

AN ACT concerning education.

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

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections 27-24.4 and 27-24.5 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/27-24.4) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.4)

Sec. 27-24.4. Reimbursement amount. Each school district shall be entitled to reimbursement, for each pupil, excluding each resident of the district over age 55, who finishes either the classroom instruction part or the practice driving part of a driver education course that meets the minimum requirements of this Act. Such reimbursement is payable from the Drivers Education Fund in the State treasury.

Each year all funds appropriated from the Driver Education Fund to the State Board of Education, with the exception of those funds necessary for administrative purposes of the State Board of Education, shall be distributed in the manner provided in this paragraph to school districts by the State Board of Education for reimbursement of claims from the previous school year. As soon as may be after each quarter of the year, if moneys are available in the Driver Education Fund in the State treasury for payments under this Section, the State Comptroller shall draw his or her warrants upon the State Treasurer as directed by the State Board of Education. The warrant for each quarter shall be in an amount equal to one-fourth of the total amount to be distributed to school districts for the year. Payments shall be made to school districts as soon as may be after receipt of the warrants.

The base reimbursement amount shall be calculated by the State Board by dividing the total amount appropriated for distribution by the total of: (a) the number of students, excluding residents of the district over age 55, who have

completed the classroom instruction part for whom valid claims have been made times 0.2; plus (b) the number of students, excluding residents of the district over age 55, who have completed the practice driving instruction part for whom valid claims have been made times 0.8.

The amount of reimbursement to be distributed on each claim shall be 0.2 times the base reimbursement amount for each validly claimed student, excluding residents of the district over age 55, who has completed the classroom instruction part, plus 0.8 times the base reimbursement amount for each validly claimed student, excluding residents of the district over age 55, who has completed the practice driving instruction part. ~~In no case, however, shall the amount of reimbursement made on account of any student exceed the per pupil cost to the district of the classroom instruction part and the practice driving instruction part combined.~~ The school district which is the residence of a pupil who attends a nonpublic school in another district that has furnished the driver education course shall reimburse the district offering the course, the difference between the actual per capita cost of giving the course the previous school year and the amount reimbursed by the State.

By April 1 the nonpublic school shall notify the district offering the course of the names and district numbers of the nonresident students desiring to take such course the next school year. The district offering such course shall notify the district of residence of those students affected by April 15. The school district furnishing the course may claim the nonresident pupil for the purpose of making a claim for State reimbursement under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 85-359.)

(105 ILCS 5/27-24.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.5)

Sec. 27-24.5. Submission of claims. The ~~Claims for reimbursement under this Act shall be submitted in duplicate by each district to the State Board prior to October 1 of each~~

~~year on such forms and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the State Board. Claims from the 1997-1998 school year that are received after September 1, 1998 but before October 1, 1998, and only these claims, shall be paid in the same manner as if they were received before September 1, 1998. In addition to the claim form,~~ the district shall report on forms prescribed by the State Board, on an ongoing basis, a list of students by name, birth date and sex, with the date the behind-the-wheel instruction or the classroom instruction or both were completed and with the status of the course completion.

The State shall not reimburse any district for any student who has repeated any part of the course more than once or who did not meet the age requirements of this Act during the period that the student was instructed in any part of the drivers education course; nor shall the State reimburse any district for any resident of the district over age 55.

(Source: P.A. 90-811, eff. 1-26-99.)

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