



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB1142

Introduced 1/12/2023, by Rep. Blaine Wilhour

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish and administer a program in which the State Board shall issue a voucher to the parent or guardian of a student, upon request of the parent or guardian, if: (1) the student was enrolled in a school district for a particular school year; (2) during that school year, the school board decided not to provide an option for full-time, in-person instruction at school as the primary method of instruction to students; and (3) the parent or guardian withdrew the student from enrollment in the district because the school board decided not to provide an option for full-time, in-person instruction. Sets forth provisions concerning the voucher amount and its use. Effective immediately.

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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 2-3.196 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.196. Voucher for substituted educational setting.

8 (a) In this Section, "substituted educational setting"  
9 includes, but is not limited to, a nonpublic school or a home  
10 school.

11 (b) The State Board of Education shall establish and  
12 administer a program in which the State Board shall issue a  
13 voucher to the parent or guardian of a student, upon request of  
14 the parent or guardian, if all of the following conditions are  
15 met:

16 (1) The student was enrolled in a school district for  
17 a particular school year.

18 (2) During that school year, the school board decided  
19 not to provide an option for full-time, in-person  
20 instruction at school as the primary method of instruction  
21 to students.

22 (3) The parent or guardian withdrew the student from  
23 enrollment in the district because the school board

1 decided not to provide an option for full-time, in-person  
2 instruction under paragraph (2).

3 (c) A voucher issued under this Section shall be in an  
4 amount equal to the per pupil amount distributed to the school  
5 district for the school year under Section 18-18.15 and  
6 Article 14, if the student qualifies for services under  
7 Article 14, prorated based on the length of time the student  
8 was enrolled in the district during the school year. The  
9 voucher shall be used to reimburse the parent or guardian for  
10 the costs incurred by the parent or guardian to provide the  
11 student with in-person instruction in a substituted  
12 educational setting.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.