

1 AN ACT regarding 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 1C-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1C-2)

7 Sec. 1C-2. Block grants.

8 (a) For fiscal year 1999, and each fiscal year  
9 thereafter, the State Board of Education shall award to  
10 school districts block grants as described in subsections (b)  
11 and (c). The State Board of Education may adopt rules and  
12 regulations necessary to implement this Section. In  
13 accordance with Section 2-3.32, all state block grants are  
14 subject to an audit. Therefore, block grant receipts and  
15 block grant expenditures shall be recorded to the appropriate  
16 fund code.

17 (b) A Professional Development Block Grant shall be  
18 created by combining the existing School Improvement Block  
19 Grant and the REI Initiative. These funds shall be  
20 distributed to school districts based on the number of  
21 full-time certified instructional staff employed in the  
22 district.

23 (c) An Early Childhood Education Block Grant shall be  
24 created by combining the following programs: Preschool  
25 Education, Parental Training and Prevention Initiative.  
26 These funds shall be distributed to school districts and  
27 other entities on a competitive basis. Eleven ~~Eight~~ percent  
28 of this grant shall be used to fund programs for children  
29 ages 0-3.

30 (Source: P.A. 89-397, eff. 8-20-95; 90-548, eff. 1-1-98;  
31 90-653, eff. 7-29-98.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
2    July 1, 2003.