

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 Code is amended by changing
5 Section 11A-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/11A-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 11A-2)

7 Sec. 11A-2. Organization of community unit districts;
8 territorial requirement. (1) Any contiguous and compact
9 territory of at least \$12,000,000 equalized assessed
10 valuation and having a population of not less than 4,000 and
11 not more than 500,000, no part of which is included within
12 any unit district, may be organized into a community unit
13 school district as provided in this Article; (2) the
14 territory of 2 or more entire unit school districts that are
15 contiguous to each other and the territory of which taken as
16 a whole is compact may be organized into a community unit
17 school district as provided in this Article; or (3) the
18 territory of one or more entire unit school districts that
19 are contiguous to each other plus any contiguous and compact
20 territory, no part of which is included within any unit
21 district, and the territory of which taken as a whole is
22 compact may be organized into a community unit school
23 district as provided in this Article; however, a petition or
24 petitions may be filed hereunder proposing to divide a unit
25 school district into 2 or more parts and proposing to include
26 all of such parts in 2 or more community unit districts. As
27 used in this Section, a unit school district includes, but is
28 not limited to, a special charter unit school district.

29 The territory of a high school district and all of the
30 elementary school districts included within the high school
31 district must be organized into a community unit school

1 district within 3 years after the effective date of this
2 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly. If not, these
3 districts shall no longer be entitled to State reimbursement
4 for categorical programs, except federally mandated
5 categorical programs, notwithstanding any other provision of
6 law.

7 The regional superintendent shall not accept for filing
8 hereunder any petition which includes therein any territory
9 already included as part of the territory described in
10 another petition filed hereunder. Hearings on a petition
11 filed hereunder shall not be commenced so long as any part of
12 the territory described therein shall include territory
13 described, whether by amendment or otherwise, in another
14 petition filed hereunder. A petition may be filed hereunder
15 which contains less than the required minimum equalized
16 assessed valuation or population requirements provided that
17 such a petition shall not be approved by the regional
18 superintendent and State Superintendent unless it is
19 determined: (1) that there is a compelling reason for
20 granting the petition; (2) that the territory involved cannot
21 currently be organized as part of a petition which meets the
22 minimum requirements; (3) that the granting of the petition
23 will not interfere with the ultimate reorganization of the
24 territory into a school district which meets the minimum
25 requirements; (4) that the granting of the petition is in the
26 best educational interests of the pupils affected; and (5)
27 that the granting of the petition is financially beneficial
28 to the affected school districts.

29 (Source: P.A. 88-555, eff. 7-27-94.)

30 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
31 Section 8.27 as follows:

32 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

1 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
2 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
3 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
4 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.