

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 Section
5 15-7.5 and by changing Section 15-18 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/15-7.5 new)

7 Sec. 15-7.5. Sale of common school lands to a government
8 entity. Notwithstanding Section 15-7 of this Code, township
9 land commissioners or trustees of schools that have title to
10 any school real estate or lands may authorize by resolution the
11 sale of common school lands to a government entity. The
12 resolution shall include, but is not limited to, a declaration
13 that the lands are a surplus, pertinent information describing
14 the lands, and the terms of the sale. If two-thirds of the
15 township land commissioners or trustees of schools holding
16 office at the time of the proposed sale approve the resolution,
17 a certified copy of the resolution must be delivered to the
18 regional superintendent of schools of the county in which the
19 lands are located within a 7-day period. The regional
20 superintendent shall complete the sale and deliver to the
21 government entity a certificate of purchase under Section 15-16
22 of this Code. Sections 15-8 through 15-13 of this Code do not
23 apply to a sale under this Section.

1 (105 ILCS 5/15-18) (from Ch. 122, par. 15-18)

2 Sec. 15-18. Copies of lost certificates or patents.

3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,
4 purchasers ~~Purchasers~~ of common school lands, and their heirs
5 or assigns, may obtain certified copies or certificates of
6 purchase and patents upon filing an affidavit with the county
7 superintendent in respect to certificates and with the
8 Secretary of State in respect to patents, proving the loss or
9 destruction of the originals, which copies shall have the
10 effect of originals.

11 (b) A purchaser of common school lands, or its assigns,
12 under Section 15-7.5 of this Code may obtain a copy of a
13 certificate of purchase or patent by (i) for a certificate of
14 purchase, filing an affidavit with the regional superintendent
15 of schools in which the lands are located proving the loss or
16 destruction of the original; (ii) for a patent, filing an
17 affidavit with the Secretary of State proving loss or
18 destruction of the original; and (iii) presenting a copy of the
19 certified resolution approving the sale that has been filed by
20 the township land commissioners or trustees of schools with the
21 county recorder of deeds to the regional superintendent or
22 Secretary of State. Upon presentation of all required documents
23 under this subsection (b), the regional superintendent or the
24 Secretary of State shall issue a replacement certificate or
25 patent, which shall have the effect of the originals and shall

1 reflect the effective date of the transfer of title as the date
2 of the filing of the resolution by the township land
3 commissioners or trustees of schools with the county recorder
4 of deeds.

5 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 31.)

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