

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 adding Section
5 27A-5.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27A-5.5 new)

7 Sec. 27A-5.5. Charter school truancy.

8 (a) A charter school shall comply with all applicable
9 absenteeism and truancy policies and requirements applicable
10 to public schools under the laws of the State of Illinois.

11 (b) A charter school shall define a truant as a child who
12 is subject to compulsory school attendance and who is absent
13 without valid cause from such attendance for a school day or
14 portion thereof.

15 (c) A charter school shall define a chronic or habitual
16 truant as a child who is subject to compulsory school
17 attendance and who is absent without valid cause from such
18 attendance for 5% or more of the previous 180 regular
19 attendance days.

20 (d) A charter school shall define a truant minor as a
21 chronic truant to whom supportive services, including
22 prevention, diagnostic, intervention, and remedial services,
23 alternative programs, and other school and community resources

1 have been provided and have failed to result in the cessation
2 of chronic truancy or have been offered and refused.

3 (e) A charter school shall define a dropout as any child
4 enrolled in grades 9 through 12 whose name has been removed
5 from the charter school enrollment roster for any reason other
6 than the student's death, extended illness, removal for medical
7 non-compliance, expulsion, aging out, graduation, or
8 completion of a program of studies and who has not transferred
9 to another public or private school and is not known to be
10 home-schooled by his or her parents or guardians or continuing
11 school in another country.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.