

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB2403

by Rep. Fred Crespo

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-21.3a

Amends the School Code. In provisions concerning the transfer of students, removes references to now-repealed federal laws.

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1 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 Section 10-21.3a as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/10-21.3a)
- 7 Sec. 10-21.3a. Transfer of students.
- 8 (a) Each school board shall establish and implement a policy governing the transfer of a student from one attendance center to another within the school district upon the request 10 of the student's parent or guardian. Any request by a parent or 11 quardian to transfer his or her child from one attendance 12 center to another within the school district pursuant to 13 14 Section 1116 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6316) must be made no later than 30 15 16 days after the parent or guardian receives notice of the right 17 to transfer pursuant to that law. A student may not transfer to any of the following attendance centers, except by change in 18 19 residence if the policy authorizes enrollment based on 20 residence in an attendance area or unless approved by the board 21 on an individual basis:
- 22 (1) An attendance center that exceeds or as a result of 23 the transfer would exceed its attendance capacity.

- (2) An attendance center for which the board has established academic criteria for enrollment if the student does not meet the criteria, provided that the transfer must be permitted if the attendance center is the only attendance center serving the student's grade that has not been identified for school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under Section 1116 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6316).
- (3) Any attendance center if the transfer would prevent the school district from meeting its obligations under a State or federal law, court order, or consent decree applicable to the school district.
- (b) Each school board shall establish and implement a policy governing the transfer of students within a school district from a persistently dangerous school to another public school in that district that is not deemed to be persistently dangerous. In order to be considered a persistently dangerous school, the school must meet all of the following criteria for 2 consecutive years:
 - (1) Have greater than 3% of the students enrolled in the school expelled for violence-related conduct.
 - (2) Have one or more students expelled for bringing a firearm to school as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921.
 - (3) Have at least 3% of the students enrolled in the school exercise the individual option to transfer schools

- 1 pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section.
- 2 (c) A student may transfer from one public school to
 3 another public school in that district if the student is a
 4 victim of a violent crime as defined in Section 3 of the Rights
 5 of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. The violent crime must have
 6 occurred on school grounds during regular school hours or
 7 during a school-sponsored event.
- 8 (d) (Blank). Transfers made pursuant to subsections (b) and
 9 (c) of this Section shall be made in compliance with the
 10 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107 110).
- 11 (Source: P.A. 96-328, eff. 8-11-09.)