

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 14-7.02b as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-7.02b)

7 Sec. 14-7.02b. Funding for children requiring special
8 education services. Payments to school districts for children
9 requiring special education services documented in their
10 individualized education program regardless of the program
11 from which these services are received, excluding children
12 claimed under Sections 14-7.02 and 14-7.03 of this Code, shall
13 be made in accordance with this Section. Funds received under
14 this Section may be used only for the provision of special
15 educational facilities and services as defined in Section
16 14-1.08 of this Code.

17 The appropriation for fiscal year 2005 and thereafter shall
18 be based upon the IDEA child count of all students in the
19 State, excluding students claimed under Sections 14-7.02 and
20 14-7.03 of this Code, on December 1 of the fiscal year 2 years
21 preceding, multiplied by 17.5% of the general State aid
22 foundation level of support established for that fiscal year
23 under Section 18-8.05 of this Code.

1 Beginning with fiscal year 2005 and through fiscal year
2 2007, individual school districts shall not receive payments
3 under this Section totaling less than they received under the
4 funding authorized under Section 14-7.02a of this Code during
5 fiscal year 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Section
6 14-7.02a as they were in effect before the effective date of
7 this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly. This base
8 level funding shall be computed first.

9 Beginning with fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year
10 thereafter, individual school districts must not receive
11 payments under this Section totaling less than they received in
12 fiscal year 2007. This funding shall be computed last and shall
13 be a separate calculation from any other calculation set forth
14 in this Section. This amount is exempt from the requirements of
15 Section 1D-1 of this Code.

16 An amount equal to 85% of the funds remaining in the
17 appropriation, ~~after subtracting any base level funding for~~
18 ~~that fiscal year,~~ shall be allocated to school districts based
19 upon the district's average daily attendance reported for
20 purposes of Section 18-8.05 of this Code for the preceding
21 school year. Fifteen percent of the funds remaining in the
22 appropriation, ~~after subtracting any base level funding for~~
23 ~~that fiscal year,~~ shall be allocated to school districts based
24 upon the district's low income eligible pupil count used in the
25 calculation of general State aid under Section 18-8.05 of this
26 Code for the same fiscal year. One hundred percent of the funds

1 computed and allocated to districts under this Section shall be
2 distributed and paid to school districts.

3 For individual students with disabilities whose program
4 costs exceed 4 times the district's per capita tuition rate as
5 calculated under Section 10-20.12a of this Code, the costs in
6 excess of 4 times the district's per capita tuition rate shall
7 be paid by the State Board of Education from unexpended IDEA
8 discretionary funds originally designated for room and board
9 reimbursement pursuant to Section 14-8.01 of this Code. The
10 amount of tuition for these children shall be determined by the
11 actual cost of maintaining classes for these children, using
12 the per capita cost formula set forth in Section 14-7.01 of
13 this Code, with the program and cost being pre-approved by the
14 State Superintendent of Education. Reimbursement for
15 individual students with disabilities whose program costs
16 exceed 4 times the district's per capita tuition rate shall be
17 claimed beginning with costs encumbered for the 2004-2005
18 school year and thereafter.

19 The State Board of Education shall prepare vouchers equal
20 to one-fourth the amount allocated to districts, for
21 transmittal to the State Comptroller on the 30th day of
22 September, December, and March, respectively, and the final
23 voucher, no later than June 20. The Comptroller shall make
24 payments pursuant to this Section to school districts as soon
25 as possible after receipt of vouchers. If the money
26 appropriated from the General Assembly for such purposes for

1 any year is insufficient, it shall be apportioned on the basis
2 of the payments due to school districts.

3 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to decrease or
4 increase the percentage of all special education funds that are
5 allocated annually under Article 1D of this Code or to alter
6 the requirement that a school district provide special
7 education services.

8 Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly
9 shall eliminate any reimbursement obligation owed as of the
10 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General
11 Assembly to a school district with in excess of 500,000
12 inhabitants.

13 (Source: P.A. 93-1022, eff. 8-24-04.)

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