

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 changing Sections  
5 2-3.71, 2-3.71a, and 2-3.89 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.71)

7 Sec. 2-3.71. Grants for preschool educational ~~and related~~  
8 ~~model research-training~~ programs.

9 (a) Preschool program.

10 (1) The State Board of Education shall implement and  
11 administer a grant program under the provisions of this  
12 subsection which shall consist of grants to public school  
13 districts and other eligible entities, as defined by the  
14 State Board of Education, to conduct voluntary preschool  
15 educational programs for children ages 3 to 5 which include  
16 a parent education component. A public school district  
17 which receives grants under this subsection may  
18 subcontract with other entities that are eligible ~~a private~~  
19 ~~school, not-for-profit corporation or other governmental~~  
20 ~~agency~~ to conduct a preschool educational program. These  
21 grants must be used to supplement, not supplant, funds  
22 received from any other source. ~~Except as otherwise~~  
23 ~~provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, all~~  
24 ~~teachers of such programs shall (i) hold early childhood~~  
25 ~~teaching certificates issued under Article 21, or (ii) hold~~  
26 ~~elementary certificates issued under Article 21 with~~  
27 ~~kindergarten or preschool experience, or (iii) hold~~  
28 ~~baccalaureate degrees in child development, or (iv) meet~~  
29 ~~the requirements for supervising a day care center under~~  
30 ~~the Child Care Act of 1969, as amended.~~

31 (2) (Blank). ~~After December 31, 1989, any persons newly~~  
32 ~~hired to teach in the program authorized pursuant to this~~

1 ~~subsection shall hold the certification required pursuant~~  
2 ~~to subparagraphs (i), (ii) or (iii) of paragraph (1) of~~  
3 ~~this subsection.~~

4 (3) Any ~~After July 1, 1998,~~ any teacher of preschool  
5 children in the program authorized by this subsection shall  
6 hold an early childhood teaching certificate.

7 (4) The State Board of Education shall provide the  
8 primary source of funding through appropriations for this  
9 program. Such ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection~~  
10 ~~(b), such~~ funds shall be distributed for the benefit of  
11 children who because of their home and community  
12 environment are subject to such language, cultural,  
13 economic and like disadvantages that they have been  
14 determined as a result of screening procedures to be at  
15 risk of academic failure. Such screening procedures shall  
16 be based on criteria established by the State Board of  
17 Education.

18 (5) The State Board of Education shall develop and  
19 provide evaluation tools, including tests, that school  
20 districts and other eligible entities may use to evaluate  
21 children for school readiness prior to age 5. The State  
22 Board of Education shall require school districts and other  
23 eligible entities to obtain consent from the parents or  
24 guardians of children before any evaluations are  
25 conducted. The State Board of Education shall encourage  
26 local school districts and other eligible entities to  
27 evaluate the population of preschool children in their  
28 communities ~~districts~~ and provide preschool programs,  
29 pursuant to this subsection, where appropriate.

30 (6) The State Board of Education shall report to the  
31 General Assembly by July 1, 1989 and every 3 years  
32 thereafter, on the results and progress of students who  
33 were enrolled in preschool educational programs, including  
34 an assessment of which programs have been most successful  
35 in promoting academic excellence and alleviating academic  
36 failure. The State Board of Education shall assess the

1 academic progress of all students who have been enrolled in  
2 preschool educational programs.

3 (b) (Blank). ~~Up to 5% of the amounts annually appropriated~~  
4 ~~for purposes of preschool educational programs under this~~  
5 ~~Section may be used by the State Board of Education for grants~~  
6 ~~to school districts and public and private institutions of~~  
7 ~~higher education to establish and implement coordinated model~~  
8 ~~programs which include both a research component in early~~  
9 ~~childhood development and psychology and a personnel training~~  
10 ~~component in preferred teaching methodologies in effective~~  
11 ~~preschool educational programs. The State Board of Education~~  
12 ~~shall by rule establish criteria for the content, objectives~~  
13 ~~and manner of implementing model programs which may qualify for~~  
14 ~~grant awards under this subsection. Such criteria may include~~  
15 ~~considerations of the ability of a proposed model program to~~  
16 ~~serve children from preschool and early childhood age~~  
17 ~~groupings, including children therefrom who are or may not be~~  
18 ~~at risk, and of the ability of the proposed model program to~~  
19 ~~incorporate program site student teaching, for early childhood~~  
20 ~~certification purposes, of the children actually served by the~~  
21 ~~model program. The State Board of Education shall establish~~  
22 ~~standards within its rules for the form of grant applications~~  
23 ~~submitted under this subsection and for evaluating those~~  
24 ~~applications against the qualifying criteria established as~~  
25 ~~provided in this subsection for model program content,~~  
26 ~~objectives and implementation.~~

27 (Source: P.A. 86-316; 86-400; 86-1028; 87-141; 87-515;  
28 87-895.)

29 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71a) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.71a)

30 Sec. 2-3.71a. Grants for ~~model pilot~~ early childhood  
31 parental training programs.

32 The State Board of Education shall implement and administer  
33 a grant program consisting of grants to public school districts  
34 and other eligible entities, as defined by the State Board of  
35 Education, to conduct ~~model pilot~~ early childhood parental

1 training programs for the parents of children in the period of  
2 life from birth to kindergarten. A public school district that  
3 receives grants under this Section may contract with other  
4 eligible entities ~~another district, private school,~~  
5 ~~not for profit corporation or other governmental agency~~ to  
6 conduct an early childhood parental training program. These  
7 grants must be used to supplement, not supplant, funds received  
8 from any other source. A school board or other eligible entity  
9 shall employ appropriately qualified personnel for its early  
10 childhood parental training program, including but not limited  
11 to certified teachers, counselors, psychiatrists,  
12 psychologists and social workers.

13 (a) As used in this Section, "parental training" means and  
14 includes instruction in the following:

15 (1) Child growth and development, including prenatal  
16 development.

17 (2) Childbirth and child care.

18 (3) Family structure, function and management.

19 (4) Prenatal and postnatal care for mothers and infants.

20 (5) Prevention of child abuse.

21 (6) The physical, mental, emotional, social, economic and  
22 psychological aspects of interpersonal and family  
23 relationships.

24 (7) Parenting skill development.

25 The programs shall include activities that require  
26 substantial participation and interaction between parent and  
27 child.

28 (b) The Board shall annually award funds through a grant  
29 approval process established by the State Board of Education  
30 ~~annual grants on a competitive basis,~~ providing that an annual  
31 appropriation is made for this purpose from State, federal or  
32 private funds. Nothing in this Section shall preclude school  
33 districts from applying for or accepting private funds to  
34 establish and implement programs.

35 (c) The State Board of Education shall assist those  
36 districts and other eligible entities offering early childhood

1 parental training programs, upon request, in developing  
2 instructional materials, training teachers and staff, and  
3 establishing appropriate time allotments for each of the areas  
4 included in such instruction.

5 (d) School districts and other eligible entities may offer  
6 early childhood parental training courses during that period of  
7 the day which is not part of the regular school day. Residents  
8 of the community school district may enroll in such courses.  
9 The school board or other eligible entity may establish fees  
10 and collect such charges as may be necessary for attendance at  
11 such courses in an amount not to exceed the per capita cost of  
12 the operation thereof, except that the board or other eligible  
13 entity may waive all or part of such charges if it determines  
14 that the parent is indigent or that the educational needs of  
15 the parent require his or her attendance at such courses.

16 (e) Parents who participate in early childhood parental  
17 training programs under this Section may be eligible for  
18 reasonable reimbursement of any incidental transportation and  
19 child care expenses from the school district receiving funds  
20 pursuant to this Section ~~the grant from the State Board of~~  
21 ~~Education.~~

22 (f) Districts and other eligible entities receiving grants  
23 pursuant to this Section shall coordinate programs created  
24 under this Section with other preschool educational programs,  
25 including "at-risk" preschool programs, special and vocational  
26 education, and related services provided by other governmental  
27 agencies and not-for-profit agencies.

28 (g) The State Board of Education shall report to the  
29 General Assembly by July 1, 1991, on the results of the  
30 programs funded pursuant to this Section and whether a need  
31 continues for such programs.

32 (h) After July 1, 2006, any parental training services  
33 funded pursuant to this Section on the effective date of this  
34 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly shall continue to  
35 be funded pursuant to this Section, subject to appropriation  
36 and the meeting of program standards. Any additional parental

1 training services must be funded, subject to appropriation,  
2 through preschool education grants pursuant to subdivision (4)  
3 of subsection (a) of Section 2-3.71 of this Code for families  
4 with children ages 3 to 5 and through prevention initiative  
5 grants pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 2-3.89 of this  
6 Code for expecting families and those with children from birth  
7 to 3 years of age.

8 (Source: P.A. 85-1046.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.89) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.89)

10 Sec. 2-3.89. Programs ~~Pilot programs~~ concerning services  
11 to at-risk children and their families.

12 (a) The State Board of Education may provide grants to  
13 eligible entities, as defined by the State Board of Education,  
14 ~~enter into contracts with public or not for profit, private~~  
15 ~~organizations~~ to establish ~~pilot~~ programs which offer  
16 coordinated services to at-risk infants and toddlers and their  
17 families. Each ~~pilot~~ program shall include a parent education  
18 program relating to the development and nurturing of infants  
19 and toddlers and case management services to coordinate  
20 existing services available in the region served by the ~~pilot~~  
21 program. These services shall be provided through the  
22 implementation of an individual family service plan. Each ~~pilot~~  
23 program will have a community involvement component to provide  
24 coordination in the service system.

25 (b) The State Board of Education shall administer the  
26 programs through the grants to public school districts and  
27 other eligible entities. These grants must be used to  
28 supplement, not supplant, funds received from any other source.  
29 School districts and other eligible entities receiving grants  
30 pursuant to this Section shall conduct voluntary, intensive,  
31 research-based, and comprehensive prevention services, as  
32 defined by the State Board of Education, for expecting parents  
33 and families with children from birth to age 3 who are at-risk  
34 of academic failure. A public school district that receives a  
35 grant under this Section may subcontract with other eligible

1 entities.

2 (c) The State Board of Education shall report to the  
3 General Assembly by July 1, 2006 and every 2 years thereafter  
4 on the status of programs funded under this Section, including  
5 without limitation characteristics of participants, services  
6 delivered, program models used, unmet needs, and results of the  
7 programs funded.

8 (Source: P.A. 85-1046.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
10 2005.