

Elementary Secondary Education Committee

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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BI	ILL 5077
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House	e Bill 5077 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause w	ith the following:
4	"Section 5. The School Code is ame	ended by changing Section
5	10-17a as follows:	
6	(105 ILCS 5/10-17a) (from Ch. 122)	, par. 10-17a)
7	Sec. 10-17a. Better schools accountability.	
8	(1) Policy and Purpose. It shall be the policy of the State	
9	of Illinois that each school district	in this State, including
10	special charter districts and dis	tricts subject to the
11	provisions of Article 34, shall submit	to parents, taxpayers of
12	such district, the Governor, the Ge	neral Assembly, and the
13	State Board of Education a school re	eport card assessing the
14	performance of its schools and student	ts. The report card shall
15	be an index of school performance me	asured against statewide
16	and local standards and will provide i	information to make prior

1 year comparisons and to set future year targets through the 2 school improvement plan.

(2) Reporting Requirements. Each school district shall 3 4 prepare a report card in accordance with the guidelines set 5 forth in this Section which describes the performance of its 6 students by school attendance centers and by district, its teachers, and the district's financial resources and use of 7 8 financial resources. Such report card shall be presented at a 9 regular school board meeting subject to applicable notice 10 requirements, posted on the school district's Internet web 11 site, if the district maintains an Internet web site, made available to a newspaper of general circulation serving the 12 13 district, and, upon request, sent home to a parent (unless the 14 district does not maintain an Internet web site, in which case 15 the report card shall be sent home to parents without request). 16 If the district posts the report card on its Internet web site, the district shall send a written notice home to parents 17 18 stating (i) that the report card is available on the web site, (ii) the address of the web site, (iii) that a printed copy of 19 20 the report card will be sent to parents upon request, and (iv) 21 the telephone number that parents may call to request a printed 22 copy of the report card. In addition, each school district 23 shall submit the completed report card to the office of the 24 district's Regional Superintendent which shall make copies 25 available to any individuals requesting them.

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The report card shall be completed and disseminated prior

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1 to October 31 in each school year. The report card shall 2 contain, but not be limited to, actual local school attendance 3 center, school district and statewide data indicating the 4 present performance of the school, the State norms and the 5 areas for planned improvement for the school and school 6 district.

(3) (a) The report card shall include the following 7 8 applicable indicators of attendance center, district, and 9 statewide student performance: percent of students who exceed, 10 meet, or do not meet standards established by the State Board 11 of Education pursuant to Section 2-3.25a; composite and subtest means on nationally normed achievement tests for college bound 12 13 students; student attendance rates; chronic truancy rate; 14 dropout rate; graduation rate; and student mobility, turnover 15 shown as a percent of transfers out and a percent of transfers 16 in.

17 (b) The report card shall include the following descriptions for the school, district, and State: average class 18 size; amount of time per day devoted to mathematics, science, 19 20 English and social science at primary, middle and junior high school grade levels; number of students taking the Prairie 21 22 State Achievement Examination under subsection (c) of Section 23 2-3.64, the number of those students who received a score of 24 excellent, and the average score by school of students taking 25 the examination; pupil-teacher ratio; pupil-administrator 26 ratio; operating expenditure per pupil; district expenditure 09500HB5077ham001 -4- LRB095 14963 NHT 47472 a

1 by fund; average administrator salary; and average teacher salary; and the number of teachers who hold a Master 2 3 Certificate. The report card shall also specify the amount of 4 money that the district receives from all sources, including 5 without limitation subcategories specifying the amount from 6 local property taxes, the amount from general State aid, the amount from other State funding, and the amount from other 7 8 income.

(c) The report card shall include applicable indicators of 9 10 parental involvement in each attendance center. The parental 11 involvement component of the report card shall include the percentage of students whose parents or quardians have had one 12 or more personal contacts with the students' teachers during 13 the school year concerning the students' education, and such 14 15 other information, commentary, and suggestions as the school 16 district desires. For the purposes of this paragraph, "personal contact" includes, but is not limited to, parent-teacher 17 conferences, parental visits to school, school visits to home, 18 19 telephone conversations, and written correspondence. The 20 parental involvement component shall not single out or identify 21 individual students, parents, or guardians by name.

(d) The report card form shall be prepared by the State
Board of Education and provided to school districts by the most
efficient, economic, and appropriate means.

25 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

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