

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Section  
5 2-3.123 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.123)

7 Sec. 2-3.123. Giant Steps pilot program. From  
8 appropriations made for purposes of this Section, the State  
9 Board of Education shall implement and administer a Giant Steps  
10 pilot program for the study and evaluation of autism and to  
11 provide related teacher training. The program shall be operated  
12 over a period of 3 school years, beginning with the 1997-1998  
13 school year. The State Board of Education is authorized to make  
14 grants to school districts that apply to participate in the  
15 Giant Steps program as implemented and administered by the  
16 State Board ~~of Education~~. The State Board of Education shall by  
17 rule provide the form of application and criteria to be used  
18 and applied in selecting participating school districts.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-498, eff. 8-18-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)