

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB0097

Introduced 1/24/2023, by Sen. Laura M. Murphy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/11E-132 new

Amends the Conversion and Formation of School Districts Article of the School Code. Within 3 years after the effective date of the amendatory Act, requires elementary school districts to form new school districts but only with other elementary school districts and high school districts to form new school districts but only with other high school districts, notwithstanding any referendum requirements or any other laws to the contrary. Provides that the State Board of Education shall facilitate the creation of the new school districts by providing recommendations on which districts must consolidate. Sets forth the factors that the State Board must take into consideration. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT 1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

- Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
- 5 11E-132 as follows:

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- 6 (105 ILCS 5/11E-132 new)
- 7 Sec. 11E-132. Elementary and high school district consolidation required. Within 3 years after the effective 8 9 date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, elementary school districts shall form new school districts 10 but only with other elementary school districts and high 11 12 school districts shall form new school districts but only with other high school districts, notwithstanding any referendum 13 14 requirements or any other laws to the contrary. The State Board of Education shall facilitate the creation of the new 15 school districts by providing recommendations on which 16 districts must consolidate. The State Board shall take into 17 consideration the location of the affected districts in 18 19 relationship to each other, the school needs and conditions of the affected districts and in the area adjacent to those 20 21 districts, the classification of funds and assets that will 22 result from the consolidation, the best interests of the

schools of the affected districts, and the best interests and

- the educational welfare of the pupils residing in the affected
- 2 <u>districts.</u>
- 3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 4 becoming law.