

1 AN ACT relating to 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 changing  
5 Section 2-3.25d as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)  
7 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic watch list. Those schools that  
8 are not meeting the standards of academic performance  
9 measured by the State assessment of student performance as  
10 specified by the State Board of Education may be placed on an  
11 academic watch list established by the State Superintendent  
12 of Education after serving for 2 years on the State Board of  
13 Education Early Academic Warning List and shall be subject to  
14 an on-site visitation to determine whether extenuating  
15 circumstances exist as to why a school or schools should not  
16 be placed on an academic watch list by the State  
17 Superintendent of Education. However, only scores on State  
18 assessments of students enrolled in a school on or before the  
19 last school day in September of the school year in which a  
20 State assessment is given shall be used in determining  
21 whether a school is placed on the Early Academic Warning List  
22 or an academic watch list.

23 A school district that has one or more schools on the  
24 academic watch list shall submit a revised School Improvement  
25 Plan or amendments thereto setting forth the district's  
26 expectations for removing each school in the district from  
27 the academic watch list and for improving student performance  
28 in that school. Districts operating under Article 34 of The  
29 School Code may submit the School Improvement Plan required  
30 under Section 34-2.4. If any district submits a School  
31 Improvement Plan which exceeds 2 years in duration, the Plan

1 shall contain provisions for evaluation and determination as  
2 to the improvement of student performance or school  
3 improvement after no later than 2 years. The revised School  
4 Improvement Plan or amendments thereto shall be developed in  
5 consultation with the staff of the affected school and must  
6 be approved by the local board of education and the school's  
7 local school council for districts operating under Article 34  
8 of the School Code. Revised School Improvement Plans must be  
9 submitted for approval to the State Superintendent of  
10 Education pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by  
11 the State Board of Education. The revised School Improvement  
12 Plan shall address specific, measurable outcomes for  
13 improving student performance so that such performance equals  
14 or exceeds standards set for the school by the State Board of  
15 Education.

16 A school or schools shall remain on the academic watch  
17 list for at least one full academic year. During each  
18 academic year for which a school is on the academic watch  
19 list it shall continue to be evaluated and assessed by the  
20 State Board of Education as to whether it is meeting outcomes  
21 identified in its revised School Improvement Plan.

22 The provisions of this Section are subject to the  
23 provisions of Section 2-3.25k.

24 (Source: P.A. 89-398, eff. 8-20-95; 89-698, eff. 1-14-97.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
26 becoming law.