



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.66

from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.66

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning truants' alternative and optional education programs.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of**
3 **Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 2-3.66 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.66) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.66)

7 Sec. 2-3.66. Truants' alternative and optional education
8 programs. To establish pilot projects to offer modified
9 instructional programs or other services designed to prevent
10 students from dropping out of school, including programs
11 pursuant to Section 2-3.41 of this Code, and to serve as a part
12 time or full time option in lieu of regular school attendance
13 and to award grants to local school districts, educational
14 service regions or community college districts from
15 appropriated funds to assist districts in establishing such
16 projects. The education agency may operate its own program or
17 enter into a contract with another not-for-profit entity to
18 implement the program. The pilot projects shall allow dropouts,
19 up to and including age 21, potential dropouts, including
20 truants, uninvolved, unmotivated and disaffected students, as
21 defined by State Board of Education rules and regulations, to
22 enroll, as an alternative to regular school attendance, in an
23 optional education program which may be established by school
24 board policy and is in conformance with rules adopted by the
25 State Board of Education. Truants' Alternative and Optional
26 Education programs funded pursuant to this Section shall be
27 planned by a student, the student's parents or legal guardians,
28 unless the student is 18 years or older, and school officials
29 and shall culminate in an individualized optional education
30 plan. Such plan shall focus on academic or vocational skills,
31 or both, and may include, but not be limited to, evening
32 school, summer school, community college courses, adult

1 education, preparation courses for the high school level test
2 of General Educational Development, vocational training, work
3 experience, programs to enhance self concept and parenting
4 courses. School districts which are awarded grants pursuant to
5 this Section shall be authorized to provide day care services
6 to children of students who are eligible and desire to enroll
7 in programs established and funded under this Section, but only
8 if and to the extent that such day care is necessary to enable
9 those eligible students to attend and participate in the
10 programs and courses which are conducted pursuant to this
11 Section. The Board shall report on the status of the pilot
12 projects pursuant to Section 1A-4. School districts and
13 regional offices of education may claim general State aid under
14 Section 18-8.05 for students enrolled in truants' alternative
15 and optional education programs, provided that such students
16 are receiving services that are supplemental to a program
17 leading to a high school diploma and are otherwise eligible to
18 be claimed for general State aid under Section 18-8.05.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-802, eff. 12-15-98.)