

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 Sections  
5 10-20.67 and 34-18.60 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.67 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.67. Academic support; at-risk student.

8 (a) In this Section, "at-risk student" means a student who  
9 meets any of the following:

10 (1) He or she has failed 2 or more classes in the  
11 immediately preceding school semester.

12 (2) He or she is experiencing a decline in his or her  
13 grade point average of more than 2 points on a 4.0 scale,  
14 or its equivalent on another scale, compared to the  
15 immediately preceding school semester.

16 (3) He or she is a chronic truant, as defined under  
17 Section 26-2a of this Code.

18 (4) He or she has been suspended more than 3 times from  
19 a school pursuant to Section 10-22.6 or 34-19 of this Code.

20 (5) He or she is homeless or at-risk of becoming  
21 homeless.

22 (6) He or she is under the legal custody of the  
23 Department of Children and Family Services.

1           (7) He or she is the subject of an investigation  
2           conducted by the Department of Children and Family  
3           Services.

4           (8) He or she displays recurring violent behaviors,  
5           including, but not limited to, fighting or threatening  
6           other students or school personnel.

7           (b) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, a school  
8           board shall require its schools to connect at-risk students in  
9           need of academic support to either community-based or in-school  
10           academic support. The academic support may include, but is not  
11           limited to, any of the following:

12                   (1) Individual or small-group tutoring.

13                   (2) A summer school program.

14                   (3) A mentoring program.

15                   (4) An evaluation for the purpose of placing the  
16           student in an individualized education program or a federal  
17           Section 504 plan.

18                   (5) Meeting with an academic advisor.

19           Each school district shall inform the parent or guardian of  
20           an at-risk student about the community-based or in-school  
21           academic support available in that school district or the  
22           community in which the school district is located.

23           (105 ILCS 5/34-18.60 new)

24           Sec. 34-18.60. Academic support; at-risk student.

25           (a) In this Section, "at-risk student" means a student who

1 meets any of the following:

2 (1) He or she has failed 2 or more classes in the  
3 immediately preceding school semester.

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21 other students or school personnel.

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23 shall require its schools to connect at-risk students in need  
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9           an at-risk student about the community-based or in-school  
10          academic support available in that school district or the  
11          community in which the school district is located.

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