

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 1C-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1C-2)

7 Sec. 1C-2. Block grants.

8 (a) For fiscal year 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter,
9 the State Board of Education shall award to school districts
10 block grants as described in subsection (c). The State Board of
11 Education may adopt rules and regulations necessary to
12 implement this Section. In accordance with Section 2-3.32, all
13 state block grants are subject to an audit. Therefore, block
14 grant receipts and block grant expenditures shall be recorded
15 to the appropriate fund code.

16 (b) (Blank).

17 (c) An Early Childhood Education Block Grant shall be
18 created by combining the following programs: Preschool
19 Education, Parental Training and Prevention Initiative. These
20 funds shall be distributed to school districts and other
21 entities on a competitive basis. Not less than 11% ~~Eleven~~
22 ~~percent~~ of this grant shall be used to fund programs for
23 children ages 0-3, which percentage shall increase to at least

1 20% by Fiscal Year 2015. However, if, in a given fiscal year,
2 the amount appropriated for the Early Childhood Education Block
3 Grant is insufficient to increase the percentage of the grant
4 to fund programs for children ages 0-3 without reducing the
5 amount of the grant for existing providers of preschool
6 education programs, then the percentage of the grant to fund
7 programs for children ages 0-3 may be held steady instead of
8 increased.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-793, eff. 1-1-09.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
11 2009.