



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5157

Introduced 1/27/2022, by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-1095 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services and the State Board of Education, shall establish and administer the Illinois In-Person Learning for All Benefit Program to provide reimbursement to parents and guardians to cover the costs of allowable expenses related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Provides that under the Program, an eligible parent or guardian may receive, per child, the lesser of \$10,000 or the resident school district's per capita tuition rate. Provides that a parent or guardian may permanently enroll his or her child in a different educational setting and receive reimbursement. Provides Program eligibility requirements. Provides that the Department may use funds appropriated from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide benefits under the Program. Provides for the adoption of rules. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 is amended by adding Section 605-1095 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1095 new)

8 Sec. 605-1095. In-Person Learning for All Benefit Program.

9 (a) The Department, in conjunction with the Department of
10 Human Services and the State Board of Education, shall
11 establish and administer the Illinois In-Person Learning for
12 All Benefit Program to provide reimbursement to parents and
13 guardians to cover the costs of allowable expenses if the
14 public school attended by a child of a parent or guardian has
15 closed or transitioned to remote learning for any amount of
16 time beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and in any
17 subsequent school year due to the COVID-19 public health
18 emergency.

19 (b) Parents and guardians may apply to the Program for any
20 education interrupted by a school closure or transition to
21 remote learning for any number of school days in which the
22 parent or guardian must use personal funds to cover the costs
23 of any allowable expense. Under the Program, an eligible

1 parent or guardian may receive, per child, the lesser of
2 \$10,000 or the resident school district's per capita tuition
3 rate. A parent or guardian may permanently enroll his or her
4 child in a different educational setting and receive
5 reimbursement under this Section.

6 (c) In applying for benefits under the Program, the parent
7 or guardian must submit: (i) proof of student enrollment in a
8 public elementary or secondary school in this State; (ii)
9 proof that the child's public school either closed or
10 transitioned to remote learning for any number of days; (iii)
11 proof of expenditures made by the parent or guardian for any
12 allowable expenses; and (iv) proof of income eligibility. In
13 order to be eligible for the Program, the child's family must
14 also have a household income at or below 350% of the Federal
15 Poverty Level.

16 (d) The Department may use funds appropriated from the
17 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide benefits
18 under the Program.

19 (e) The Department, in conjunction with the Department of
20 Human Services and the State Board of Education, shall adopt
21 rules necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

22 (f) For purposes of this Section:

23 "Allowable expenses" includes school tuition, including
24 nonpublic school tuition, childcare, daycare, after-school
25 care, and before-school care fees, online tutoring, learning
26 materials and curricula programs, and school-related

1 transportation costs.

2 "Program" means the Illinois In-Person Learning for All
3 Benefit Program created under this Section.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.