

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3054

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/14-8.03

from Ch. 122, par. 14-8.03

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning individualized education plans.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 14-8.03 as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/14-8.03) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-8.03)
- 7 Sec. 14-8.03. Transition services.
- (a) For For purposes of this Section, "transition services" 8 9 means a coordinated set of activities for a child with a disability that (i) is designed to be within a results-oriented 10 process that is focused on improving the academic and 11 functional achievement of the child with a disability to 12 facilitate the child's movement from school to post-school 13 14 activities, including post-secondary education, vocational employment 15 education, integrated (including supported employment), continuing and adult education, adult services, 16 independent living, or community participation; (ii) is based 17 on the individual child's needs, taking into account the 18 19 child's strengths, preferences, and interests; and (iii) includes instruction, related services, community experiences, 20 21 the development of employment and other post-school adult 22 living objectives, and, if appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills, benefits planning, work incentives education, 23

- 1 and the provision of a functional vocational evaluation.
- 2 Transition services for a child with a disability may be
- 3 special education, if provided as specially designed
- 4 instruction, or a related service if required to assist a child
- 5 with a disability to benefit from special education.
- 6 (a-5) Beginning no later than the first individualized
- 7 education plan (IEP) in effect when the student turns age 14
- 8 1/2 (or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP Team) and
- 9 updated annually thereafter, the IEP must include (i)
- 10 measurable post-secondary goals based upon age-appropriate
- 11 transition assessments and other information available
- regarding the student that are related to training, education,
- 13 employment, and independent living skills and (ii) the
- 14 transition services needed to assist the student in reaching
- those goals, including courses of study.
- 16 (b) Transition planning must be conducted as part of the
- 17 IEP process and must be governed by the procedures applicable
- 18 to the development, review, and revision of the IEP, including
- 19 notices to the parents and student, parent and student
- 20 participation, and annual review. To appropriately assess and
- 21 develop IEP transition goals and transition services for a
- 22 child with a disability, additional participants may be
- 23 necessary and may be invited by the school district, parent, or
- 24 student to participate in the transition planning process.
- 25 Additional participants may include without limitation a
- 26 representative from the Department of Human Services or another

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State agency, a case coordinator, or persons representing other public or community agencies or services, such as adult service providers or public community colleges. The IEP shall identify each person responsible for coordinating and delivering transition services. If the IEP team determines that the student requires transition services from a public or private entity outside of the school district, the IEP team shall identify potential outside resources, assign one or more IEP team members to contact the appropriate outside entities, make the necessary referrals, provide any information and documents necessary to complete the referral, follow up with the entity to ensure that the student has been successfully linked to the entity, and monitor the student's progress to determine if the student's IEP transition goals and benchmarks are being met. The student's IEP shall indicate one or more specific time periods during the school year when the IEP team shall review the services provided by the outside entity and the student's such activities. The progress in public school's responsibility for delivering educational services does not extend beyond the time the student leaves school or when the student's eligibility ends due to age under this Article.

(c) A school district shall submit annually a summary of each eligible student's IEP transition goals and transition services resulting from the IEP Team meeting to the appropriate local Transition Planning Committee. If students with disabilities who are ineligible for special education services

- 1 request transition services, local public school districts
- 2 shall assist those students by identifying post-secondary
- 3 school goals, delivering appropriate education services, and
- 4 coordinating with other agencies and services for assistance.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 98-517, eff. 8-22-13.)