



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB5899

by Rep. Fred Crespo

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/34-18.60 new
30 ILCS 805/8.42 new

Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Requires the school board to establish a fund to compensate students who, for school years 2015-2016 through 2017-2018, were improperly denied special education services or had special education services improperly delayed. Requires the board to contribute a minimum of \$10,000,000 to the fund. Requires the board to advertise the availability of the fund by posting information about the fund on the school district's Internet website, advertising in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, and advertising on social media. Requires the advertisements to include certain information. Provides that the school board shall obtain the State Board of Education's approval regarding the content of the advertisements and regarding the scope of the school board's advertising efforts to ensure that the advertising efforts are, to the extent possible, sufficient to reach as many parents and legal guardians of eligible students as possible. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 34-18.60 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.60 new)

7 Sec. 34-18.60. Fund to compensate certain students
8 improperly denied special education services.

9 (a) The board shall establish a fund to compensate students
10 who, for school years 2015-2016 through 2017-2018, were
11 improperly denied special education services or had special
12 education services improperly delayed. The board shall
13 contribute a minimum of \$10,000,000 to the fund.

14 (b) The board shall, at a minimum, advertise the
15 availability of the fund by posting information about the fund
16 on the school district's Internet website, advertising in a
17 newspaper of general circulation in the district, and
18 advertising on social media. The advertisements shall include,
19 but not be limited to, a description of the fund and its
20 purpose and how parents and legal guardians of eligible
21 students may seek compensation from the fund. The board shall
22 obtain the State Board of Education's approval regarding the
23 content of the advertisements and regarding the scope of the

1 board's advertising efforts to ensure that the advertising
2 efforts are, to the extent possible, sufficient to reach as
3 many parents and legal guardians of eligible students as
4 possible.

5 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
6 Section 8.42 as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 805/8.42 new)

8 Sec. 8.42. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
9 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
10 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
11 the 100th General Assembly.

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