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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act 30 ILCS 105/5.640 new 35 ILCS 200/18-45 105 ILCS 5/17-11 105 ILCS 5/18-8.05

from Ch. 122, par. 17-11

Creates the School District Income Tax Act. Allows school districts to tax income after referendum approval of district residents and record owners of property in the district. Provides for additional levies, administration and distribution of the tax, and penalties for violations. Applies only to income earned following 120 days after certification of the results of the referendum. Creates a credit against the tax in an amount not to exceed \$500 equal to 5% of the amounts spent by the taxpayer on monthly rent for the taxpayer's residence. Amends the Property Tax Code to provide for abatement of residential, farm, and small business property. Amends the School Code to require that school districts certify income tax levies and amounts realized for property tax abatement purposes and to coordinate the calculation of school aid with the income tax levies by adjusting the operating tax rate accordingly. Amends the State Finance Act to create the School District Income Tax Fund. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the School District Income Tax Act.

Section 5. Net income tax; referendum. The school board of any school district may, by proper resolution, cause a proposition to authorize an annual tax, measured as a percentage of net income, on the privilege of earning or receiving income (i) as a resident of the district or (ii) as a record owner of real property in the district to the extent of the income derived from that real property, to be certified to the proper election officials, who shall submit the proposition to the voters in accordance with the general election law; provided that the rate of such tax shall be an even multiple of eighths of a percent. When imposed, this tax shall be levied on every individual subject to taxation under this Act.

The election called for this purpose shall be governed by the general election law. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in favor thereof, the school board may thereafter levy the tax as authorized, or at any lesser rate, provided such lesser rate is an even multiple of eighths of a percent. Such tax may be levied only on income earned following 120 days after certification of the results of the referendum by the proper election officials.

For purposes of this Act, a taxpayer's net income for a taxable year shall be as defined in Section 202 of the Illinois Income Tax Act for such year which is allocable to a district under the provisions of this Act.

For purposes of this Act, (i) an individual is a resident of a school district for a taxable year if he or she is a resident of the State, as defined in the Illinois Income Tax

Act, and maintains his or her principal place of residence within that school district on the first day of that taxable year and (ii) an individual owns real property in the district if a record owner of the property and liable for the property taxes according to the property tax assessment book or roll.

Section 10. Additional levies; Submission to voters. The school board of any school district may, by proper resolution, cause a proposition to increase the annual tax rate for the tax imposed under Section 5 to be submitted to the voters of the district at an election in accordance with the general election law, provided such increase results in a rate that is an even multiple of eighths of a percent. The tax may be levied only on income earned following 120 days after certification of the results of the referendum by the proper election officials.

The election called for such purposes shall be governed by the general election law. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition is in favor thereof, the school board may thereafter, until such authority is revoked in like manner, levy an annual tax as authorized.

Section 15. Collection of tax; promulgation of rules and regulations. On or before July 1 of each year, the school board of each district imposing a tax under this Act shall prepare and certify the annual tax rate to the Department of Revenue, hereinafter referred to as the Department, which rate shall be applicable to the taxable year of any taxpayer which includes that July 1. The tax imposed under this Act shall be collected by and paid to the Department at the same time and in the same manner, and subject to the same assessment procedures, penalties, and interests, as the tax imposed by the Illinois Income Tax Act, except that the tax imposed by this Act shall not be subject to any withholding or estimated payment requirements of the Illinois Income Tax Act. The Department shall forthwith pay over to the State Treasurer, ex officio, as trustee, all monies received by it under this Act to be

deposited in the School District Income Tax Fund, to be held and disbursed by the Treasurer as provided in Section 20.

The Department shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

- Section 20. Distribution of tax revenue. On or before December 1 of each year, or the first following business day if December 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the Department shall certify to the Comptroller the disbursement of stated sums of money to named school districts. On any given certification date, the amount to be certified for disbursement to each school district shall be the sum of the following:
- (a) The amount of tax collected by the Department under this Act from individuals who maintained their principal places of residence or who owned real property within the school district on the first day of their last full taxable year ended prior to the previous January 1, and
- (b) any amount of tax which would have been certified for disbursement to the school district on a previous certification date under paragraph (a) above except for the fact that it had not been collected by that previous certification date; less the sum of the following:
- (c) any amount of tax previously certified for disbursement to that school district but since refunded to the taxpayer, and
- (d) an amount equal to 2% of the sum of amounts computed in paragraphs (a) and (b), which shall be retained by the Treasurer to cover the costs incurred by the Department in administering and enforcing this Act.

The Department at the time of each disbursement to a school district shall prepare and certify to the Comptroller the amount so retained by the State Treasurer to be paid into the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury. Within 10 days after receipt by the Comptroller of the certification of disbursement to the school districts and to the General Revenue Fund given by the Department under this Act, the Comptroller shall cause the warrants to be drawn for the respective amounts

- 1 in accordance with the directions contained in the
- 2 certification.
- 3 The board of any district receiving any of the
- 4 disbursements provided for in this Section may apply those to
- 5 any fund from which that board is authorized to make
- 6 expenditures by law.
- 7 Section 25. Willful and fraudulent acts. Any person who is
- 8 subject to the provisions of this Act and who willfully fails
- 9 to file a return, or who willfully violates any rule or
- 10 regulation of the Department for the administration or
- 11 enforcement of this Act, or who willfully attempts in any other
- 12 manner to evade or defeat any tax imposed by this Act or the
- payment thereof, shall in addition to other penalties be guilty
- of a Class B misdemeanor. A prosecution for any violation of
- this Section may be commenced within 3 years of the commission
- of that act.
- 17 Section 30. Corporations. Nothing in this Act authorizes
- 18 the tax imposed on net income by school districts hereunder to
- 19 be levied on any corporation except a corporation that elects
- 20 to be taxed as an individual under the Internal Revenue Code.
- 21 If, however, the income tax authorized by this Act is imposed
- 22 by a school district, the rate of ad valorem property taxes
- levied on the property of corporations within that district,
- 24 other than corporations electing to be taxed as individuals
- 25 under the Internal Revenue Code, shall be increased as provided
- in Section 17-11 of the School Code.
- 27 Section 35. Property tax abatement.
- 28 (a) The extension of real property taxes for a school
- 29 district within which the local income tax for schools
- 30 authorized by this Act already has been imposed, levied, and
- 31 collected shall be abated by the county clerk in which the
- 32 school district is located on residential real property, farm
- real property defined in Section 1-60 of the Property Tax Code,

and real property of a small business as defined in Section 1-75 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act only in the manner provided by this Section, provided that (i) if any such school district is located in more than one county the amount of real property taxes of the district to be so abated shall be apportioned by the county clerks of those counties based upon the ratio of the aggregate assessed value of the taxable property of the district in each such county and (ii) prior to any abatement under this Section the county clerk shall determine whether the amount of each tax levied by the district for a lawful school purpose and certified for extension is based on a rate at which the district making the certification is authorized by statute or referendum to levy that tax, shall disregard any excess, and shall extend the levy of that tax in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-45 of the Property Tax Code, subject to abatement as provided in this Section.

- (b) Not later than September 1 of the first calendar year in which the tax authorized by this Act is imposed, levied, and collected within a school district, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district is located the estimated amount of the tax that would have been collected under this Act during the immediately preceding calendar year in that part of the district located in the county had this Act been in effect and had that tax been imposed, levied, and collected within that district during that immediately preceding calendar year at the same annual rate and for the same period of time as that tax is imposed, levied, and collected in the district during the calendar year in which the certification is made.
- (c) During the calendar year immediately succeeding the calendar year in which the certification under subsection (b) is required to be made, in extending the real property taxes last levied by a school district for educational purposes, the county clerk shall abate that extension of the district's levy for educational purposes on the property described in subsection (a) only by an amount equal to 100% of the estimated

amount that was certified to the county clerk by the Department of Revenue under the provisions of subsection (b) during the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the extension is made. In each subsequent calendar year, in extending the real property taxes levied by the school district for educational purposes during the immediately preceding calendar year, the county clerk shall abate each such extension of the district's levy for educational purposes on the property described in subsection (a) only by an amount equal to 100% of the amount disbursed to the school district under Section 30 during June of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the extension and abatement are made.

Section 40. Residential rent credit. Each individual taxpayer residing within a school district within which the local income tax for schools authorized by this Act has been imposed, levied, and collected is entitled to a credit, not to exceed \$500, against the tax imposed under this Act in the amount of 5% of the annual rent paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year for the residence of the taxpayer. In no event shall a credit under this Section reduce the taxpayer's liability under this Act to less than zero.

- Section 70. The State Finance Act is amended by adding Section 5.640 as follows:
- 24 (30 ILCS 105/5.640 new)
- Sec. 5.640. The School District Income Tax Fund.
- Section 75. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing Section 18-45 as follows:
- 28 (35 ILCS 200/18-45)
- Sec. 18-45. Computation of rates. Except as provided below, each county clerk shall estimate and determine the rate per cent upon the equalized assessed valuation for the levy

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year of the property in the county's taxing districts and special service areas, as established under Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, so that the rate will produce, within the proper divisions of that county, not less than the net amount that will be required by the county board or certified to the county clerk according to law. Prior to extension, the county clerk shall determine the maximum amount of tax authorized to be levied by any statute. If the amount of any tax certified to the county clerk for extension exceeds the maximum, the clerk shall extend only the maximum allowable levy.

The county clerk shall exclude from the total equalized assessed valuation, whenever estimating and determining it under this Section and Sections 18-50 through 18-105, the equalized assessed valuation in the percentage which has been agreed to by each taxing district, of any property or portion thereof within an Enterprise Zone upon which an abatement of taxes was made under Section 18-170. However, if a municipality has adopted tax increment financing under Division 74.4 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the county clerk shall estimate and determine rates in accordance with Sections 11-74.4-7 through 11-74.4-9 of that Act. Beginning on January 1, 1998 and thereafter, the equalized assessed value of all property for the computation of the amount to be extended within a county with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants shall be the sum of (i) the equalized assessed value of such property for the year immediately preceding the levy year as established by assessment and equalization process for the immediately prior to the levy year, (ii) the equalized assessed value of any property that qualifies as new property, as defined in Section 18-185, or annexed property, as defined in Section 18-225, for the current levy year, and (iii) recovered tax increment value, as defined in Section 18-185, for the current levy year, less the equalized assessed value of any property that qualifies as disconnected property, as defined in Section 18-225, for the current levy year.

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- The provisions of this Section and the authority of the county clerk under this Section are subject to the abatement provisions of Section 35 of the School District Income Tax Act with respect to the extension of taxes levied by a school district on residential property, farm real property as defined in Section 1-60, and real property of a small business as defined in Section 1-75 of the Illinois Administrative
- 8 <u>Procedure Act.</u>
- Section 80. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
- 11 17-11 and 18-8.05 as follows:
- 12 (105 ILCS 5/17-11) (from Ch. 122, par. 17-11)

(Source: P.A. 90-320, eff. 1-1-98.)

13 Sec. 17-11. Certificate of tax levy. The school board of 14 each district shall ascertain, as near as practicable, 15 annually, how much money must be raised by special tax for transportation purposes if any and for educational and for 16 17 operations and maintenance purposes for the next ensuing year. 18 In school districts with a population of less than 500,000, these amounts shall be certified and returned to each county 19 clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December, annually. The 20 21 certificate shall be signed by the president and clerk or secretary, and may be in the following form: 22

CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

24 We hereby certify that we require the sum of 25 dollars, to be levied as a special tax for transportation 26 purposes and the sum of dollars to be levied as a 27 special tax for educational purposes, and the sum 28 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and 29 maintenance purposes, and the sum of to be levied as a 30 special tax for a working cash fund, on the equalized assessed value of the taxable property of our district, for the year 31 32 (insert year).

- 33 Signed on (insert date).
- 34 A B, President

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1 C ...... D....., Clerk (Secretary)
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3 A failure by the school board to file the certificate with 4 the county clerk in the time required shall not vitiate the assessment. A district levying a tax under the School District 5 Income Tax Act enacted by the 94th General Assembly shall, 6 together with such certificate of tax levy, also certify for 7 property tax abatement purposes an amount equal to the amount 8 of revenue realized by the school district's tax on net income 9 10 during the previous fiscal year, which amount shall be used by the county clerk in the manner provided by Section 35 of the 11 School District Income Tax Act. This provision shall be 12 effective for a school district beginning in the fiscal year 13 following the fiscal year it begins levying a net income tax. 14 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.) 15

- 16 (105 ILCS 5/18-8.05)
- Sec. 18-8.05. Basis for apportionment of general State financial aid and supplemental general State aid to the common schools for the 1998-1999 and subsequent school years.
- 20 (A) General Provisions.
- (1) The provisions of this Section apply to the 1998-1999 21 and subsequent school years. The system of general State 22 23 financial aid provided for in this Section is designed to 24 assure that, through a combination of State financial aid and required local resources, the financial support provided each 25 pupil in Average Daily Attendance equals or exceeds a 26 prescribed per pupil Foundation Level. This formula approach 27 imputes a level of per pupil Available Local Resources and 28 provides for the basis to calculate a per pupil level of 29 general State financial aid that, when added to Available Local 30 Resources, equals or exceeds the Foundation Level. The amount 31 of per pupil general State financial aid for school districts, 32 in general, varies in inverse relation to Available Local 33

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- Resources. Per pupil amounts are based upon each school district's Average Daily Attendance as that term is defined in this Section.
 - (2) In addition to general State financial aid, school districts with specified levels or concentrations of pupils from low income households are eligible to receive supplemental general State financial aid grants as provided pursuant to subsection (H). The supplemental State aid grants provided for school districts under subsection (H) shall be appropriated for distribution to school districts as part of the same line item in which the general State financial aid of school districts is appropriated under this Section.
 - (3) To receive financial assistance under this Section, school districts are required to file claims with the State Board of Education, subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) Any school district which fails for any given school year to maintain school as required by law, or to maintain a recognized school is not eligible to file for such school year any claim upon the Common School Fund. In case of nonrecognition of one or more attendance centers in a school district otherwise operating recognized schools, claim of the district shall be reduced in the proportion which the Average Daily Attendance in the attendance center or centers bear to the Average Daily Attendance in the school district. A "recognized school" means any public school which meets the standards as established for recognition by the State Board of Education. A school district or attendance center not having recognition status at the end of a school term is entitled to receive State aid payments due upon a legal claim which was filed while it was recognized.
 - (b) School district claims filed under this Section are subject to Sections 18-9, 18-10, and 18-12, except as otherwise provided in this Section.
 - (c) If a school district operates a full year school under Section 10-19.1, the general State aid to the school

district shall be determined by the State Board of Education in accordance with this Section as near as may be applicable.

- (d) (Blank).
- (4) Except as provided in subsections (H) and (L), the board of any district receiving any of the grants provided for in this Section may apply those funds to any fund so received for which that board is authorized to make expenditures by law.
- School districts are not required to exert a minimum Operating Tax Rate in order to qualify for assistance under this Section.
- (5) As used in this Section the following terms, when capitalized, shall have the meaning ascribed herein:
 - (a) "Average Daily Attendance": A count of pupil attendance in school, averaged as provided for in subsection (C) and utilized in deriving per pupil financial support levels.
 - (b) "Available Local Resources": A computation of local financial support, calculated on the basis of Average Daily Attendance and derived as provided pursuant to subsection (D).
 - (c) "Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes": Funds paid to local school districts pursuant to "An Act in relation to the abolition of ad valorem personal property tax and the replacement of revenues lost thereby, and amending and repealing certain Acts and parts of Acts in connection therewith", certified August 14, 1979, as amended (Public Act 81-1st S.S.-1).
 - (d) "Foundation Level": A prescribed level of per pupil financial support as provided for in subsection (B).
 - (e) "Operating Tax Rate": All school district property taxes extended for all purposes, except Bond and Interest, Summer School, Rent, Capital Improvement, and Vocational Education Building purposes.

- (1) The Foundation Level is a figure established by the State representing the minimum level of per pupil financial support that should be available to provide for the basic education of each pupil in Average Daily Attendance. As set forth in this Section, each school district is assumed to exert a sufficient local taxing effort such that, in combination with the aggregate of general State financial aid provided the district, an aggregate of State and local resources are available to meet the basic education needs of pupils in the district.
- (2) For the 1998-1999 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,225. For the 1999-2000 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,325. For the 2000-2001 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,425. For the 2001-2002 school year and 2002-2003 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,560. For the 2003-2004 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,560.
- 18 (3) For the 2004-2005 school year and each school year
 19 thereafter, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,964 \$5,060 or
 20 such greater amount as may be established by law by the General
 21 Assembly.
 - (C) Average Daily Attendance.
 - (1) For purposes of calculating general State aid pursuant to subsection (E), an Average Daily Attendance figure shall be utilized. The Average Daily Attendance figure for formula calculation purposes shall be the monthly average of the actual number of pupils in attendance of each school district, as further averaged for the best 3 months of pupil attendance for each school district. In compiling the figures for the number of pupils in attendance, school districts and the State Board of Education shall, for purposes of general State aid funding, conform attendance figures to the requirements of subsection (F).
- 34 (2) The Average Daily Attendance figures utilized in 35 subsection (E) shall be the requisite attendance data for the

school year immediately preceding the school year for which general State aid is being calculated or the average of the attendance data for the 3 preceding school years, whichever is greater. The Average Daily Attendance figures utilized in subsection (H) shall be the requisite attendance data for the school year immediately preceding the school year for which general State aid is being calculated.

(D) Available Local Resources.

- (1) For purposes of calculating general State aid pursuant to subsection (E), a representation of Available Local Resources per pupil, as that term is defined and determined in this subsection, shall be utilized. Available Local Resources per pupil shall include a calculated dollar amount representing local school district revenues from local property taxes and from Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes, expressed on the basis of pupils in Average Daily Attendance. Calculation of Available Local Resources shall exclude any tax amnesty funds received as a result of Public Act 93-26.
- (2) In determining a school district's revenue from local property taxes, the State Board of Education shall utilize the equalized assessed valuation of all taxable property of each school district as of September 30 of the previous year. The equalized assessed valuation utilized shall be obtained and determined as provided in subsection (G).
- (3) For school districts maintaining grades kindergarten through 12, local property tax revenues per pupil shall be calculated as the product of the applicable equalized assessed valuation for the district multiplied by 3.00%, and divided by the district's Average Daily Attendance figure. For school districts maintaining grades kindergarten through 8, local property tax revenues per pupil shall be calculated as the product of the applicable equalized assessed valuation for the district multiplied by 2.30%, and divided by the district's school Daily Attendance figure. Average For districts maintaining grades 9 through 12, local property tax revenues

- per pupil shall be the applicable equalized assessed valuation of the district multiplied by 1.05%, and divided by the district's Average Daily Attendance figure.
 - (4) The Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes paid to each school district during the calendar year 2 years before the calendar year in which a school year begins, divided by the Average Daily Attendance figure for that district, shall be added to the local property tax revenues per pupil as derived by the application of the immediately preceding paragraph (3). The sum of these per pupil figures for each school district shall constitute Available Local Resources as that term is utilized in subsection (E) in the calculation of general State aid.
- 14 (E) Computation of General State Aid.
 - (1) For each school year, the amount of general State aid allotted to a school district shall be computed by the State Board of Education as provided in this subsection.
 - (2) For any school district for which Available Local Resources per pupil is less than the product of 0.93 times the Foundation Level, general State aid for that district shall be calculated as an amount equal to the Foundation Level minus Available Local Resources, multiplied by the Average Daily Attendance of the school district.
 - Resources per pupil is equal to or greater than the product of 0.93 times the Foundation Level and less than the product of 1.75 times the Foundation Level, the general State aid per pupil shall be a decimal proportion of the Foundation Level derived using a linear algorithm. Under this linear algorithm, the calculated general State aid per pupil shall decline in direct linear fashion from 0.07 times the Foundation Level for a school district with Available Local Resources equal to the Foundation Level for a school district with a school district with Available Local Resources equal to the Foundation Level for a school district with Available Local Resources equal to the product of 1.75 times the Foundation

- 1 Level. The allocation of general State aid for school districts
- 2 subject to this paragraph 3 shall be the calculated general
- 3 State aid per pupil figure multiplied by the Average Daily
- 4 Attendance of the school district.
- 5 (4) For any school district for which Available Local
- 6 Resources per pupil equals or exceeds the product of 1.75 times
- 7 the Foundation Level, the general State aid for the school
- 8 district shall be calculated as the product of \$218 multiplied
- 9 by the Average Daily Attendance of the school district.
- 10 (5) The amount of general State aid allocated to a school
- 11 district for the 1999-2000 school year meeting the requirements
- 12 set forth in paragraph (4) of subsection (G) shall be increased
- by an amount equal to the general State aid that would have
- been received by the district for the 1998-1999 school year by
- 15 utilizing the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed
- Valuation as calculated in paragraph (4) of subsection (G) less
- the general State aid allotted for the 1998-1999 school year.
- 18 This amount shall be deemed a one time increase, and shall not
- 19 affect any future general State aid allocations.
- 20 (6) The operating tax rate of a district levying a net
- 21 income tax under the School District Income Tax Act enacted by
- 22 <u>the 94th General Assembly shall be increased, for the</u>
- 23 <u>calculation of aid under this Section, by a rate which when</u>
- 24 <u>applied to the equalized assessed valuation of the district</u>
- 25 would yield an amount equal to the revenue received by the
- 26 <u>district from its income tax during the current fiscal year.</u>
- 27 (F) Compilation of Average Daily Attendance.
- 28 (1) Each school district shall, by July 1 of each year,
- submit to the State Board of Education, on forms prescribed by
- 30 the State Board of Education, attendance figures for the school
- 31 year that began in the preceding calendar year. The attendance
- 32 information so transmitted shall identify the average daily
- 33 attendance figures for each month of the school year. Beginning
- 34 with the general State aid claim form for the 2002-2003 school
- 35 year, districts shall calculate Average Daily Attendance as

provided in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of this paragraph (1).

- (a) In districts that do not hold year-round classes, days of attendance in August shall be added to the month of September and any days of attendance in June shall be added to the month of May.
- (b) In districts in which all buildings hold year-round classes, days of attendance in July and August shall be added to the month of September and any days of attendance in June shall be added to the month of May.
- (c) In districts in which some buildings, but not all, hold year-round classes, for the non-year-round buildings, days of attendance in August shall be added to the month of September and any days of attendance in June shall be added to the month of May. The average daily attendance for the year-round buildings shall be computed as provided in subdivision (b) of this paragraph (1). To calculate the Average Daily Attendance for the district, the average daily attendance for the year-round buildings shall be multiplied by the days in session for the non-year-round buildings for each month and added to the monthly attendance of the non-year-round buildings.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, days of attendance by pupils shall be counted only for sessions of not less than 5 clock hours of school work per day under direct supervision of: (i) teachers, or (ii) non-teaching personnel or volunteer personnel when engaging in non-teaching duties and supervising in those instances specified in subsection (a) of Section 10-22.34 and paragraph 10 of Section 34-18, with pupils of legal school age and in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12.

Days of attendance by tuition pupils shall be accredited only to the districts that pay the tuition to a recognized school.

(2) Days of attendance by pupils of less than 5 clock hours of school shall be subject to the following provisions in the

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compilation of Average Daily Attendance.

- (a) Pupils regularly enrolled in a public school for only a part of the school day may be counted on the basis of 1/6 day for every class hour of instruction of 40 minutes or more attended pursuant to such enrollment, unless a pupil is enrolled in a block-schedule format of 80 minutes or more of instruction, in which case the pupil may be counted on the basis of the proportion of minutes of school work completed each day to the minimum number of minutes that school work is required to be held that day.
- (b) Days of attendance may be less than 5 clock hours on the opening and closing of the school term, and upon the first day of pupil attendance, if preceded by a day or days utilized as an institute or teachers' workshop.
- (c) A session of 4 or more clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance upon certification by the regional superintendent, and approved by the State Superintendent of Education to the extent that the district has been forced to use daily multiple sessions.
- (d) A session of 3 or more clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance (1) when the remainder of the school day or at least 2 hours in the evening of that day is utilized for an in-service training program for teachers, up to a maximum of 5 days per school year of which a maximum of 4 days of such 5 days may be used for parent-teacher conferences, provided a district conducts an in-service training program for teachers which has been approved by the State Superintendent of Education; or, in lieu of 4 such days, 2 full days may be used, in which event each such day may be counted as a day of attendance; and (2) when days in addition to those provided in item (1) scheduled by a school pursuant to its improvement plan adopted under Article 34 or its revised or amended school improvement plan adopted under Article 2, provided that (i) such sessions of 3 or more clock hours are scheduled to occur at regular intervals, (ii) the

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remainder of the school days in which such sessions occur are utilized for in-service training programs or other staff development activities for teachers, and (iii) a sufficient number of minutes of school work under the direct supervision of teachers are added to the school days between such regularly scheduled sessions to accumulate not less than the number of minutes by which such sessions of 3 or more clock hours fall short of 5 clock hours. Any full days used for the purposes of this paragraph shall not be considered for computing average daily attendance. Days scheduled for in-service training programs, development activities, or parent-teacher conferences may be scheduled separately for different grade levels and different attendance centers of the district.

- (e) A session of not less than one clock hour of teaching hospitalized or homebound pupils on-site or by telephone to the classroom may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance, however these pupils must receive 4 or more clock hours of instruction to be counted for a full day of attendance.
- (f) A session of at least 4 clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance for first grade pupils, and pupils in full day kindergartens, and a session of 2 or more hours may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance by pupils in kindergartens which provide only 1/2 day of attendance.
- (g) For children with disabilities who are below the age of 6 years and who cannot attend 2 or more clock hours because of their disability or immaturity, a session of not less than one clock hour may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance; however for such children whose educational needs so require a session of 4 or more clock hours may be counted as a full day of attendance.
- (h) A recognized kindergarten which provides for only 1/2 day of attendance by each pupil shall not have more than 1/2 day of attendance counted in any one day. However, kindergartens may count 2 1/2 days of attendance in any 5

consecutive school days. When a pupil attends such a kindergarten for 2 half days on any one school day, the pupil shall have the following day as a day absent from school, unless the school district obtains permission in writing from the State Superintendent of Education. Attendance at kindergartens which provide for a full day of attendance by each pupil shall be counted the same as attendance by first grade pupils. Only the first year of attendance in one kindergarten shall be counted, except in case of children who entered the kindergarten in their fifth year whose educational development requires a second year of kindergarten as determined under the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

(G) Equalized Assessed Valuation Data.

(1) For purposes of the calculation of Available Local Resources required pursuant to subsection (D), the State Board of Education shall secure from the Department of Revenue the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property of every school district, together with (i) the applicable tax rate used in extending taxes for the funds of the district as of September 30 of the previous year and (ii) the limiting rate for all school districts subject to property tax extension limitations as imposed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

The Department of Revenue shall add to the equalized assessed value of all taxable property of each school district situated entirely or partially within a county that is or was subject to the alternative general homestead exemption provisions of Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code (a) (i) an amount equal to the total amount by which the homestead exemption allowed under Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code for real property situated in that school district exceeds the total amount that would have been allowed in that school district if the maximum reduction under Section 15-176 was (i) \$4,500 in Cook County or \$3,500 in all other counties in tax

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year 2003 or (ii) \$5,000 in all counties in tax year 2004 and thereafter and (b) (ii) an amount equal to the aggregate amount for the taxable year of all additional exemptions under Section 15-175 of the Property Tax Code for owners with a household income of \$30,000 or less. The county clerk of any county that is or was subject to the alternative general homestead exemption provisions of Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code shall annually calculate and certify to the Department of Revenue for each school district all homestead exemption amounts under Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code and all amounts of additional exemptions under Section 15-175 of the Property Tax Code for owners with a household income of \$30,000 or less. It is the intent of this paragraph that if the general homestead exemption for a parcel of property is determined under Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code rather than Section 15-175, then the calculation of Available Local Resources shall not be affected by the difference, if any, between the amount of the general homestead exemption allowed for that parcel of property under Section 15-176 of the Property Tax Code and the amount that would have been allowed had the general homestead exemption for that parcel of property been determined under Section 15-175 of the Property Tax Code. It is further the intent of this paragraph that if additional exemptions are allowed under Section 15-175 of the Property Tax Code for owners with a household income of less than \$30,000, then the calculation of Available Local Resources shall not be affected by the difference, if any, because of those additional exemptions.

This equalized assessed valuation, as adjusted further by the requirements of this subsection, shall be utilized in the calculation of Available Local Resources.

- (2) The equalized assessed valuation in paragraph (1) shall be adjusted, as applicable, in the following manner:
 - (a) For the purposes of calculating State aid under this Section, with respect to any part of a school district within a redevelopment project area in respect to which a

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municipality has adopted tax increment allocation financing pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, Sections 11-74.4-1 through 11-74.4-11 of the Illinois Municipal Code or the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law, Sections 11-74.6-1 through 11-74.6-50 of the Illinois Municipal Code, no part of the current equalized assessed valuation of real property located in any such project area which is attributable to an increase above the initial equalized assessed valuation of such property shall be used as part of the equalized assessed valuation of the district, until such time as redevelopment project costs have been paid, as provided in Section 11-74.4-8 of Tax Increment Allocation the Section 11-74.6-35 $\circ f$ Redevelopment Act or in the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law. For the purpose of the equalized assessed valuation of the district, the total initial equalized assessed valuation or the current equalized assessed valuation, whichever is lower, shall be used until such time as all redevelopment project costs have been paid.

(b) The real property equalized assessed valuation for a school district shall be adjusted by subtracting from the real property value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the district an amount computed by dividing the amount of any abatement of taxes under Section 18-170 of the Property Tax Code by 3.00% for a district maintaining grades kindergarten through 12, by for a district maintaining grades kindergarten through 8, or by 1.05% for a district maintaining grades 9 through 12 and adjusted by an amount computed by dividing the amount of any abatement of taxes under subsection (a) of Section 18-165 of the Property Tax Code by the same percentage rates for district type as specified in this subparagraph (b).

(3) For the 1999-2000 school year and each school year thereafter, if a school district meets all of the criteria of

- 1 this subsection (G)(3), the school district's Available Local
- 2 Resources shall be calculated under subsection (D) using the
- 3 district's Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation
- 4 as calculated under this subsection (G)(3).
- For purposes of this subsection (G)(3) the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- 7 "Budget Year": The school year for which general State 8 aid is calculated and awarded under subsection (E).
 - "Base Tax Year": The property tax levy year used to calculate the Budget Year allocation of general State aid.
 - "Preceding Tax Year": The property tax levy year immediately preceding the Base Tax Year.
 - "Base Tax Year's Tax Extension": The product of the equalized assessed valuation utilized by the County Clerk in the Base Tax Year multiplied by the limiting rate as calculated by the County Clerk and defined in the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.
 - "Preceding Tax Year's Tax Extension": The product of the equalized assessed valuation utilized by the County Clerk in the Preceding Tax Year multiplied by the Operating Tax Rate as defined in subsection (A).
 - "Extension Limitation Ratio": A numerical ratio, certified by the County Clerk, in which the numerator is the Base Tax Year's Tax Extension and the denominator is the Preceding Tax Year's Tax Extension.
- "Operating Tax Rate": The operating tax rate as defined in subsection (A).
 - If a school district is subject to property tax extension limitations as imposed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, the State Board of Education shall calculate the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of that district. For the 1999-2000 school year, the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated by the State Board of Education shall be equal to the product of the district's 1996 Equalized Assessed Valuation and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. For the

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2000-2001 school year and each school year thereafter, the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated by the State Board of Education shall be equal to the product of the Equalized Assessed Valuation last used in the calculation of general State aid and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. If the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated under this subsection (G)(3) is less than the district's equalized assessed valuation as calculated pursuant subsections (G)(1) and (G)(2), then for purposes of calculating the district's general State aid for the Budget Year pursuant subsection (E), that Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation shall be utilized to calculate the district's Available Local Resources under subsection (D).

(4) For the purposes of calculating general State aid for the 1999-2000 school year only, if a school district experienced a triennial reassessment on the equalized assessed valuation used in calculating its general State financial aid apportionment for the 1998-1999 school year, the State Board of Education shall calculate the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation that would have been used to calculate the district's 1998-1999 general State aid. This amount shall equal the product of the equalized assessed valuation used to calculate general State aid for the 1997-1998 school year and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. If the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of the school district as calculated under this paragraph (4) is less than the district's equalized assessed valuation utilized in district's 1998-1999 general calculating the State aid allocation, then for purposes of calculating the district's general State aid pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (E), that Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation shall be utilized to calculate the district's Available Local Resources

(5) For school districts having a majority of their equalized assessed valuation in any county except Cook, DuPage,

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Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will, if the amount of general State aid allocated to the school district for the 1999-2000 school year under the provisions of subsection (E), (H), and (J) of this Section is less than the amount of general State aid allocated to the district for the 1998-1999 school year under these subsections, then the general State aid of the district for the 1999-2000 school year only shall be increased by the difference between these amounts. The total payments made under this paragraph (5) shall not exceed \$14,000,000. Claims shall be prorated if they exceed \$14,000,000.

(H) Supplemental General State Aid.

(1) In addition to the general State aid a school district is allotted pursuant to subsection (E), qualifying school districts shall receive a grant, paid in conjunction with a district's payments of general State aid, for supplemental general State aid based upon the concentration level of from low-income households within the district. Supplemental State aid grants provided for school districts under this subsection shall be appropriated for distribution to school districts as part of the same line item in which the general State financial aid of school districts is appropriated under this Section. If the appropriation in any fiscal year for general State aid and supplemental general State aid is insufficient to pay the amounts required under the general State aid and supplemental general State calculations, then the State Board of Education shall ensure that each school district receives the full amount due for general State aid and the remainder of the appropriation shall be used for supplemental general State aid, which the State Board of Education shall calculate and pay to eligible districts on a prorated basis.

(1.5) This paragraph (1.5) applies only to those school years preceding the 2003-2004 school year. For purposes of this subsection (H), the term "Low-Income Concentration Level" shall be the low-income eligible pupil count from the most

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recently available federal census divided by the Average Daily Attendance of the school district. If, however, (i) percentage decrease from the 2 most recent federal censuses in the low-income eligible pupil count of a high school district with fewer than 400 students exceeds by 75% or more the percentage change in the total low-income eligible pupil count of contiguous elementary school districts, whose boundaries are coterminous with the high school district, or (ii) a high school district within 2 counties and serving 5 elementary school districts, whose boundaries are coterminous with the high school district, has a percentage decrease from the 2 most recent federal censuses in the low-income eligible pupil count and there is a percentage increase in the total low-income eligible pupil count of a majority of the elementary school districts in excess of 50% from the 2 most recent federal censuses, then the high school district's low-income eligible pupil count from the earlier federal census shall be the number used as the low-income eligible pupil count for the high school district, for purposes of this subsection (H). The changes made to this paragraph (1) by Public Act 92-28 shall apply to supplemental general State aid grants for school preceding the 2003-2004 school year that are paid in fiscal year 1999 or thereafter and to any State aid payments made in fiscal year 1994 through fiscal year 1998 pursuant subsection 1(n) of Section 18-8 of this Code (which was repealed on July 1, 1998), and any high school district that is affected by Public Act 92-28 is entitled to a recomputation of its supplemental general State aid grant or State aid paid in any of those fiscal years. This recomputation shall not be affected by any other funding.

(1.10) This paragraph (1.10) applies to the 2003-2004 school year and each school year thereafter. For purposes of this subsection (H), the term "Low-Income Concentration Level" shall, for each fiscal year, be the low-income eligible pupil count as of July 1 of the immediately preceding fiscal year (as determined by the Department of Human Services based on the

of the school district.

- number of pupils who are eligible for at least one of the following low income programs: Medicaid, KidCare, TANF, or Food Stamps, excluding pupils who are eligible for services provided by the Department of Children and Family Services, averaged over the 2 immediately preceding fiscal years for fiscal year 2004 and over the 3 immediately preceding fiscal years for each fiscal year thereafter) divided by the Average Daily Attendance
 - (2) Supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 school years only:
 - (a) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 20% and less than 35%, the grant for any school year shall be \$800 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (b) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 35% and less than 50%, the grant for the 1998-1999 school year shall be \$1,100 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (c) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 50% and less than 60%, the grant for the 1998-99 school year shall be \$1,500 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (d) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of 60% or more, the grant for the 1998-99 school year shall be \$1,900 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (e) For the 1999-2000 school year, the per pupil amount specified in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) immediately above shall be increased to \$1,243, \$1,600, and \$2,000, respectively.
 - (f) For the 2000-2001 school year, the per pupil amounts specified in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) immediately above shall be \$1,273, \$1,640, and \$2,050, respectively.
 - (2.5) Supplemental general State aid pursuant to this

- subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 2002-2003 school year:
 - (a) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of less than 10%, the grant for each school year shall be \$355 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (b) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 10% and less than 20%, the grant for each school year shall be \$675 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (c) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 20% and less than 35%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,330 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (d) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 35% and less than 50%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,362 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (e) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 50% and less than 60%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,680 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (f) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of 60% or more, the grant for each school year shall be \$2,080 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (2.10) Except as otherwise provided, supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 2003-2004 school year and each school year thereafter:
 - (a) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of 15% or less, the grant for each school year shall be \$355 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (b) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level greater than 15%, the grant for each

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school year shall be \$294.25 added to the product of \$2,700 and the square of the Low Income Concentration Level, all multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.

For the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school year only, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year. For the 2005-2006 school year only, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year multiplied by 0.66. For the 2006-2007 school year only, the grant shall be no less than the grant for the 2002-2003 school year multiplied by 0.33.

For the 2003-2004 school year only, the grant shall be no greater than the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year added to the product of 0.25 multiplied by the difference between the grant amount calculated under subsection (a) or (b) of this paragraph (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year. For the 2004-2005 school year only, the grant shall be no greater than the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year added to the product of 0.50 multiplied by the difference between the grant amount calculated under subsection (a) or (b) of this paragraph (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year. For the 2005-2006 school year only, the grant shall be no greater than the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year added to the product of 0.75 multiplied by the difference between the grant amount calculated under subsection (a) or (b) of this paragraph (2.10), whichever is applicable, and the grant received during the 2002-2003 school year.

(3) School districts with an Average Daily Attendance of more than 1,000 and less than 50,000 that qualify for supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection shall submit a plan to the State Board of Education prior to October 30 of each year for the use of the funds resulting from this grant of supplemental general State aid for the improvement of instruction in which priority is given to meeting the education needs of disadvantaged children. Such

plan shall be submitted in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.

- (4) School districts with an Average Daily Attendance of 50,000 or more that qualify for supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection shall be required to distribute from funds available pursuant to this Section, no less than \$261,000,000 in accordance with the following requirements:
 - (a) The required amounts shall be distributed to the attendance centers within the district in proportion to the number of pupils enrolled at each attendance center who are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches or breakfasts under the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and under the National School Lunch Act during the immediately preceding school year.
 - (b) The distribution of these portions of supplemental and general State aid among attendance centers according to these requirements shall not be compensated for or contravened by adjustments of the total of other funds appropriated to any attendance centers, and the Board of Education shall utilize funding from one or several sources in order to fully implement this provision annually prior to the opening of school.
 - (c) Each attendance center shall be provided by the school district a distribution of noncategorical funds and other categorical funds to which an attendance center is entitled under law in order that the general State aid and supplemental general State aid provided by application of this subsection supplements rather than supplants the noncategorical funds and other categorical funds provided by the school district to the attendance centers.
 - (d) Any funds made available under this subsection that by reason of the provisions of this subsection are not required to be allocated and provided to attendance centers may be used and appropriated by the board of the district for any lawful school purpose.
 - (e) Funds received by an attendance center pursuant to

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this subsection shall be used by the attendance center at the discretion of the principal and local school council programs to improve educational opportunities qualifying schools through the following programs and services: early childhood education, reduced class size or improved adult to student classroom ratio, enrichment programs, remedial assistance, attendance improvement, and educationally beneficial other expenditures which supplement the regular and basic programs as determined by the State Board of Education. Funds provided shall not be expended for any political or lobbying purposes as defined by board rule.

(f) Each district subject to the provisions of this subdivision (H)(4) shall submit an acceptable plan to meet educational needs of disadvantaged children, the compliance with the requirements of this paragraph, to the State Board of Education prior to July 15 of each year. This plan shall be consistent with the decisions of local school councils concerning the school expenditure plans developed in accordance with part 4 of Section 34-2.3. The State Board shall approve or reject the plan within 60 days after its submission. If the plan is rejected, the district shall give written notice of intent to modify the plan within 15 days of the notification of rejection and then submit a modified plan within 30 days after the date of the written notice of intent to modify. Districts may amend approved plans pursuant to rules promulgated by the State Board of Education.

Upon notification by the State Board of Education that the district has not submitted a plan prior to July 15 or a modified plan within the time period specified herein, the State aid funds affected by that plan or modified plan shall be withheld by the State Board of Education until a plan or modified plan is submitted.

If the district fails to distribute State aid to attendance centers in accordance with an approved plan, the

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plan for the following year shall allocate funds, in addition to the funds otherwise required by this subsection, to those attendance centers which were underfunded during the previous year in amounts equal to such underfunding.

For purposes of determining compliance with subsection in relation to the requirements of attendance center funding, each district subject to the provisions of this subsection shall submit as a separate document by December 1 of each year a report of expenditure data for the prior year in addition to any modification of its current plan. If it is determined that there has been a failure to comply with the expenditure provisions of this subsection regarding contravention or supplanting, the State Superintendent of Education shall, within 60 days of receipt of the report, notify the district and any affected local school council. The district shall within 45 days of that notification receipt of inform the Superintendent of Education of the remedial or corrective action to be taken, whether by amendment of the current plan, if feasible, or by adjustment in the plan for the following year. Failure to provide the expenditure report or the notification of remedial or corrective action in a timely manner shall result in a withholding of the affected funds.

The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection. No funds shall be released under subdivision (H)(4) to any district that has not submitted a plan that has been approved by the State Board of Education.

- (I) General State Aid for Newly Configured School Districts.
- 33 (1) For a new school district formed by combining property 34 included totally within 2 or more previously existing school 35 districts, for its first year of existence the general State

- aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be computed for the new district and for the previously existing districts for which property is totally included within the new district. If the computation on the basis of the previously existing districts is greater, a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made for the first 4 years of existence of the new district.
 - (2) For a school district which annexes all of the territory of one or more entire other school districts, for the first year during which the change of boundaries attributable to such annexation becomes effective for all purposes as determined under Section 7-9 or 7A-8, the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be computed for the annexing district as constituted after the annexation and for the annexing and each annexed district as constituted prior to the annexation; and if the computation on the basis of the annexing and annexed districts as constituted prior to the annexation is greater, a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made for the first 4 years of existence of the annexing school district as constituted upon such annexation.
 - (3) For 2 or more school districts which annex all of the territory of one or more entire other school districts, and for 2 or more community unit districts which result upon the division (pursuant to petition under Section 11A-2) of one or more other unit school districts into 2 or more parts and which together include all of the parts into which such other unit school district or districts are so divided, for the first year during which the change of boundaries attributable to such annexation or division becomes effective for all purposes as determined under Section 7-9 or 11A-10, as the case may be, the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be computed for each annexing or resulting district as constituted after the annexation or division and for each annexing and annexed district, or for each resulting and divided district, as constituted prior to

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the annexation or division; and if the aggregate of the general State aid and supplemental general State aid as so computed for the annexing or resulting districts as constituted after the annexation or division is less than the aggregate of the general State aid and supplemental general State aid as so computed for the annexing and annexed districts, or for the resulting and divided districts, as constituted prior to the annexation or division, then a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made and allocated between or among the annexing or resulting districts, as constituted upon such annexation or division, for the first 4 years of their existence. The total difference payment shall be allocated between or among the annexing or resulting districts in the same ratio as the pupil enrollment from that portion of the annexed or divided district or districts which is annexed to or included in each such annexing or resulting district bears to the total pupil enrollment from the entire annexed or divided district or districts, as such pupil enrollment is determined for the school year last ending prior to the date when the change of boundaries attributable to the annexation or division becomes effective for all purposes. The amount of the total difference payment and the amount thereof to be allocated to the annexing or resulting districts shall be computed by the State Board of Education on the basis of pupil enrollment and other data which shall be certified to the State Board of Education, on forms which it shall provide for that purpose, by the regional superintendent of schools for each educational service region in which the annexing and annexed districts, or resulting and divided districts are located.

- (3.5) Claims for financial assistance under this subsection (I) shall not be recomputed except as expressly provided under this Section.
- 33 (4) Any supplementary payment made under this subsection 34 (I) shall be treated as separate from all other payments made 35 pursuant to this Section.

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- (J) Supplementary Grants in Aid.
- (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, the amount of the aggregate general State aid in combination with supplemental general State aid under this Section for which each school district is eligible shall be no less than the amount of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that was received by the district under Section 18-8 (exclusive of amounts received under subsections 5(p) and 5(p-5) of that Section) for the 1997-98 school year, pursuant to the provisions of that Section as it was then in effect. If a school district qualifies to receive a supplementary payment made under this subsection (J), the amount of the aggregate general State aid in combination with supplemental general State aid under this Section which that district is eligible to receive for each school year shall be no less than the amount of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that was received by the district under Section 18-8 (exclusive of amounts received under subsections 5(p) and 5(p-5) of that Section) for the 1997-1998 school year, pursuant to the provisions of that Section as it was then in effect.
 - (2) If, as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection (J), a school district is to receive aggregate general State aid in combination with supplemental general State aid under this Section for the 1998-99 school year and any subsequent school year that in any such school year is less than the amount of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that the district received for the 1997-98 school year, the school district shall also receive, from a separate appropriation made for purposes of this subsection (J), a supplementary payment that is equal to the amount of the difference in the aggregate State aid figures as described in paragraph (1).
- (3) (Blank).
- 33 (K) Grants to Laboratory and Alternative Schools.
- In calculating the amount to be paid to the governing board of a public university that operates a laboratory school under

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this Section or to any alternative school that is operated by a regional superintendent of schools, the State Board of Education shall require by rule such reporting requirements as it deems necessary.

As used in this Section, "laboratory school" means a public school which is created and operated by a public university and approved by the State Board of Education. The governing board of a public university which receives funds from the State Board under this subsection (K) may not increase the number of students enrolled in its laboratory school from a single district, if that district is already sending 50 or more students, except under a mutual agreement between the school board of a student's district of residence and the university which operates the laboratory school. A laboratory school may not have more than 1,000 students, excluding students with disabilities in a special education program.

As used in this Section, "alternative school" means a public school which is created and operated by a Regional Superintendent of Schools and approved by the State Board of Education. Such alternative schools may offer courses of instruction for which credit is given in regular school programs, courses to prepare students for the high school equivalency testing program or vocational and occupational training. A regional superintendent of schools may contract with a school district or a public community college district to operate an alternative school. An alternative school serving more than one educational service region may be established by the regional superintendents of schools of the affected educational service regions. An alternative school serving more than one educational service region may be operated under such terms as the regional superintendents of schools of those educational service regions may agree.

Each laboratory and alternative school shall file, on forms provided by the State Superintendent of Education, an annual State aid claim which states the Average Daily Attendance of the school's students by month. The best 3 months' Average

- 1 Daily Attendance shall be computed for each school. The general
- 2 State aid entitlement shall be computed by multiplying the
- 3 applicable Average Daily Attendance by the Foundation Level as
- 4 determined under this Section.
- 5 (L) Payments, Additional Grants in Aid and Other Requirements.
- supervision of an Authority created under Article 34A, the general State aid otherwise payable to that district under this Section, but not the supplemental general State aid, shall be

(1) For a school district operating under the financial

- 10 reduced by an amount equal to the budget for the operations of
- 11 the Authority as certified by the Authority to the State Board
- of Education, and an amount equal to such reduction shall be
- 13 paid to the Authority created for such district for its
- operating expenses in the manner provided in Section 18-11. The
- 15 remainder of general State school aid for any such district
- shall be paid in accordance with Article 34A when that Article
- 17 provides for a disposition other than that provided by this
- 18 Article.

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- 20 (3) Summer school. Summer school payments shall be made as 21 provided in Section 18-4.3.
 - (M) Education Funding Advisory Board.
- The Education Funding Advisory Board, hereinafter in this 23 24 subsection (M) referred to as the "Board", is hereby created. 25 The Board shall consist of 5 members who are appointed by the 26 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The 27 members appointed shall include representatives of education, 28 business, and the general public. One of the members so 29 appointed shall be designated by the Governor at the time the 30 appointment is made as the chairperson of the Board. initial members of the Board may be appointed any time after 31 the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997. The regular 32 term of each member of the Board shall be for 4 years from the 33

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member's appointment is to commence, except that of the 5initial members appointed to serve on the Board, the member who is appointed as the chairperson shall serve for a term that commences on the date of his or her appointment and expires on the third Monday of January, 2002, and the remaining 4 members, by lots drawn at the first meeting of the Board that is held after all 5 members are appointed, shall determine 2 of their number to serve for terms that commence on the date of their respective appointments and expire on the third Monday of January, 2001, and 2 of their number to serve for terms that commence on the date of their respective appointments and expire on the third Monday of January, 2000. All members appointed to serve on the Board shall serve until their respective successors are appointed and confirmed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. If a vacancy in membership occurs at a time when the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the Senate, when he or she shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a person to fill that membership for the unexpired term. If the Senate is not in session when the initial appointments are made, those appointments shall be made as in the case of vacancies.

The Education Funding Advisory Board shall be deemed established, and the initial members appointed by the Governor to serve as members of the Board shall take office, on the date that the Governor makes his or her appointment of the fifth initial member of the Board, whether those initial members are then serving pursuant to appointment and confirmation or pursuant to temporary appointments that are made by the Governor as in the case of vacancies.

The State Board of Education shall provide such staff assistance to the Education Funding Advisory Board as is reasonably required for the proper performance by the Board of its responsibilities.

For school years after the 2000-2001 school year, the

1 Education Funding Advisory Board, in consultation with the 2 State Board of Education, shall make recommendations as provided in this subsection (M) to the General Assembly for the 3 foundation level under subdivision (B)(3) of this Section and 4 5 for the supplemental general State aid grant level under 6 subsection (H) of this Section for districts with high concentrations of children from poverty. The recommended 7 8 foundation level shall be determined based on a methodology 9 which incorporates the basic education expenditures 10 low-spending schools exhibiting high academic performance. The 11 Education Funding Advisory Board shall make 12 recommendations to the General Assembly on January 1 of odd numbered years, beginning January 1, 2001. 13

- 14 (N) (Blank).
- 15 (O) References.
- 16 (1) References in other laws to the various subdivisions of
 17 Section 18-8 as that Section existed before its repeal and
 18 replacement by this Section 18-8.05 shall be deemed to refer to
 19 the corresponding provisions of this Section 18-8.05, to the
 20 extent that those references remain applicable.
- 21 (2) References in other laws to State Chapter 1 funds shall 22 be deemed to refer to the supplemental general State aid 23 provided under subsection (H) of this Section.
- 24 (P) Public Act 93-838 This amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and Public Act 93-808 House Bill 4266 of the 93rd 25 26 General Assembly make inconsistent changes to this Section. If 27 House Bill 4266 becomes law, then Under Section 6 of the 28 Statute on Statutes there is an irreconcilable conflict between Public Act 93-808 and Public Act 93-838 House Bill 4266 and 29 this amendatory Act. Public Act 93-838 This amendatory Act, 30 being the last acted upon, is controlling. The text of Public 31 Act 93-838 this amendatory Act is the law regardless of the 32 text of Public Act 93-808 House Bill 4266. 33

- 1 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-28, eff. 7-1-01; 92-29,
- eff. 7-1-01; 92-269, eff. 8-7-01; 92-604, eff. 7-1-02; 92-636,
- 3 eff. 7-11-02; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 93-21, eff. 7-1-03; 93-715,
- 4 eff. 7-12-04; 93-808, eff. 7-26-04; 93-838, eff. 7-30-04;
- 5 93-875, eff. 8-6-04; revised 10-21-04.)
- 6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 7 becoming law.