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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-17a from Ch. 122, par. 10-17a
105 ILCS 5/10-20.46 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.37 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that each school board shall require an annual assessment of the physical fitness levels of all students in grades 5, 7, and 9, which shall be reported on the school district's school report card (along with the average number of minutes per week of physical education for each grade level). Requires the assessment data to be reported to the State Board of Education. Requires the State Board to compile the results, including statewide averages, broken down by gender and grade level, and use the assessment data to file a summary report every other year, beginning in October of 2012, regarding the overall status of health-related fitness of Illinois public school children with the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Public Health. Allows students to be excused from the physical fitness assessment. Effective January 1, 2010.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 10-17a and by adding Sections 10-20.46 and 34-18.37 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 districts subject to the
11 provisions of Article 34, shall submit to parents, taxpayers of
12 such district, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the
13 State Board of Education a school report card assessing the
14 performance of its schools and students. The report card shall
15 be an index of school performance measured against statewide
16 and local standards and will provide information to make prior
17 year comparisons and to set future year targets through the
18 school improvement plan.

19 (2) Reporting Requirements. Each school district shall
20 prepare a report card in accordance with the guidelines set
21 forth in this Section which describes the performance of its
22 students by school attendance centers and by district and the
23 district's financial resources and use of financial resources.

1 Such report card shall be presented at a regular school board
2 meeting subject to applicable notice requirements, posted on
3 the school district's Internet web site, if the district
4 maintains an Internet web site, made available to a newspaper
5 of general circulation serving the district, and, upon request,
6 sent home to a parent (unless the district does not maintain an
7 Internet web site, in which case the report card shall be sent
8 home to parents without request). If the district posts the
9 report card on its Internet web site, the district shall send a
10 written notice home to parents stating (i) that the report card
11 is available on the web site, (ii) the address of the web site,
12 (iii) that a printed copy of the report card will be sent to
13 parents upon request, and (iv) the telephone number that
14 parents may call to request a printed copy of the report card.
15 In addition, each school district shall submit the completed
16 report card to the office of the district's Regional
17 Superintendent which shall make copies available to any
18 individuals requesting them.

19 The report card shall be completed and disseminated prior
20 to October 31 in each school year. The report card shall
21 contain, but not be limited to, actual local school attendance
22 center, school district and statewide data indicating the
23 present performance of the school, the State norms and the
24 areas for planned improvement for the school and school
25 district.

26 (3) (a) The report card shall include the following

1 applicable indicators of attendance center, district, and
2 statewide student performance: percent of students who exceed,
3 meet, or do not meet standards established by the State Board
4 of Education pursuant to Section 2-3.25a; composite and subtest
5 means on nationally normed achievement tests for college bound
6 students; student attendance rates; chronic truancy rate;
7 dropout rate; graduation rate; and student mobility, turnover
8 shown as a percent of transfers out and a percent of transfers
9 in.

10 (b) The report card shall include the following
11 descriptions for the school, district, and State: average class
12 size; amount of time per day devoted to mathematics, science,
13 English and social science at primary, middle and junior high
14 school grade levels; number of students taking the Prairie
15 State Achievement Examination under subsection (c) of Section
16 2-3.64, the number of those students who received a score of
17 excellent, and the average score by school of students taking
18 the examination; pupil-teacher ratio; pupil-administrator
19 ratio; operating expenditure per pupil; district expenditure
20 by fund; average administrator salary; ~~and~~ average teacher
21 salary; the number and percentage of students assessed at each
22 grade level under Section 10-20.46 or 34-18.37 of this Code and
23 the percentage of students by gender in each grade level that
24 showed scores in the range deemed "healthy" on each of the
25 fitness assessments; and the average number of minutes per week
26 of physical education for each grade level. The report card

1 shall also specify the amount of money that the district
2 receives from all sources, including without limitation
3 subcategories specifying the amount from local property taxes,
4 the amount from general State aid, the amount from other State
5 funding, and the amount from other income.

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

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

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

23 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.46 new)

24 Sec. 10-20.46. Physical fitness; assessment.

25 (a) Each school board shall require an annual assessment of

1 the physical fitness levels of all students in grades 5, 7, and
2 9, which shall be reported on the school district's school
3 report card under Section 10-17a of this Code. Assessment data
4 must be reported to the State Board of Education. The State
5 Board of Education shall collect the data and assist school
6 districts in reporting their data on the school report card.

7 (b) The specific physical fitness assessment tool to be
8 used by a school district must be a standardized tool
9 designated by the State Board of Education. All of the
10 assessments must be based on criterion-referenced standards.
11 The individual assessments shall include the following
12 health-related physical fitness assessments:

13 (1) the Pacer test or the one-mile walk/run test for
14 cardio-respiratory endurance;

15 (2) the push-up test for upper body strength and
16 endurance;

17 (3) the curl-up test for abdominal strength and
18 endurance; and

19 (4) the Backsaver sit and reach test for lower back and
20 leg flexibility.

21 (c) School districts shall report their raw physical
22 fitness assessment data electronically to a central collection
23 point designated by the State Board of Education by April 1st
24 of each school year. The State Board shall then compile the
25 results, including statewide averages, broken down by gender
26 and grade level. The State Board shall use this assessment data

1 to file a summary report every other year, beginning in October
2 of 2012, regarding the overall status of health-related fitness
3 of Illinois public school children. This report must be filed
4 with the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, and the
5 Department of Public Health on or before October 31st of the
6 reporting year. The accumulated data must also be made
7 available to the Department of Public Health for the purposes
8 of Section 4 of the Illinois Health Statistics Act.

9 (d) Students who have a medical excuse from a physician
10 must be excused from the physical fitness assessment. Students
11 with disabilities whose parent or physician requests that they
12 not be assessed must also be excused from the assessment.

13 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.37 new)

14 Sec. 34-18.37. Physical fitness; assessment.

15 (a) The board shall require an annual assessment of the
16 physical fitness levels of all students in grades 5, 7, and 9,
17 which shall be reported on an attendance center's report card
18 under Section 34-88 of this Code. Assessment data must be
19 reported to the State Board of Education. The State Board of
20 Education shall collect the data and assist attendance centers
21 in reporting their data on the report card.

22 (b) The specific physical fitness assessment tool to be
23 used by the school district must be a standardized tool
24 designated by the State Board of Education. All of the
25 assessments must be based on criterion-referenced standards.

1 The individual assessments shall include the following
2 health-related physical fitness assessments:

3 (1) the Pacer test or the one-mile walk/run test for
4 cardio-respiratory endurance;

5 (2) the push-up test for upper body strength and
6 endurance;

7 (3) the curl-up test for abdominal strength and
8 endurance; and

9 (4) the Backsaver sit and reach test for lower back and
10 leg flexibility.

11 (c) The school district shall report its raw physical
12 fitness assessment data electronically to a central collection
13 point designated by the State Board of Education by April 1st
14 of each school year. The State Board shall then compile the
15 results and use this assessment data to file a summary report
16 as provided in subsection (c) of Section 10-20.46 of this Code.

17 (d) Students who have a medical excuse from a physician
18 must be excused from the physical fitness assessment. Students
19 with disabilities whose parent or physician requests that they
20 not be assessed must also be excused from the assessment.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
22 1, 2010.