

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 Section  
5 14-1.09a and by adding Sections 10-20.60 and 34-18.53 as  
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new)

8 Sec. 10-20.60. School social worker. A school board may  
9 employ school social workers who have graduated with a master's  
10 or higher degree in social work from an accredited graduate  
11 school of social work and have such additional qualifications  
12 as may be required by the State Board of Education and who hold  
13 a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel  
14 endorsement for school social work pursuant to Section 21B-25  
15 of this Code. Only persons so licensed and endorsed may use the  
16 title "school social worker". A school social worker may  
17 provide individual and group services to the general student  
18 population and to students with disabilities pursuant to  
19 Article 14 of this Code and rules set forth in 23 Ill. Adm.  
20 Code 226, Special Education, adopted by the State Board of  
21 Education and may provide support and consultation to  
22 administrators, teachers, and other school personnel  
23 consistent with their professional qualifications and the

1 provisions of this Code and other applicable laws. School  
2 districts may employ a sufficient number of school social  
3 workers to address the needs of their students and schools and  
4 may maintain the nationally recommended student-to-school  
5 social worker ratio of 250 to 1. A school social worker may not  
6 provide such services outside his or her employment to any  
7 student in the district or districts that employ the school  
8 social worker.

9 (105 ILCS 5/14-1.09a) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-1.09a)

10 Sec. 14-1.09a. School social worker. "School Social  
11 Worker" means a social worker who has graduated with a master's  
12 or higher degree in social work from an accredited graduate  
13 school of social work and ~~who~~ has such additional  
14 qualifications as may be required by the State Board of  
15 Education and who holds a Professional Educator License with a  
16 school support personnel endorsement for school social work  
17 pursuant to Section 21B-25 ~~School Service Personnel~~  
18 ~~Certificate endorsed for school social work issued pursuant to~~  
19 ~~Section 21-25~~ of this Code. Only persons ~~Persons~~ so licensed  
20 and endorsed ~~certified~~ may use the title "school social  
21 worker". A social worker ~~and~~ may offer school social work  
22 services as provided in this Code and other applicable laws and  
23 as ~~which are limited to those services set forth in 23 Ill.~~  
24 Adm. Code 226, Special Education, ~~pertaining to children~~  
25 ~~between the ages of 3 to 21,~~ promulgated by the State Board of

1 Education, governing the provision of special education and  
2 related services to children with disabilities and  
3 requirements for the treatment of children with disabilities  
4 between the ages of 3 and 21. School social workers may make  
5 evaluations, recommendations or interventions regarding the  
6 placement of children in educational programs or special  
7 education classes. However, a school social worker shall not  
8 provide such services outside his or her employment to any  
9 student in the district or districts which employ such school  
10 social worker.

11 (Source: P.A. 86-303.)

12 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new)

13 Sec. 34-18.53. School social worker. The board may employ  
14 school social workers who have graduated with a master's or  
15 higher degree in social work from an accredited graduate school  
16 of social work and have such additional qualifications as may  
17 be required by the State Board of Education and who hold a  
18 Professional Educator License with a school support personnel  
19 endorsement for school social work pursuant to Section 21B-25  
20 of this Code. Only persons so licensed and endorsed may use the  
21 title "school social worker". A school social worker may  
22 provide individual and group services to the general student  
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1 Education and may provide support and consultation to  
2 administrators, teachers, and other school personnel  
3 consistent with their professional qualifications and the  
4 provisions of this Code and other applicable laws. The school  
5 district may employ a sufficient number of school social  
6 workers to address the needs of their students and schools and  
7 may maintain the nationally recommended student-to-school  
8 social worker ratio of 250 to 1. A school social worker may not  
9 provide such services outside his or her employment to any  
10 student in the district or districts that employ the school  
11 social worker.

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