

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 2-3.13a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.13a) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.13a)

7 Sec. 2-3.13a. Scholastic records; transferring students.

8 The State Board of Education shall establish and implement
9 rules requiring all of the public schools and all private or
10 nonpublic elementary and secondary schools located in this
11 State, whenever any such school has a student who is
12 transferring to any other public elementary or secondary
13 school located in this or in any other state, to forward
14 within 10 days of notice of the student's transfer an
15 unofficial record of that student's grades to the school to
16 which such student is transferring. Each public school at
17 the same time also shall forward to the school to which the
18 student is transferring the remainder of the student's school
19 student records as required by the Illinois School Student
20 Records Act. In the absence of student record documentation,
21 a receiving school district may require the passage of
22 assessments for placement purposes. In addition, if a student
23 is transferring from a public school, whether located in this
24 or any other state, from which the student has been suspended
25 or expelled for knowingly possessing in a school building or
26 on school grounds a weapon as defined in the Gun Free Schools
27 Act (20 U.S.C. 8921 et seq.), for knowingly possessing,
28 selling, or delivering in a school building or on school
29 grounds a controlled substance or cannabis, or for battering
30 a staff member of the school, and if the period of suspension
31 or expulsion has not expired at the time the student attempts

1 to transfer into another public school in the same or any
2 other school district: (i) any school student records
3 required to be transferred shall include the date and
4 duration of the period of suspension or expulsion; and (ii)
5 with the exception of transfers into the Department of
6 Corrections school district, the student shall not be
7 permitted to attend class in the public school into which he
8 or she is transferring until the student has served the
9 entire period of the suspension or expulsion imposed by the
10 school from which the student is transferring, provided that
11 the school board may approve the placement of the student in
12 an alternative school program established under Article 13A
13 of this Code. A school district may adopt a policy providing
14 that if a student is suspended or expelled for any reason
15 from any public or private school in this or any other state,
16 the student must complete the entire term of the suspension
17 or expulsion before being admitted into the school district.
18 This policy may allow placement of the student in an
19 alternative school program established under Article 13A of
20 this Code, if available, for the remainder of the suspension
21 or expulsion. Each public school and each private or
22 nonpublic elementary or secondary school in this State shall
23 within 10 days after the student has paid all of his or her
24 outstanding fines and fees and at its own expense forward an
25 official transcript of the scholastic records of each student
26 transferring from that school in strict accordance with the
27 provisions of this Section and the rules established by the
28 State Board of Education as herein provided.

29 The State Board of Education shall develop a one-page
30 standard form that Illinois school districts are required to
31 provide to any student who is moving out of the school
32 district and that contains the information about whether or
33 not the student is "in good standing" and whether or not his
34 or her medical records are up-to-date and complete. As used

1 in this Section, "in good standing" means that the student is
2 not being disciplined by a suspension or expulsion, but is
3 entitled to attend classes. No school district is required
4 to admit a new student who is transferring from another
5 Illinois school district unless he or she can produce the
6 standard form from the student's previous school district
7 enrollment. No school district is required to admit a new
8 student who is transferring from an out-of-state public
9 school unless the parent or guardian of the student certifies
10 in writing that the student is not currently serving a
11 suspension or expulsion imposed by the school from which the
12 student is transferring.

13 (Source: P.A. 91-365, eff. 7-30-99; 92-64, eff. 7-12-01.)

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