



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB4864

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d

from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d

Amends the School Code. Changes the determination for placing a school or school district on academic early warning status or academic watch status from not meeting adequate yearly progress criteria in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate to not meeting adequate yearly progress criteria for the percentage meeting or exceeding standards in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their attendance rate or graduation rate. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Section
5 2-3.25d as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)

7 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic early warning and watch status.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, unless the
9 federal government formally disapproves of such policy through
10 the submission and review process for the Illinois
11 Accountability Workbook, those schools that do not meet
12 adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual
13 calculations for the percentage meeting or exceeding standards
14 in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their
15 participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same
16 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall
17 be placed on academic early warning status for the next school
18 year. Schools on academic early warning status that do not meet
19 adequate yearly progress criteria for a third annual
20 calculation for the percentage meeting or exceeding standards
21 in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their
22 participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same
23 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall
24 remain on academic early warning status. Schools on academic
25 early warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress
26 criteria for a fourth annual calculation for the percentage
27 meeting or exceeding standards in the same subgroup and in the
28 same subject or in their participation rate for the same
29 subgroup and in the same subject or in their, attendance rate,
30 or graduation rate shall be placed on initial academic watch
31 status. Schools on academic watch status that do not meet
32 adequate yearly progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent

1 annual calculation for the percentage meeting or exceeding
2 standards in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in
3 their participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same
4 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall
5 remain on academic watch status. Schools on academic early
6 warning or academic watch status that meet adequate yearly
7 progress criteria for one annual calculation shall be
8 considered as having met expectations and shall be removed from
9 any status designation.

10 The school district of a school placed on either academic
11 early warning status or academic watch status may appeal the
12 status to the State Board of Education in accordance with
13 Section 2-3.25m of this Code.

14 A school district that has one or more schools on academic
15 early warning or academic watch status shall prepare a revised
16 School Improvement Plan or amendments thereto setting forth the
17 district's expectations for removing each school from academic
18 early warning or academic watch status and for improving
19 student performance in the affected school or schools.
20 Districts operating under Article 34 of this Code may prepare
21 the School Improvement Plan required under Section 34-2.4 of
22 this Code.

23 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that is
24 initially placed on academic early warning status or that
25 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
26 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
27 school's local school council in a district operating under
28 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
29 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code).

30 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school placed on
31 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation
32 must be approved by the school board (and by the school's local
33 school council in a district operating under Article 34 of this
34 Code, unless the school is on probation pursuant to subsection
35 (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and the State
36 Superintendent of Education.

1 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that
2 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
3 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
4 school's local school council in a district operating under
5 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
6 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and
7 the State Superintendent of Education. In addition, the
8 district must develop a school restructuring plan for the
9 school that must be approved by the school board (and by the
10 school's local school council in a district operating under
11 Article 34 of this Code) and subsequently approved by the State
12 Superintendent of Education.

13 A school on academic watch status that does not meet
14 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
15 calculation shall implement its approved school restructuring
16 plan beginning with the next school year, subject to the State
17 interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this Code.

18 (b) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, unless the
19 federal government formally disapproves of such policy through
20 the submission and review process for the Illinois
21 Accountability Workbook, those school districts that do not
22 meet adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual
23 calculations for the percentage meeting or exceeding standards
24 in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their
25 participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same
26 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall
27 be placed on academic early warning status for the next school
28 year. Districts on academic early warning status that do not
29 meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a third annual
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32 participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same
33 subject or in their, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall
34 remain on academic early warning status. Districts on academic
35 early warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress
36 criteria for a fourth annual calculation for the percentage

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6 adequate yearly progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent
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8 standards in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in
9 their participation rate for the same subgroup and in the same
10 subject or in their attendance rate~~,~~ or graduation rate shall
11 remain on academic watch status. Districts on academic early
12 warning or academic watch status that meet adequate yearly
13 progress criteria for one annual calculation shall be
14 considered as having met expectations and shall be removed from
15 any status designation.

16 A district placed on either academic early warning status
17 or academic watch status may appeal the status to the State
18 Board of Education in accordance with Section 2-3.25m of this
19 Code.

20 Districts on academic early warning or academic watch
21 status shall prepare a District Improvement Plan or amendments
22 thereto setting forth the district's expectations for removing
23 the district from academic early warning or academic watch
24 status and for improving student performance in the district.

25 The District Improvement Plan for a district that is
26 initially placed on academic early warning status must be
27 approved by the school board.

28 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
29 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
30 calculation must be approved by the school board.

31 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district on
32 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation
33 must be approved by the school board and the State
34 Superintendent of Education.

35 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
36 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual

1 calculation must be approved by the school board and the State
2 Superintendent of Education. In addition, the district must
3 develop a district restructuring plan that must be approved by
4 the school board and the State Superintendent of Education.

5 A district on academic watch status that does not meet
6 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
7 calculation shall implement its approved district
8 restructuring plan beginning with the next school year, subject
9 to the State interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this
10 Code.

11 (c) All revised School and District Improvement Plans shall
12 be developed in collaboration with staff in the affected school
13 or school district. All revised School and District Improvement
14 Plans shall be developed, submitted, and approved pursuant to
15 rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The revised
16 Improvement Plan shall address measurable outcomes for
17 improving student performance so that such performance meets
18 adequate yearly progress criteria as specified by the State
19 Board of Education.

20 (d) All federal requirements apply to schools and school
21 districts utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the
22 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

23 (e) The State Board of Education, from any moneys it may
24 have available for this purpose, must implement and administer
25 a grant program that provides 2-year grants to school districts
26 on the academic watch list and other school districts that have
27 the lowest achieving students, as determined by the State Board
28 of Education, to be used to improve student achievement. In
29 order to receive a grant under this program, a school district
30 must establish an accountability program. The accountability
31 program must involve the use of statewide testing standards and
32 local evaluation measures. A grant shall be automatically
33 renewed when achievement goals are met. The Board may adopt any
34 rules necessary to implement and administer this grant program.
35 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03; 93-890, eff. 8-9-04; 94-666,
36 eff. 8-23-05.)

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