## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# State of Illinois

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#### HB1847

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-23.5 30 ILCS 805/8.31 new from Ch. 122, par. 10-23.5

Amends the School Code. Provides that if a new school district is formed through the consolidation of pre-existing school districts or a school district is annexed to another school district, then the educational support personnel of the pre-existing school districts or of the annexed school district must be transferred to and shall become employees of the new or annexing district, as the case may be, and these employees must be credited with the length of their continuous service that they held prior to their transfer. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT 1 AN ACT concerning education.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
10-23.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-23.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-23.5)

7 Sec. 10-23.5. Educational support personnel employees. To 8 employ such educational support personnel employees as it deems 9 advisable and to define their employment duties; provided that 10 residency within any school district shall not be considered in determining the employment or the compensation of any such 11 employee, or whether to retain, promote, assign or transfer 12 such employee. If an educational support personnel employee is 13 14 removed or dismissed as a result of a decision of the school board (i) to decrease the number of educational support 15 16 personnel employees employed by the board or (ii) to 17 discontinue some particular type of educational support service, written notice shall be mailed to the employee and 18 19 also given the employee either by certified mail, return 20 receipt requested, or personal delivery with receipt at least 21 30 days before the employee is removed or dismissed, together with a statement of honorable dismissal and the reason 22 therefor. The employee with the shorter length of continuing 23

service with the district, within the respective category of 1 2 position, shall be dismissed first unless an alternative method of determining the sequence of dismissal is established in a 3 collective bargaining agreement or contract between the board 4 5 and any exclusive bargaining agent and except that this provision shall not impair the operation of any affirmative 6 7 action program in the district, regardless of whether it exists by operation of law or is conducted on a voluntary basis by the 8 9 board. If the board has any vacancies for the following school 10 term or within one calendar year from the beginning of the 11 following school term, the positions thereby becoming 12 available within a specific category of position shall be 13 tendered to the employees so removed or dismissed from that 14 category of position, so far as they are qualified to hold such positions. Each board shall, in consultation with any exclusive 15 16 employee representative or bargaining agent, each year 17 establish a list, categorized by positions, showing the length of continuing service of each full time educational support 18 personnel employee who is qualified to hold any such positions, 19 20 unless an alternative method of determining a sequence of dismissal is established as provided for in this Section, in 21 22 which case a list shall be made in accordance with the 23 alternative method. Copies of the list shall be distributed to 24 the exclusive employee representative or bargaining agent on or 25 before February 1 of each year. Where an educational support 26 personnel employee is dismissed by the board as a result of a

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decrease in the number of employees or the discontinuance of the employee's job, the employee shall be paid all earned compensation on or before the third business day following his or her last day of employment.

5 If a new school district is formed through the consolidation of pre-existing school districts or a school 6 district is annexed to another school district, then the 7 educational support personnel of the pre-existing school 8 9 districts or of the annexed school district must be transferred 10 to and shall become employees of the new or annexing district, 11 as the case may be, and these employees must be credited with 12 the length of their continuous service that they held prior to 13 their transfer.

The provisions of this amendatory Act of 1986 relating to residency within any school district shall not apply to cities having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants.

17 (Source: P.A. 89-618, eff. 8-9-96; 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding Section 8.31 as follows:

20	(30 ILCS 805/8.31 new)
21	Sec. 8.31. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
22	of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
23	implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
24	the 95th General Assembly.

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