

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

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 22-50 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-50 new)

7 Sec. 22-50. Twice-exceptional children; recommendations.

8 The State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with  
9 Disabilities and the Advisory Council on the Education of  
10 Gifted and Talented Children shall research and discuss best  
11 practices for addressing the needs of "twice-exceptional"  
12 children, those who are gifted and talented and have a  
13 disability. The Councils shall then jointly make  
14 recommendations to the State Board of Education with respect to  
15 the State Board of Education providing guidance and technical  
16 assistance to school districts in furthering improved  
17 educational outcomes for gifted and twice-exceptional  
18 children. Recommendations shall include strategies to (i)  
19 educate teachers and other providers about the unique needs of  
20 this population, (ii) train teachers in target,  
21 research-based, identification and pedagogical methods, and  
22 (iii) establish guidelines for unique programming for  
23 twice-exceptional students.

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