and defined in the Property
19 Tax Extension Limitation Law.

20 "Preceding Tax Year's Tax Extension": The product of
21 the equalized assessed valuation utilized by the County
22 Clerk in the Preceding Tax Year multiplied by the Operating
23 Tax Rate as defined in subsection (A).

24 "Extension Limitation Ratio": A numerical ratio,
25 certified by the County Clerk, in which the numerator is
26 the Base Tax Year's Tax Extension and the denominator is

1 the Preceding Tax Year's Tax Extension.

2 "Operating Tax Rate": The operating tax rate as defined
3 in subsection (A).

4 If a school district is subject to property tax extension
5 limitations as imposed under the Property Tax Extension
6 Limitation Law, the State Board of Education shall calculate
7 the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of that
8 district. For the 1999-2000 school year, the Extension
9 Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as
10 calculated by the State Board of Education shall be equal to
11 the product of the district's 1996 Equalized Assessed Valuation
12 and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. For the
13 2000-2001 school year and each school year thereafter, the
14 Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school
15 district as calculated by the State Board of Education shall be
16 equal to the product of the Equalized Assessed Valuation last
17 used in the calculation of general State aid and the district's
18 Extension Limitation Ratio. If the Extension Limitation
19 Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated
20 under this subsection (G)(3) is less than the district's
21 equalized assessed valuation as calculated pursuant to
22 subsections (G)(1) and (G)(2), then for purposes of calculating
23 the district's general State aid for the Budget Year pursuant
24 to subsection (E), that Extension Limitation Equalized
25 Assessed Valuation shall be utilized to calculate the
26 district's Available Local Resources under subsection (D).

1 Partial elementary unit districts created in accordance
2 with Article 11E of this Code shall not be eligible for the
3 adjustment in this subsection (G)(3) until the fifth year
4 following the effective date of the reorganization.

5 (4) For the purposes of calculating general State aid for
6 the 1999-2000 school year only, if a school district
7 experienced a triennial reassessment on the equalized assessed
8 valuation used in calculating its general State financial aid
9 apportionment for the 1998-1999 school year, the State Board of
10 Education shall calculate the Extension Limitation Equalized
11 Assessed Valuation that would have been used to calculate the
12 district's 1998-1999 general State aid. This amount shall equal
13 the product of the equalized assessed valuation used to
14 calculate general State aid for the 1997-1998 school year and
15 the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. If the Extension
16 Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of the school district
17 as calculated under this paragraph (4) is less than the
18 district's equalized assessed valuation utilized in
19 calculating the district's 1998-1999 general State aid
20 allocation, then for purposes of calculating the district's
21 general State aid pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (E),
22 that Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation shall
23 be utilized to calculate the district's Available Local
24 Resources.

25 (5) For school districts having a majority of their
26 equalized assessed valuation in any county except Cook, DuPage,

1 Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will, if the amount of general State
2 aid allocated to the school district for the 1999-2000 school
3 year under the provisions of subsection (E), (H), and (J) of
4 this Section is less than the amount of general State aid
5 allocated to the district for the 1998-1999 school year under
6 these subsections, then the general State aid of the district
7 for the 1999-2000 school year only shall be increased by the
8 difference between these amounts. The total payments made under
9 this paragraph (5) shall not exceed \$14,000,000. Claims shall
10 be prorated if they exceed \$14,000,000.

11 (H) Supplemental General State Aid.

12 (1) In addition to the general State aid a school district
13 is allotted pursuant to subsection (E), qualifying school
14 districts shall receive a grant, paid in conjunction with a
15 district's payments of general State aid, for supplemental
16 general State aid based upon the concentration level of
17 children from low-income households within the school
18 district. Supplemental State aid grants provided for school
19 districts under this subsection shall be appropriated for
20 distribution to school districts as part of the same line item
21 in which the general State financial aid of school districts is
22 appropriated under this Section. If the appropriation in any
23 fiscal year for general State aid and supplemental general
24 State aid is insufficient to pay the amounts required under the
25 general State aid and supplemental general State aid

1 calculations, then the State Board of Education shall ensure
2 that each school district receives the full amount due for
3 general State aid and the remainder of the appropriation shall
4 be used for supplemental general State aid, which the State
5 Board of Education shall calculate and pay to eligible
6 districts on a prorated basis.

7 (1.5) This paragraph (1.5) applies only to those school
8 years preceding the 2003-2004 school year. For purposes of this
9 subsection (H), the term "Low-Income Concentration Level"
10 shall be the low-income eligible pupil count from the most
11 recently available federal census divided by the Average Daily
12 Attendance of the school district. If, however, (i) the
13 percentage decrease from the 2 most recent federal censuses in
14 the low-income eligible pupil count of a high school district
15 with fewer than 400 students exceeds by 75% or more the
16 percentage change in the total low-income eligible pupil count
17 of contiguous elementary school districts, whose boundaries
18 are coterminous with the high school district, or (ii) a high
19 school district within 2 counties and serving 5 elementary
20 school districts, whose boundaries are coterminous with the
21 high school district, has a percentage decrease from the 2 most
22 recent federal censuses in the low-income eligible pupil count
23 and there is a percentage increase in the total low-income
24 eligible pupil count of a majority of the elementary school
25 districts in excess of 50% from the 2 most recent federal
26 censuses, then the high school district's low-income eligible

1 pupil count from the earlier federal census shall be the number
2 used as the low-income eligible pupil count for the high school
3 district, for purposes of this subsection (H). The changes made
4 to this paragraph (1) by Public Act 92-28 shall apply to
5 supplemental general State aid grants for school years
6 preceding the 2003-2004 school year that are paid in fiscal
7 year 1999 or thereafter and to any State aid payments made in
8 fiscal year 1994 through fiscal year 1998 pursuant to
9 subsection 1(n) of Section 18-8 of this Code (which was
10 repealed on July 1, 1998), and any high school district that is
11 affected by Public Act 92-28 is entitled to a recomputation of
12 its supplemental general State aid grant or State aid paid in
13 any of those fiscal years. This recomputation shall not be
14 affected by any other funding.

15 (1.10) This paragraph (1.10) applies to the 2003-2004
16 school year and each school year thereafter. For purposes of
17 this subsection (H), the term "Low-Income Concentration Level"
18 shall, for each fiscal year, be the low-income eligible pupil
19 count as of July 1 of the immediately preceding fiscal year (as
20 determined by the Department of Human Services based on the
21 number of pupils who are eligible for at least one of the
22 following low income programs: Medicaid, KidCare, TANF, or Food
23 Stamps, excluding pupils who are eligible for services provided
24 by the Department of Children and Family Services, averaged
25 over the 2 immediately preceding fiscal years for fiscal year
26 2004 and over the 3 immediately preceding fiscal years for each

1 fiscal year thereafter) divided by the Average Daily Attendance
2 of the school district.

3 (2) Supplemental general State aid pursuant to this
4 subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 1998-1999,
5 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 school years only:

6 (a) For any school district with a Low Income
7 Concentration Level of at least 20% and less than 35%, the
8 grant for any school year shall be \$800 multiplied by the
9 low income eligible pupil count.

10 (b) For any school district with a Low Income
11 Concentration Level of at least 35% and less than 50%, the
12 grant for the 1998-1999 school year shall be \$1,100
13 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.

14 (c) For any school district with a Low Income
15 Concentration Level of at least 50% and less than 60%, the
16 grant for the 1998-99 school year shall be \$1,500
17 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.

18 (d) For any school district with a Low Income
19 Concentration Level of 60% or more, the grant for the
20 1998-99 school year shall be \$1,900 multiplied by the low
21 income eligible pupil count.

22 (e) For the 1999-2000 school year, the per pupil amount
23 specified in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) immediately
24 above shall be increased to \$1,243, \$1,600, and \$2,000,
25 respectively.

26 (f) For the 2000-2001 school year, the per pupil

1 amounts specified in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d)
2 immediately above shall be \$1,273, \$1,640, and \$2,050,
3 respectively.

4 (2.5) Supplemental general State aid pursuant to this
5 subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 2002-2003
6 school year:

7 (a) For any school district with a Low Income
8 Concentration Level of less than 10%, the grant for each
9 school year shall be \$355 multiplied by the low income
10 eligible pupil count.

11 (b) For any school district with a Low Income
12 Concentration Level of at least 10% and less than 20%, the
13 grant for each school year shall be \$675 multiplied by the
14 low income eligible pupil count.

15 (c) For any school district with a Low Income
16 Concentration Level of at least 20% and less than 35%, the
17 grant for each school year shall be \$1,330 multiplied by
18 the low income eligible pupil count.

19 (d) For any school district with a Low Income
20 Concentration Level of at least 35% and less than 50%, the
21 grant for each school year shall be \$1,362 multiplied by
22 the low income eligible pupil count.

23 (e) For any school district with a Low Income
24 Concentration Level of at least 50% and less than 60%, the
25 grant for each school year shall be \$1,680 multiplied by
26 the low income eligible pupil count.

1 (f) For any school district with a Low Income
2 Concentration Level of 60% or more, the grant for each
3 school year shall be \$2,080 multiplied by the low income
4 eligible pupil count.

5 (2.10) Except as otherwise provided, supplemental general
6 State aid pursuant to this subsection (H) shall be provided as
7 follows for the 2003-2004 school year and each school year
8 thereafter:

9 (a) For any school district with a Low Income
10 Concentration Level of 15% or less, the grant for each
11 school year shall be \$355 multiplied by the low income
12 eligible pupil count.

13 (b) For any school district with a Low Income
14 Concentration Level greater than 15%, the grant for each
15 school year shall be \$294.25 added to the product of \$2,700
16 and the square of the Low Income Concentration Level, all
17 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.

18 For the 2003-2004 school year, 2004-2005 school year,
19 2005-2006 school year, and 2006-2007 school year only, the
20 grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school
21 year. For the 2007-2008 school year only, the grant shall be no
22 less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year multiplied by
23 0.66. For the 2008-2009 school year only, the grant shall be no
24 less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year multiplied by
25 0.33. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph to the
26 contrary, if for any school year supplemental general State aid

1 grants are prorated as provided in paragraph (1) of this
2 subsection (H), then the grants under this paragraph shall be
3 prorated.

4 For the 2003-2004 school year only, the grant shall be no
5 greater than the grant received during the 2002-2003 school
6 year added to the product of 0.25 multiplied by the difference
7 between the grant amount calculated under subsection (a) or (b)
8 of this paragraph (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the
9 grant received during the 2002-2003 school year. For the
10 2004-2005 school year only, the grant shall be no greater than
11 the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year added to
12 the product of 0.50 multiplied by the difference between the
13 grant amount calculated under subsection (a) or (b) of this
14 paragraph (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the grant
15 received during the 2002-2003 school year. For the 2005-2006
16 school year only, the grant shall be no greater than the grant
17 received during the 2002-2003 school year added to the product
18 of 0.75 multiplied by the difference between the grant amount
19 calculated under subsection (a) or (b) of this paragraph
20 (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the grant received during
21 the 2002-2003 school year.

22 (3) School districts with an Average Daily Attendance of
23 more than 1,000 and less than 50,000 that qualify for
24 supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection
25 shall submit a plan to the State Board of Education prior to
26 October 30 of each year for the use of the funds resulting from

1 this grant of supplemental general State aid for the
2 improvement of instruction in which priority is given to
3 meeting the education needs of disadvantaged children. Such
4 plan shall be submitted in accordance with rules and
5 regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.

6 (4) School districts with an Average Daily Attendance of
7 50,000 or more that qualify for supplemental general State aid
8 pursuant to this subsection shall be required to distribute
9 from funds available pursuant to this Section, no less than
10 \$261,000,000 in accordance with the following requirements:

11 (a) The required amounts shall be distributed to the
12 attendance centers within the district in proportion to the
13 number of pupils enrolled at each attendance center who are
14 eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches or
15 breakfasts under the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966
16 and under the National School Lunch Act during the
17 immediately preceding school year.

18 (b) The distribution of these portions of supplemental
19 and general State aid among attendance centers according to
20 these requirements shall not be compensated for or
21 contravened by adjustments of the total of other funds
22 appropriated to any attendance centers, and the Board of
23 Education shall utilize funding from one or several sources
24 in order to fully implement this provision annually prior
25 to the opening of school.

26 (c) Each attendance center shall be provided by the

1 school district a distribution of noncategorical funds and
2 other categorical funds to which an attendance center is
3 entitled under law in order that the general State aid and
4 supplemental general State aid provided by application of
5 this subsection supplements rather than supplants the
6 noncategorical funds and other categorical funds provided
7 by the school district to the attendance centers.

8 (d) Any funds made available under this subsection that
9 by reason of the provisions of this subsection are not
10 required to be allocated and provided to attendance centers
11 may be used and appropriated by the board of the district
12 for any lawful school purpose.

13 (e) Funds received by an attendance center pursuant to
14 this subsection shall be used by the attendance center at
15 the discretion of the principal and local school council
16 for programs to improve educational opportunities at
17 qualifying schools through the following programs and
18 services: early childhood education, reduced class size or
19 improved adult to student classroom ratio, enrichment
20 programs, remedial assistance, attendance improvement, and
21 other educationally beneficial expenditures which
22 supplement the regular and basic programs as determined by
23 the State Board of Education. Funds provided shall not be
24 expended for any political or lobbying purposes as defined
25 by board rule.

26 (f) Each district subject to the provisions of this

1 subdivision (H) (4) shall submit an acceptable plan to meet
2 the educational needs of disadvantaged children, in
3 compliance with the requirements of this paragraph, to the
4 State Board of Education prior to July 15 of each year.
5 This plan shall be consistent with the decisions of local
6 school councils concerning the school expenditure plans
7 developed in accordance with part 4 of Section 34-2.3. The
8 State Board shall approve or reject the plan within 60 days
9 after its submission. If the plan is rejected, the district
10 shall give written notice of intent to modify the plan
11 within 15 days of the notification of rejection and then
12 submit a modified plan within 30 days after the date of the
13 written notice of intent to modify. Districts may amend
14 approved plans pursuant to rules promulgated by the State
15 Board of Education.

16 Upon notification by the State Board of Education that
17 the district has not submitted a plan prior to July 15 or a
18 modified plan within the time period specified herein, the
19 State aid funds affected by that plan or modified plan
20 shall be withheld by the State Board of Education until a
21 plan or modified plan is submitted.

22 If the district fails to distribute State aid to
23 attendance centers in accordance with an approved plan, the
24 plan for the following year shall allocate funds, in
25 addition to the funds otherwise required by this
26 subsection, to those attendance centers which were

1 underfunded during the previous year in amounts equal to
2 such underfunding.

3 For purposes of determining compliance with this
4 subsection in relation to the requirements of attendance
5 center funding, each district subject to the provisions of
6 this subsection shall submit as a separate document by
7 December 1 of each year a report of expenditure data for
8 the prior year in addition to any modification of its
9 current plan. If it is determined that there has been a
10 failure to comply with the expenditure provisions of this
11 subsection regarding contravention or supplanting, the
12 State Superintendent of Education shall, within 60 days of
13 receipt of the report, notify the district and any affected
14 local school council. The district shall within 45 days of
15 receipt of that notification inform the State
16 Superintendent of Education of the remedial or corrective
17 action to be taken, whether by amendment of the current
18 plan, if feasible, or by adjustment in the plan for the
19 following year. Failure to provide the expenditure report
20 or the notification of remedial or corrective action in a
21 timely manner shall result in a withholding of the affected
22 funds.

23 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and
24 regulations to implement the provisions of this
25 subsection. No funds shall be released under this
26 subdivision (H) (4) to any district that has not submitted a

1 plan that has been approved by the State Board of
2 Education.

3 (I) (Blank).

4 (J) Supplementary Grants in Aid.

5 (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section,
6 the amount of the aggregate general State aid in combination
7 with supplemental general State aid under this Section for
8 which each school district is eligible shall be no less than
9 the amount of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that
10 was received by the district under Section 18-8 (exclusive of
11 amounts received under subsections 5(p) and 5(p-5) of that
12 Section) for the 1997-98 school year, pursuant to the
13 provisions of that Section as it was then in effect. If a
14 school district qualifies to receive a supplementary payment
15 made under this subsection (J), the amount of the aggregate
16 general State aid in combination with supplemental general
17 State aid under this Section which that district is eligible to
18 receive for each school year shall be no less than the amount
19 of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that was
20 received by the district under Section 18-8 (exclusive of
21 amounts received under subsections 5(p) and 5(p-5) of that
22 Section) for the 1997-1998 school year, pursuant to the
23 provisions of that Section as it was then in effect.

24 (2) If, as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection

1 (J), a school district is to receive aggregate general State
2 aid in combination with supplemental general State aid under
3 this Section for the 1998-99 school year and any subsequent
4 school year that in any such school year is less than the
5 amount of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that the
6 district received for the 1997-98 school year, the school
7 district shall also receive, from a separate appropriation made
8 for purposes of this subsection (J), a supplementary payment
9 that is equal to the amount of the difference in the aggregate
10 State aid figures as described in paragraph (1).

11 (3) (Blank).

12 (K) Grants to Laboratory and Alternative Schools.

13 In calculating the amount to be paid to the governing board
14 of a public university that operates a laboratory school under
15 this Section or to any alternative school that is operated by a
16 regional superintendent of schools, the State Board of
17 Education shall require by rule such reporting requirements as
18 it deems necessary.

19 As used in this Section, "laboratory school" means a public
20 school which is created and operated by a public university and
21 approved by the State Board of Education. The governing board
22 of a public university which receives funds from the State
23 Board under this subsection (K) may not increase the number of
24 students enrolled in its laboratory school from a single
25 district, if that district is already sending 50 or more

1 students, except under a mutual agreement between the school
2 board of a student's district of residence and the university
3 which operates the laboratory school. A laboratory school may
4 not have more than 1,000 students, excluding students with
5 disabilities in a special education program.

6 As used in this Section, "alternative school" means a
7 public school which is created and operated by a Regional
8 Superintendent of Schools and approved by the State Board of
9 Education. Such alternative schools may offer courses of
10 instruction for which credit is given in regular school
11 programs, courses to prepare students for the high school
12 equivalency testing program or vocational and occupational
13 training. A regional superintendent of schools may contract
14 with a school district or a public community college district
15 to operate an alternative school. An alternative school serving
16 more than one educational service region may be established by
17 the regional superintendents of schools of the affected
18 educational service regions. An alternative school serving
19 more than one educational service region may be operated under
20 such terms as the regional superintendents of schools of those
21 educational service regions may agree.

22 Each laboratory and alternative school shall file, on forms
23 provided by the State Superintendent of Education, an annual
24 State aid claim which states the Average Daily Attendance of
25 the school's students by month. The best 3 months' Average
26 Daily Attendance shall be computed for each school. The general

1 State aid entitlement shall be computed by multiplying the
2 applicable Average Daily Attendance by the Foundation Level as
3 determined under this Section.

4 (L) Payments, Additional Grants in Aid and Other Requirements.

5 (1) For a school district operating under the financial
6 supervision of an Authority created under Article 34A, the
7 general State aid otherwise payable to that district under this
8 Section, but not the supplemental general State aid, shall be
9 reduced by an amount equal to the budget for the operations of
10 the Authority as certified by the Authority to the State Board
11 of Education, and an amount equal to such reduction shall be
12 paid to the Authority created for such district for its
13 operating expenses in the manner provided in Section 18-11. The
14 remainder of general State school aid for any such district
15 shall be paid in accordance with Article 34A when that Article
16 provides for a disposition other than that provided by this
17 Article.

18 (2) (Blank).

19 (3) Summer school. Summer school payments shall be made as
20 provided in Section 18-4.3.

21 (M) Education Funding Advisory Board.

22 The Education Funding Advisory Board, hereinafter in this
23 subsection (M) referred to as the "Board", is hereby created.
24 The Board shall consist of 5 members who are appointed by the

1 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The
2 members appointed shall include representatives of education,
3 business, and the general public. One of the members so
4 appointed shall be designated by the Governor at the time the
5 appointment is made as the chairperson of the Board. The
6 initial members of the Board may be appointed any time after
7 the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997. The regular
8 term of each member of the Board shall be for 4 years from the
9 third Monday of January of the year in which the term of the
10 member's appointment is to commence, except that of the 5
11 initial members appointed to serve on the Board, the member who
12 is appointed as the chairperson shall serve for a term that
13 commences on the date of his or her appointment and expires on
14 the third Monday of January, 2002, and the remaining 4 members,
15 by lots drawn at the first meeting of the Board that is held
16 after all 5 members are appointed, shall determine 2 of their
17 number to serve for terms that commence on the date of their
18 respective appointments and expire on the third Monday of
19 January, 2001, and 2 of their number to serve for terms that
20 commence on the date of their respective appointments and
21 expire on the third Monday of January, 2000. All members
22 appointed to serve on the Board shall serve until their
23 respective successors are appointed and confirmed. Vacancies
24 shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. If
25 a vacancy in membership occurs at a time when the Senate is not
26 in session, the Governor shall make a temporary appointment

1 until the next meeting of the Senate, when he or she shall
2 appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a
3 person to fill that membership for the unexpired term. If the
4 Senate is not in session when the initial appointments are
5 made, those appointments shall be made as in the case of
6 vacancies.

7 The Education Funding Advisory Board shall be deemed
8 established, and the initial members appointed by the Governor
9 to serve as members of the Board shall take office, on the date
10 that the Governor makes his or her appointment of the fifth
11 initial member of the Board, whether those initial members are
12 then serving pursuant to appointment and confirmation or
13 pursuant to temporary appointments that are made by the
14 Governor as in the case of vacancies.

15 The State Board of Education shall provide such staff
16 assistance to the Education Funding Advisory Board as is
17 reasonably required for the proper performance by the Board of
18 its responsibilities.

19 For school years after the 2000-2001 school year, the
20 Education Funding Advisory Board, in consultation with the
21 State Board of Education, shall make recommendations as
22 provided in this subsection (M) to the General Assembly for the
23 foundation level under subdivision (B)(3) of this Section and
24 for the supplemental general State aid grant level under
25 subsection (H) of this Section for districts with high
26 concentrations of children from poverty. The recommended

1 foundation level shall be determined based on a methodology
2 which incorporates the basic education expenditures of
3 low-spending schools exhibiting high academic performance. The
4 Education Funding Advisory Board shall make such
5 recommendations to the General Assembly on January 1 of odd
6 numbered years, beginning January 1, 2001.

7 (N) (Blank).

8 (O) References.

9 (1) References in other laws to the various subdivisions of
10 Section 18-8 as that Section existed before its repeal and
11 replacement by this Section 18-8.05 shall be deemed to refer to
12 the corresponding provisions of this Section 18-8.05, to the
13 extent that those references remain applicable.

14 (2) References in other laws to State Chapter 1 funds shall
15 be deemed to refer to the supplemental general State aid
16 provided under subsection (H) of this Section.

17 (P) Public Act 93-838 and Public Act 93-808 make inconsistent
18 changes to this Section. Under Section 6 of the Statute on
19 Statutes there is an irreconcilable conflict between Public Act
20 93-808 and Public Act 93-838. Public Act 93-838, being the last
21 acted upon, is controlling. The text of Public Act 93-838 is
22 the law regardless of the text of Public Act 93-808.

23 (Source: P.A. 93-21, eff. 7-1-03; 93-715, eff. 7-12-04; 93-808,

1 eff. 7-26-04; 93-838, eff. 7-30-04; 93-875, eff. 8-6-04; 94-69,
2 eff. 7-1-05; 94-438, eff. 8-4-05; 94-835, eff. 6-6-06; 94-1019,
3 eff. 7-10-06; revised 8-3-06.)

4 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)

5 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,
7 teachers ~~Teachers~~ shall not be required to teach on Saturdays, ~~+~~
8 nor shall teachers or other school employees, other than
9 noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary
10 because of an emergency or for the continued operation and
11 maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to
12 work on legal school holidays, which are January 1, New Year's
13 Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin
14 Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President
15 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as
16 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); ~~Good Friday~~; the day designated as
17 Memorial Day by federal law; July 4, Independence Day; the
18 first Monday in September, Labor Day; the second Monday in
19 October, Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans' ~~Veteran's~~ Day;
20 the Thursday in November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and
21 December 25, Christmas Day. School boards may grant special
22 holidays whenever in their judgment such action is advisable,
23 except that no school board or board of education may designate
24 or observe as a special holiday on which teachers or other
25 school employees are not required to work the days on which

1 general elections for members of the Illinois House of
2 Representatives are held. No deduction shall be made from the
3 time or compensation of a school employee on account of any
4 legal or special holiday.

5 (b) A school board and other entities that are eligible to
6 apply for waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of
7 this Code are authorized to hold school or schedule teachers'
8 institutes, parent-teacher conferences, or staff development
9 on the third Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin
10 Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President
11 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as
12 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); the second Monday in October,
13 Columbus Day; and November 11, Veterans' Day, provided that:

14 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are
15 recognized through instructional activities conducted on
16 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,
17 on the first school day preceding or following that day;
18 and

19 (2) the school board or other entity that chooses to
20 exercise its authority under this subsection (b) first
21 holds a public hearing about the proposal to exercise this
22 authority. The school board or other entity shall provide
23 notice preceding the public hearing to both educators and
24 parents in the district. The notice shall set forth the
25 time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the
26 proposal, and indicate that the school board or other

1 entity will take testimony from educators and parents about
2 the proposal.

3 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified
4 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,
5 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays are:
6 January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed
7 as a commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the
8 birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans'
9 ~~Veterans~~ Day), September 11 (September 11th Day of
10 Remembrance), the school day immediately preceding Veterans'
11 ~~Veteran's~~ Day (Korean War Veterans' ~~Veterans~~ Day), October 1
12 (Recycling Day), December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' ~~Veterans~~
13 Day) and any day so appointed by the President or Governor.
14 School boards may establish commemorative holidays whenever in
15 their judgment such action is advisable. School boards shall
16 include instruction relative to commemorated persons,
17 activities, or events on the commemorative holiday or at any
18 other time during the school year and at any point in the
19 curriculum when such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The
20 State Board of Education shall prepare and make available to
21 school boards instructional materials relative to commemorated
22 persons, activities, or events which may be used by school
23 boards in conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to
24 this paragraph.

25 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March
26 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday shall

1 be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to commemorate and
2 be reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the City of
3 Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J. Daley and
4 the late Mayor Harold Washington. If March 4 falls on a
5 Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on the
6 following Monday.

7 (Source: P.A. 92-704, eff. 7-19-02.)