

**SB1858**



**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2007 and 2008**

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Introduced 7/27/2007, by Sen. Martin A. Sandoval

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 230/5-110 new

Amends the School Construction Law. Subject to appropriation, provides that the Capital Development Board is authorized to make construction grants to school districts for overcrowding relief construction projects, to be paid out of moneys appropriated for that purpose from the School Infrastructure Fund. Sets forth provisions concerning implementation rules, applicant requirements, identifying those schools with the greatest overcrowding, and grant priority. Effective January 1, 2008.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

**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 Construction Law is amended by adding  
5 Section 5-110 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-110 new)

7 Sec. 5-110. Overcrowding relief construction grants.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Capital Development  
9 Board is authorized to make construction grants to school  
10 districts for overcrowding relief construction projects. These  
11 grants shall be paid out of moneys appropriated for that  
12 purpose from the School Infrastructure Fund.

13 (b) The Capital Development Board shall adopt rules to  
14 implement this Section. The rules may specify the following:

15 (1) the manner of applying for grants;

16 (2) project eligibility requirements;

17 (3) restrictions on the use of grant moneys;

18 (4) the manner in which recipients must account for the  
19 use of grant moneys; and

20 (5) any other provision that the Capital Development  
21 Board deems necessary to prioritize applications.

22 (c) Each school district that applies for a grant under  
23 this Section shall complete and submit with its grant

1 application a one-time initial report of existing school  
2 building capacity, subject to review by the Capital Development  
3 Board.

4 (d) Each applicant school district shall calculate  
5 potential enrollment projections or enrollment applications,  
6 if applicable, for the 5th year beyond the fiscal year in which  
7 the application for a grant is made.

8 (e) The Capital Development Board, in consultation with the  
9 State Board of Education, shall utilize reliable demographic  
10 data and school building capacity reports to identify the  
11 schools with the greatest overcrowding. Overcrowding must be  
12 defined by a formula, to be determined by the Capital  
13 Development Board, that considers the number of school-age  
14 children residing in the attendance area divided by the number  
15 of students who can be served according to facility capacity.  
16 Other factors, such as the number of students attending private  
17 schools, may be considered if based on reliable trend data and  
18 estimates.

19 (f) When determining grant eligibility and levels for  
20 grants under this Section, the Capital Development Board shall  
21 give consideration and priority to without limitation the  
22 following:

23 (1) the applicant's existing school building capacity;

24 (2) the population density of the area served by the  
25 applicant school district; and

26 (3) the extent to which grants would relieve

1           overcrowding.

2           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
3           1, 2008.