

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 10-17a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-17a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-17a)

7 Sec. 10-17a. State, school district, and school report  
8 cards.

9 (1) By October 31, 2013 and October 31 of each subsequent  
10 school year, the State Board of Education, through the State  
11 Superintendent of Education, shall prepare a State report card,  
12 school district report cards, and school report cards, and  
13 shall by the most economic means provide to each school  
14 district in this State, including special charter districts and  
15 districts subject to the provisions of Article 34, the report  
16 cards for the school district and each of its schools.

17 (2) In addition to any information required by federal law,  
18 the State Superintendent shall determine the indicators and  
19 presentation of the school report card, which must include, at  
20 a minimum, the most current data possessed by the State Board  
21 of Education related to the following:

22 (A) school characteristics and student demographics,  
23 including average class size, average teaching experience,

1 student racial/ethnic breakdown, and the percentage of  
2 students classified as low-income; the percentage of  
3 students classified as English learners; the percentage of  
4 students who have individualized education plans or 504  
5 plans that provide for special education services; the  
6 percentage of students who annually transferred in or out  
7 of the school district; average daily attendance; the  
8 per-pupil operating expenditure of the school district;  
9 and the per-pupil State average operating expenditure for  
10 the district type (elementary, high school, or unit);

11 (B) curriculum information, including, where  
12 applicable, Advanced Placement, International  
13 Baccalaureate or equivalent courses, dual enrollment  
14 courses, foreign language classes, school personnel  
15 resources (including Career Technical Education teachers),  
16 before and after school programs, extracurricular  
17 activities, subjects in which elective classes are  
18 offered, health and wellness initiatives (including the  
19 average number of days of Physical Education per week per  
20 student), approved programs of study, awards received,  
21 community partnerships, and special programs such as  
22 programming for the gifted and talented, students with  
23 disabilities, and work-study students;

24 (C) student outcomes, including, where applicable, the  
25 percentage of students deemed proficient on assessments of  
26 State standards, the percentage of students in the eighth

1 grade who pass Algebra, the percentage of students enrolled  
2 in post-secondary institutions (including colleges,  
3 universities, community colleges, trade/vocational  
4 schools, and training programs leading to career  
5 certification within 2 semesters of high school  
6 graduation), the percentage of students graduating from  
7 high school who are college and career ready, and the  
8 percentage of graduates enrolled in community colleges,  
9 colleges, and universities who are in one or more courses  
10 that the community college, college, or university  
11 identifies as a developmental course;

12 (D) student progress, including, where applicable, the  
13 percentage of students in the ninth grade who have earned 5  
14 credits or more without failing more than one core class, a  
15 measure of students entering kindergarten ready to learn, a  
16 measure of growth, and the percentage of students who enter  
17 high school on track for college and career readiness;

18 (E) the school environment, including, where  
19 applicable, the percentage of students with less than 10  
20 absences in a school year, the percentage of teachers with  
21 less than 10 absences in a school year for reasons other  
22 than professional development, leaves taken pursuant to  
23 the federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, long-term  
24 disability, or parental leaves, the 3-year average of the  
25 percentage of teachers returning to the school from the  
26 previous year, the number of different principals at the

1 school in the last 6 years, 2 or more indicators from any  
2 school climate survey selected or approved by the State and  
3 administered pursuant to Section 2-3.153 of this Code, with  
4 the same or similar indicators included on school report  
5 cards for all surveys selected or approved by the State  
6 pursuant to Section 2-3.153 of this Code, and the combined  
7 percentage of teachers rated as proficient or excellent in  
8 their most recent evaluation; and

9 (F) a school district's and its individual schools'  
10 balanced accountability measure, in accordance with  
11 Section 2-3.25a of this Code.

12 The school report card shall also provide information that  
13 allows for comparing the current outcome, progress, and  
14 environment data to the State average, to the school data from  
15 the past 5 years, and to the outcomes, progress, and  
16 environment of similar schools based on the type of school and  
17 enrollment of low-income students, special education students,  
18 and English learners.

19 For the purposes of paragraph (A) of this subsection (2),  
20 "average daily attendance" means the average of the actual  
21 number of attendance days during the previous school year for  
22 any enrolled student who is subject to compulsory attendance by  
23 Section 26-1 of this Code at each school and charter school.

24 (3) At the discretion of the State Superintendent, the  
25 school district report card shall include a subset of the  
26 information identified in paragraphs (A) through (E) of

1 subsection (2) of this Section, as well as information relating  
2 to the operating expense per pupil and other finances of the  
3 school district, and the State report card shall include a  
4 subset of the information identified in paragraphs (A) through  
5 (E) of subsection (2) of this Section.

6 (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this  
7 Section, in consultation with key education stakeholders, the  
8 State Superintendent shall at any time have the discretion to  
9 amend or update any and all metrics on the school, district, or  
10 State report card.

11 (5) Annually, no more than 30 calendar days after receipt  
12 of the school district and school report cards from the State  
13 Superintendent of Education, each school district, including  
14 special charter districts and districts subject to the  
15 provisions of Article 34, shall present such report cards at a  
16 regular school board meeting subject to applicable notice  
17 requirements, post the report cards on the school district's  
18 Internet web site, if the district maintains an Internet web  
19 site, make the report cards available to a newspaper of general  
20 circulation serving the district, and, upon request, send the  
21 report cards home to a parent (unless the district does not  
22 maintain an Internet web site, in which case the report card  
23 shall be sent home to parents without request). If the district  
24 posts the report card on its Internet web site, the district  
25 shall send a written notice home to parents stating (i) that  
26 the report card is available on the web site, (ii) the address

1 of the web site, (iii) that a printed copy of the report card  
2 will be sent to parents upon request, and (iv) the telephone  
3 number that parents may call to request a printed copy of the  
4 report card.

5 (6) Nothing contained in this amendatory Act of the 98th  
6 General Assembly repeals, supersedes, invalidates, or  
7 nullifies final decisions in lawsuits pending on the effective  
8 date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly in  
9 Illinois courts involving the interpretation of Public Act  
10 97-8.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-648, eff. 7-1-14; 99-30,  
12 eff. 7-10-15; 99-193, eff. 7-30-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
14 2019.