

1 AN ACT concerning 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 adding Section  
5 2-3.137 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.137 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.137. School wellness policies; taskforce.

8 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a State  
9 goal that all school districts have a wellness policy that is  
10 consistent with recommendations of the Centers for Disease  
11 Control and Prevention (CDC), which recommendations include  
12 the following:

13 (1) nutrition guidelines for all foods sold on school  
14 campus during the school day;

15 (2) setting school goals for nutrition education and  
16 physical activity;

17 (3) establishing community participation in creating  
18 local wellness policies; and

19 (4) creating a plan for measuring implementation of  
20 these wellness policies.

21 The Department of Public Health, the Department of Human  
22 Services, and the State Board of Education shall form an  
23 interagency working group to publish model wellness policies  
24 and recommendations. Sample policies shall be based on CDC  
25 recommendations for nutrition and physical activity. The State  
26 Board of Education shall distribute the model wellness policies  
27 to all school districts before June 1, 2006.

28 (b) There is created the School Wellness Policy Taskforce,  
29 consisting of the following members:

30 (1) One member representing the State Board of  
31 Education, appointed by the State Board of Education.

32 (2) One member representing the Department of Public

1 Health, appointed by the Director of Public Health.

2 (3) One member representing the Department of Human  
3 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Human Services.

4 (4) One member of an organization representing the  
5 interests of school nurses in this State, appointed by the  
6 interagency working group.

7 (5) One member of an organization representing the  
8 interests of school administrators in this State,  
9 appointed by the interagency working group.

10 (6) One member of an organization representing the  
11 interests of school boards in this State, appointed by the  
12 interagency working group.

13 (7) One member of an organization representing the  
14 interests of regional superintendents of schools in this  
15 State, appointed by the interagency working group.

16 (8) One member of an organization representing the  
17 interests of parent-teacher associations in this State,  
18 appointed by the interagency working group.

19 (9) One member of an organization representing the  
20 interests of pediatricians in this State, appointed by the  
21 interagency working group.

22 (10) One member of an organization representing the  
23 interests of dentists in this State, appointed by the  
24 interagency working group.

25 (11) One member of an organization representing the  
26 interests of dieticians in this State, appointed by the  
27 interagency working group.

28 (12) One member of an organization that has an interest  
29 and expertise in heart disease, appointed by the  
30 interagency working group.

31 (13) One member of an organization that has an interest  
32 and expertise in cancer, appointed by the interagency  
33 working group.

34 (14) One member of an organization that has an interest  
35 and expertise in childhood obesity, appointed by the  
36 interagency working group.

1           (15) One member of an organization that has an interest  
2           and expertise in the importance of physical education and  
3           recreation in preventing disease, appointed by the  
4           interagency working group.

5           (16) One member of an organization that has an interest  
6           and expertise in school food service, appointed by the  
7           interagency working group.

8           (17) One member of an organization that has an interest  
9           and expertise in school health, appointed by the  
10           interagency working group.

11           (18) One member of an organization that campaigns for  
12           programs and policies for healthier school environments,  
13           appointed by the interagency working group.

14           (19) One at-large member with a doctorate in nutrition,  
15           appointed by the State Board of Education.

16           Members of the taskforce shall serve without compensation.  
17           The taskforce shall meet at the call of the State Board of  
18           Education. The taskforce shall report its identification of  
19           barriers to implementing school wellness policies and its  
20           recommendations to reduce those barriers to the General  
21           Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1, 2006. The  
22           taskforce shall report its recommendations on statewide school  
23           nutrition standards to the General Assembly and the Governor on  
24           or before January 1, 2007. The taskforce shall report its  
25           evaluation of the effectiveness of school wellness policies to  
26           the General Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1,  
27           2008. The evaluation shall review a sample size of 5 to 10  
28           school districts. Reports shall be made to the General Assembly  
29           by filing copies of each report as provided in Section 3.1 of  
30           the General Assembly Organization Act. Upon the filing of the  
31           last report, the taskforce is dissolved.

32           (c) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules  
33           necessary to implement this Section.

34           (d) Nothing in this Section may be construed as a  
35           curricular mandate on any school district.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.