

1 AN ACT regarding schools.

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 5-5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-5)

7 Sec. 5-5. Definitions. As used in this Article:

8 "Approved school construction bonds" mean bonds that were  
9 approved by referendum after January 1, 1996 but prior to  
10 January 1, 1998 as provided in Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of  
11 the School Code to provide funds for the acquisition,  
12 development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,  
13 improvement, architectural planning, and installation of  
14 capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures,  
15 durable-equipment, and land for educational purposes.

16 "Grant index" means a figure for each school district  
17 equal to one minus the ratio of the district's equalized  
18 assessed valuation per pupil in average daily attendance to  
19 the equalized assessed valuation per pupil in average daily  
20 attendance of the district located at the 90th percentile for  
21 all districts of the same category. For the purpose of  
22 calculating the grant index, school districts are grouped  
23 into 2 categories, Category I and Category II. Category I  
24 consists of elementary and unit school districts. The  
25 equalized assessed valuation per pupil in average daily  
26 attendance of each school district in Category I shall be  
27 computed using its grades kindergarten through 8 average  
28 daily attendance figure. A unit school district's Category I  
29 grant index shall be used for projects or portions of  
30 projects constructed for elementary school pupils. Category  
31 II consists of high school and unit school districts. The

1 equalized assessed valuation per pupil in average daily  
2 attendance of each school district in Category II shall be  
3 computed using its grades 9 through 12 average daily  
4 attendance figure. A unit school district's Category II  
5 grant index shall be used for projects or portions of  
6 projects constructed for high school pupils. The changes  
7 made by this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly  
8 apply to all grants made on or after the effective date of  
9 this amendatory Act, provided that for grants not yet made on  
10 the effective date of this amendatory Act but made in fiscal  
11 year 2001 and for grants made in fiscal year 2002, the grant  
12 index for a school district shall be the greater of (i) the  
13 grant index as calculated under this Law on or after the  
14 effective date of this amendatory Act or (ii) the grant index  
15 as calculated under this Law before the effective date of  
16 this amendatory Act. The grant index shall be no less than  
17 0.35 and no greater than 0.75 for each district; provided  
18 that the grant index for districts whose equalized assessed  
19 valuation per pupil in average daily attendance is at the  
20 99th percentile and above for all districts of the same type  
21 shall be 0.00.

22 "School construction project" means the acquisition,  
23 development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,  
24 improvement, architectural planning, and installation of  
25 capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures,  
26 durable equipment, and land for educational purposes.

27 "School district" includes a cooperative high school,  
28 which shall be considered a high school district for the  
29 purpose of calculating its grant index.

30 "School maintenance project" means a project, other than  
31 a school construction project, intended to provide for the  
32 maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for  
33 educational purposes, but does not include ongoing  
34 operational costs.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-38, eff. 6-15-99; 92-168, eff. 7-26-01.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.