



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3500

by Rep. William Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.66

from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.66

105 ILCS 5/13B-15.3 new

Amends the School Code. Allows special education cooperatives to participate in a truants' alternative and optional education program. Includes special education cooperatives in the definition of "school district" in the Article concerning alternative learning opportunities. Effective immediately.

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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 2-3.66 and by adding Section 13B-15.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.66) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.66)

7 Sec. 2-3.66. Truants' alternative and optional education
8 programs. To establish projects to offer modified
9 instructional programs or other services designed to prevent
10 students from dropping out of school, including programs
11 pursuant to Section 2-3.41, and to serve as a part time or full
12 time option in lieu of regular school attendance and to award
13 grants to local school districts, educational service regions,
14 special education cooperatives, or community college districts
15 from appropriated funds to assist districts in establishing
16 such projects. The education agency may operate its own program
17 or enter into a contract with another not-for-profit entity to
18 implement the program. The projects shall allow dropouts, up to
19 and including age 21, potential dropouts, including truants,
20 uninvolved, unmotivated and disaffected students, as defined
21 by State Board of Education rules and regulations, to enroll,
22 as an alternative to regular school attendance, in an optional
23 education program which may be established by school board

1 policy and is in conformance with rules adopted by the State
2 Board of Education. Truants' Alternative and Optional
3 Education programs funded pursuant to this Section shall be
4 planned by a student, the student's parents or legal guardians,
5 unless the student is 18 years or older, and school officials
6 and shall culminate in an individualized optional education
7 plan. Such plan shall focus on academic or vocational skills,
8 or both, and may include, but not be limited to, evening
9 school, summer school, community college courses, adult
10 education, preparation courses for high school equivalency
11 testing, vocational training, work experience, programs to
12 enhance self concept and parenting courses. School districts
13 which are awarded grants pursuant to this Section shall be
14 authorized to provide day care services to children of students
15 who are eligible and desire to enroll in programs established
16 and funded under this Section, but only if and to the extent
17 that such day care is necessary to enable those eligible
18 students to attend and participate in the programs and courses
19 which are conducted pursuant to this Section. School districts,
20 special education cooperatives, and regional offices of
21 education may claim general State aid under Section 18-8.05 for
22 students enrolled in truants' alternative and optional
23 education programs, provided that such students are receiving
24 services that are supplemental to a program leading to a high
25 school diploma and are otherwise eligible to be claimed for
26 general State aid under Section 18-8.05.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-718, eff. 1-1-15.)

2 (105 ILCS 5/13B-15.3 new)

3 Sec. 13B-15.3. School district. "School district" includes
4 any district established under this Code as well as a special
5 education cooperative.

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