

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 adding Section
5 2-3.148 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.148 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.148. Continued Reading Improvement Grant Program.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "school district" includes
9 those schools designated as laboratory schools.

10 (b) The State Board of Education is authorized to
11 administer a Continued Reading Improvement Grant Program.

12 (c) Subject to appropriation, funds for the Continued
13 Reading Improvement Grant Program shall be made available, on a
14 competitive basis, to school districts with students in any of
15 grades 7 through 12 who are reading significantly below grade
16 level, as determined by State assessment information and
17 assessment results.

18 (d) The State Board of Education may reserve and distribute
19 an amount not to exceed 2% of the moneys appropriated for the
20 Continued Reading Improvement Grant Program for the purpose of
21 developing teacher reading academies and administrator
22 academies that espouse research-based teaching methods and
23 instructional strategies proven to increase adolescent

1 literacy achievement. These funds may also be used to develop
2 and maintain an Internet website for collecting program data
3 and providing assessment and instructional resources germane
4 to the program.

5 (e) Funds received under a grant may be used for efforts to
6 implement a school or district literacy plan for increased
7 student achievement and reading comprehension, including, but
8 not limited to, the following:

9 (1) support for students who are reading significantly
10 below grade level;

11 (2) screening for student identification and formative
12 and summative assessments; and

13 (3) professional development for reading teachers and
14 administrators.

15 (f) Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that
16 may exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head
17 under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to
18 make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions
19 of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If,
20 however, the Governor believes that rules are necessary to
21 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
22 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to
23 the General Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House
24 and the Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the
25 General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those
26 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action

1 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this
2 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be
3 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other
4 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise
5 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of
6 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
7 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
8 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
9 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
10 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
11 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the
12 jurisdiction of the Governor.

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