

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 Section
5 34-18.32 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.32 new)

7 Sec. 34-18.32. Healthy Kids - Healthy Minds Expanded Vision
8 Program. Because 80% of a child's learning is felt to be
9 through the visual system, the board shall establish a program
10 to identify students who are in need of basic health care, yet
11 are not covered by insurance or public assistance or do not
12 have the financial ability to pay for services and therefore
13 are not receiving appropriate health care, to be known as the
14 Healthy Kids - Healthy Minds Expanded Vision Program. Through
15 this program, the district, in cooperation with health care
16 providers, shall serve students at a minimum or no cost to the
17 students. The program may provide, but is not limited to,
18 vision examinations and glasses, dental care, hearing
19 examinations and hearing aids, and counseling services.
20 Eligibility for services must be determined by prioritization
21 of students based on both physical and financial need.