

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 adding Sections
5 10-20.39 and 34-18.30 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.39 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.39. Highly qualified teachers; No Child Left
8 Behind Act funds. If a school district has an overall shortage
9 of highly qualified teachers, as defined by the federal No
10 Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110), or a
11 shortage of highly qualified teachers in the subject area of
12 mathematics, science, reading, or special education, then the
13 school board must spend at least 40% of the money it receives
14 from Title 2 grants under the Act on recruitment and retention
15 initiatives to assist in recruiting and retaining highly
16 qualified teachers (in a specific subject area if applicable)
17 as specified in paragraphs (1)(B), (2)(A), (2)(B), (4)(A),
18 (4)(B), and (4)(C) of subsection (a) of Section 2123 of the Act
19 until there is no longer a shortage of highly qualified
20 teachers (in a specific subject area if applicable). As the
21 number of highly qualified teachers in the district increases,
22 however, the school board may spend any surplus of the minimum
23 40% of funds dedicated to addressing the highly qualified
24 teacher shortage in any manner the school board deems
25 appropriate.

26 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.30 new)

27 Sec. 34-18.30. Highly qualified teachers; No Child Left
28 Behind Act funds. If the school district has an overall
29 shortage of highly qualified teachers, as defined by the
30 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110),
31 or a shortage of highly qualified teachers in the subject area

1 of mathematics, science, reading, or special education, then
2 the school board must spend at least 40% of the money it
3 receives from Title 2 grants under the Act on recruitment and
4 retention initiatives to assist in recruiting and retaining
5 highly qualified teachers (in a specific subject area is
6 applicable) as specified in paragraphs (1) (B), (2) (A), (2) (B),
7 (4) (A), (4) (B), and (4) (C) of subsection (a) of Section 2123 of
8 the Act until there is no longer a shortage of highly qualified
9 teachers (in a specific subject area if applicable). As the
10 number of highly qualified teachers in the district increases,
11 however, the school board may spend any surplus of the minimum
12 40% of funds dedicated to addressing the highly qualified
13 teacher shortage in any manner the school board deems
14 appropriate.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.