

HB3114



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

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Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Eva Dina Delgado

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.182 new
105 ILCS 5/2-3.168 rep.

Amends the School Code to create the State Education Equity Committee within the State Board of Education. Provides that the purpose of the committee is to strive to ensure equity in education for all children from birth through grade 12. Sets forth the membership of the task force. Contains provisions concerning meetings, duties, and reporting. Repeals a Section concerning the Advisory Council on At-Risk Students. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 adding Section
5 2-3.182 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.182 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.182. State Education Equity Committee.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that this State has an
9 urgent and collective responsibility to achieve educational
10 equity by ensuring that all policies, programs, and practices
11 affirm the strengths that each and every child brings with
12 diverse backgrounds and life experiences and by delivering the
13 comprehensive support, programs, and educational opportunities
14 children need to succeed.

15 (b) The State Education Equity Committee is created within
16 the State Board of Education to strive toward ensuring equity
17 in education for all children from birth through grade 12.

18 (c) The Committee shall consist of the State
19 Superintendent of Education or the State Superintendent's
20 designee, who shall serve as chairperson, and one member from
21 each of the following organizations appointed by the State
22 Superintendent:

23 (1) At least 2 educators who each represent a

1 different statewide professional teachers' organization.

2 (2) A professional teachers' organization located in a
3 city having a population exceeding 500,000.

4 (3) A statewide association representing school
5 administrators.

6 (4) A statewide association representing school board
7 members.

8 (5) A statewide association representing school
9 principals.

10 (6) One member of a parent-led organization.

11 (7) One member of a student-led organization.

12 (8) One community organization that works to foster
13 safe and healthy environments through advocacy for
14 immigrant families and ensuring equitable opportunities
15 for educational advancement and economic development.

16 (9) One member from an organization that works for
17 economic, educational, and social progress for African
18 Americans and promotes strong sustainable communities
19 through advocacy, collaboration, and innovation.

20 (10) One statewide organization whose focus is to
21 narrow or close the achievement gap between students of
22 color and their peers.

23 (11) One member from an organization that advocates
24 for healthier school environments in this State.

25 (12) One statewide organization that advocates for
26 partnerships among schools, families, and the community,

1 provides access to support, and removes barriers to
2 learning and development, using schools as hubs.

3 (13) One organization that advocates for the health
4 and safety of Illinois youth and families by providing
5 capacity building services.

6 (14) One member from an organization dedicated to
7 advocating for public policies to prevent homelessness.

8 (15) Members of other appropriate State agencies as
9 determined by the State Superintendent.

10 (d) Members appointed by the State Superintendent shall
11 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for
12 reasonable and necessary expenses, including travel, from
13 funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for that
14 purpose, subject to the rules of the appropriate travel
15 control board.

16 (e) The Committee shall meet at the call of the
17 chairperson, but shall meet no less than 3 times a year.

18 (f) The Committee shall recognize that, while progress has
19 been made, much remains to be done to address systemic
20 inequities and ensure each and every child is equipped to
21 reach the child's fullest potential and shall:

22 (1) guide its work through the principles of equity,
23 equality, collaboration, and community;

24 (2) focus its work around the overarching goals of
25 student learning, learning conditions, and elevating
26 educators, all underpinned by equity;

1 (3) identify evidence-based practices or policies
2 around these goals to build on this State's progress of
3 ensuring educational equity for all its students in all
4 aspects of birth through grade 12 education; and

5 (4) seek input and feedback on identified
6 evidence-based practices or policies from stakeholders,
7 including, but not limited to, parents, students, and
8 educators that reflect the rich diversity of Illinois
9 students.

10 (g) The Committee shall submit its recommendations to the
11 General Assembly and the State Board of Education no later
12 than January 31, 2022. By no later December 15, 2023 and each
13 year thereafter, the Committee shall report to the General
14 Assembly and the State Board of Education about the additional
15 progress that has been made to achieve educational equity.

16 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.168 rep.)

17 Section 10. The School Code is amended by repealing
18 Section 2-3.168.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.