

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 Construction Law is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-5)

7 Sec. 5-5. Definitions. As used in this Article:

8 "Approved school construction bonds" mean bonds that were  
9 approved by referendum after January 1, 1996 but prior to  
10 January 1, 1998 as provided in Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of  
11 the School Code to provide funds for the acquisition,  
12 development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,  
13 improvement, architectural planning, and installation of  
14 capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures,  
15 durable-equipment, and land for educational purposes.

16 "Grant index" means a figure for each school district equal  
17 to one minus the ratio of the district's equalized assessed  
18 valuation per pupil in average daily attendance to the  
19 equalized assessed valuation per pupil in average daily  
20 attendance of the district located at the 90th percentile for  
21 all districts of the same category. For the purpose of  
22 calculating the grant index, school districts are grouped into  
23 2 categories, Category I and Category II. Category I consists

1 of elementary and unit school districts. The equalized assessed  
2 valuation per pupil in average daily attendance of each school  
3 district in Category I shall be computed using its grades  
4 kindergarten through 8 average daily attendance figure. A unit  
5 school district's Category I grant index shall be used for  
6 projects or portions of projects constructed for elementary  
7 school pupils. Category II consists of high school and unit  
8 school districts. The equalized assessed valuation per pupil in  
9 average daily attendance of each school district in Category II  
10 shall be computed using its grades 9 through 12 average daily  
11 attendance figure. A unit school district's Category II grant  
12 index shall be used for projects or portions of projects  
13 constructed for high school pupils. The changes made by this  
14 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly apply to all grants  
15 made on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act,  
16 provided that for grants not yet made on the effective date of  
17 this amendatory Act but made in fiscal year 2001 and for grants  
18 made in fiscal year 2002, the grant index for a school district  
19 shall be the greater of (i) the grant index as calculated under  
20 this Law on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
21 or (ii) the grant index as calculated under this Law before the  
22 effective date of this amendatory Act. The grant index shall be  
23 no less than 0.35 and no greater than 0.75 for each district;  
24 provided that the grant index for districts whose equalized  
25 assessed valuation per pupil in average daily attendance is at  
26 the 99th percentile and above for all districts of the same

1 type shall be 0.00. The grant index may be increased by 0.05  
2 for school construction projects that receive certification  
3 from the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in  
4 Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System or  
5 the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes Green Building  
6 Rating System or that meet green building standards of the  
7 Capital Development Board and its Green Building Advisory  
8 Committee, which must be developed on or before January 1,  
9 2009.

10 "School construction project" means the acquisition,  
11 development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,  
12 improvement, architectural planning, and installation of  
13 capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures,  
14 durable equipment, and land for educational purposes.

15 "School district" includes a cooperative high school,  
16 which shall be considered a high school district for the  
17 purpose of calculating its grant index.

18 "School maintenance project" means a project, other than a  
19 school construction project, intended to provide for the  
20 maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for  
21 educational purposes, but does not include ongoing operational  
22 costs.

23 (Source: P.A. 92-168, eff. 7-26-01; 93-1094, eff. 3-29-05.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
25 2007.