

HB1170



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.66

from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.66

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning truants' alternative and optional education programs.

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A BILL FOR

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 2-3.66 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.66) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.66)

7 Sec. 2-3.66. Truants' alternative and optional education
8 programs. To establish projects to offer modified
9 instructional programs or other services designed to prevent
10 students from dropping out of school, including programs
11 pursuant to Section 2-3.41, and ~~and~~ to serve as a part time or
12 full time option in lieu of regular school attendance and to
13 award grants to local school districts, educational service
14 regions or community college districts from appropriated funds
15 to assist districts in establishing such projects. The
16 education agency may operate its own program or enter into a
17 contract with another not-for-profit entity to implement the
18 program. The projects shall allow dropouts, up to and
19 including age 21, potential dropouts, including truants,
20 uninvolved, unmotivated and disaffected students, as defined
21 by State Board of Education rules and regulations, to enroll,
22 as an alternative to regular school attendance, in an optional
23 education program which may be established by school board

1 policy and is in conformance with rules adopted by the State
2 Board of Education. Truants' Alternative and Optional
3 Education programs funded pursuant to this Section shall be
4 planned by a student, the student's parents or legal
5 guardians, unless the student is 18 years or older, and school
6 officials and shall culminate in an individualized optional
7 education plan. Such plan shall focus on academic or
8 vocational skills, or both, and may include, but not be
9 limited to, evening school, summer school, community college
10 courses, adult education, preparation courses for high school
11 equivalency testing, vocational training, work experience,
12 programs to enhance self concept and parenting courses. School
13 districts which are awarded grants pursuant to this Section
14 shall be authorized to provide day care services to children
15 of students who are eligible and desire to enroll in programs
16 established and funded under this Section, but only if and to
17 the extent that such day care is necessary to enable those
18 eligible students to attend and participate in the programs
19 and courses which are conducted pursuant to this Section.
20 School districts and regional offices of education may claim
21 general State aid under Section 18-8.05 or evidence-based
22 funding under Section 18-8.15 for students enrolled in
23 truants' alternative and optional education programs, provided
24 that such students are receiving services that are
25 supplemental to a program leading to a high school diploma and
26 are otherwise eligible to be claimed for general State aid

1 under Section 18-8.05 or evidence-based funding under Section
2 18-8.15, as applicable.

3 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)