

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 Construction Law is amended by
5 changing Section 5-300 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-300)

7 Sec. 5-300. Early childhood construction grants.

8 (a) The Capital Development Board is authorized to make
9 grants to public school districts and not-for-profit entities
10 for early childhood construction projects, ~~except that in~~
11 ~~fiscal year 2024 those grants may be made only to public school~~
12 ~~districts.~~ These grants shall be paid out of moneys
13 appropriated for that purpose from the School Construction
14 Fund, the Build Illinois Bond Fund, or the Rebuild Illinois
15 Projects Fund. No grants may be awarded to entities providing
16 services within private residences. A not-for-profit early
17 childhood entity that rents or leases from another
18 not-for-profit entity shall be considered an eligible entity
19 under this Section.

20 A public school district or other eligible entity must
21 provide local matching funds in the following manner:

22 (1) A public school district assigned to Tier 1 under
23 Section 18-8.15 of the School Code or any other eligible

1 entity in an area encompassed by that district must
2 provide local matching funds in an amount equal to 3% of
3 the grant awarded under this Section.

4 (2) A public school district assigned to Tier 2 under
5 Section 18-8.15 of the School Code or any other eligible
6 entity in an area encompassed by that district must
7 provide local matching funds in an amount equal to 7.5% of
8 the grant awarded under this Section.

9 (3) A public school district assigned to Tier 3 under
10 Section 18-8.15 of the School Code or any other eligible
11 entity in an area encompassed by that district must
12 provide local matching funds in an amount equal to 8.75%
13 of the grant awarded under this Section.

14 (4) A public school district assigned to Tier 4 under
15 Section 18-8.15 of the School Code or any other eligible
16 entity in an area encompassed by that district must
17 provide local matching funds in an amount equal to 10% of
18 the grant awarded under this Section.

19 A public school district or other eligible entity has no
20 entitlement to a grant under this Section.

21 (b) The Capital Development Board shall adopt rules to
22 implement this Section. These rules need not be the same as the
23 rules for school construction project grants or school
24 maintenance project grants. The rules may specify:

25 (1) the manner of applying for grants;

26 (2) project eligibility requirements;

1 (3) restrictions on the use of grant moneys;

2 (4) the manner in which school districts and other
3 eligible entities must account for the use of grant
4 moneys;

5 (5) requirements that new or improved facilities be
6 used for early childhood and other related programs for a
7 period of at least 10 years; and

8 (6) any other provision that the Capital Development
9 Board determines to be necessary or useful for the
10 administration of this Section.

11 (b-5) When grants are made to non-profit corporations for
12 the acquisition or construction of new facilities, the Capital
13 Development Board or any State agency it so designates shall
14 hold title to or place a lien on the facility for a period of
15 10 years after the date of the grant award, after which title
16 to the facility shall be transferred to the non-profit
17 corporation or the lien shall be removed, provided that the
18 non-profit corporation has complied with the terms of its
19 grant agreement. When grants are made to non-profit
20 corporations for the purpose of renovation or rehabilitation,
21 if the non-profit corporation does not comply with item (5) of
22 subsection (b) of this Section, the Capital Development Board
23 or any State agency it so designates shall recover the grant
24 pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Illinois Grant
25 Funds Recovery Act.

26 (c) The Capital Development Board, in consultation with

1 the State Board of Education, shall establish standards for
2 the determination of priority needs concerning early childhood
3 projects based on projects located in communities in the State
4 with the greatest underserved population of young children,
5 utilizing Census data and other reliable local early childhood
6 service data.

7 (d) In each school year in which early childhood
8 construction project grants are awarded, 20% of the total
9 amount awarded shall be awarded to a school district with a
10 population of more than 500,000, provided that the school
11 district complies with the requirements of this Section and
12 the rules adopted under this Section.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)

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