

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the P-20  
5 Longitudinal Education Data System Act.

6 Section 5. Findings; declarations. The General Assembly  
7 finds and declares all of the following:

8 (1) Sound data collection, reporting, and analysis are  
9 critical to building a State education system capable of  
10 ensuring all Illinois students are adequately prepared for  
11 college and the global workforce. School districts and  
12 institutions of higher learning can improve instructional  
13 and educational decision-making using data that is  
14 collected and made available by this State.

15 (2) Reliable and sufficient education data is  
16 necessary to ensure that this State bases education policy  
17 decisions on valid, objective measures of student  
18 outcomes. Publicly accessible data on State, school  
19 district, and school performance allows the citizens of  
20 this State to assess local and statewide investments in  
21 education.

22 (3) A national collaborative effort among State  
23 education officials, national education organizations, and

1 state and federal policymakers has defined the essential  
2 elements a State longitudinal data system should contain.  
3 Public Law 110-69, the America COMPETES Act, requires state  
4 longitudinal data systems to include all 10 elements  
5 identified by this national, collaborative effort for  
6 states to qualify for federal funding opportunities. The  
7 federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
8 requires states to establish longitudinal data systems  
9 with all 10 elements to qualify for federal funding for  
10 education, public safety, and other government services.

11 (4) Public Law 110-134 requires the Illinois Early  
12 Learning Council to develop recommendations regarding the  
13 establishment of a unified data collection system for  
14 public early childhood education and development programs  
15 and services throughout this State, and those efforts  
16 should be coordinated with the development of this State's  
17 longitudinal data system.

18 (5) State education policymaking benefits from  
19 partnerships between State education agencies and entities  
20 with expertise in education research, including school  
21 districts, institutions of higher learning, and research  
22 organizations. This State should establish systems and  
23 processes to permit qualified researchers to assist with  
24 State evaluation and research functions in a manner  
25 consistent with privacy protection laws.

26 (6) State education systems and national policymaking

1 benefit from multi-state collaborations that are informed  
2 by high quality data collection systems.

3 (7) This State is committed to establishing and  
4 maintaining a longitudinal student unit record data system  
5 that educators and policymakers can use to analyze and  
6 assess student progress from early learning programs  
7 through postsecondary education and into employment. The  
8 State Board of Education, the Illinois Community College  
9 Board, and the Board of Higher Education have designed,  
10 built, and deployed some of the fundamental components of a  
11 longitudinal data system and have engaged in extensive  
12 efforts to effectively link and use available education  
13 data. However, the various education data components  
14 maintained by this State must be integrated and managed in  
15 a cooperative manner to establish a data-driven,  
16 decision-making environment for this State's education  
17 system.

18 (8) The longitudinal data system established by this  
19 Act is intended, among other purposes, to link student test  
20 scores, length of enrollment, and graduation records over  
21 time, as permitted by Section 1111(b)(3)(B) of the federal  
22 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C.  
23 6311(b)(3)(B)).

24 (9) Students will achieve improved learning outcomes  
25 as a result of the longitudinal data system established by  
26 this Act through instruction and educational programs

1 informed by valid and reliable data.

2 (10) State use and management of education data must be  
3 in accordance with all legal requirements protecting  
4 student privacy and must protect personal information from  
5 intentional or accidental release to unauthorized persons  
6 and from intentional or accidental use for unauthorized  
7 purposes.

8 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

9 "Community College Board" means the Illinois Community  
10 College Board.

11 "Community colleges" has the meaning ascribed to that term  
12 in Section 1-2 of the Public Community College Act.

13 "Early learning" means any publicly funded education and  
14 care program supporting young children not yet enrolled in  
15 kindergarten.

16 "Elementary" means kindergarten through eighth grade.

17 "Institution of higher learning" has the meaning ascribed  
18 to that term in Section 10 of the Higher Education Student  
19 Assistance Act.

20 "Longitudinal data system" means a student unit record data  
21 system that links student records from early learning through  
22 the postsecondary level, which may consist of separate student  
23 unit record systems integrated through agreement and data  
24 transfer mechanisms.

25 "Privacy protection laws" means the federal Family

1 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. 1232g),  
2 the Illinois School Student Records Act, the Personal  
3 Information Protection Act, and any other State or federal law  
4 relating to the confidentiality and protection of personally  
5 identifiable information.

6 "Research organization" means a governmental entity,  
7 institution of higher learning, public policy or advocacy  
8 organization, or other person or entity conducting educational  
9 research that (i) is qualified to perform educational research  
10 and protect the privacy of student data, (ii) is seeking to  
11 perform research for a non-commercial purpose authorized by  
12 privacy protection laws, and (iii) agrees to perform the  
13 research pursuant to a written agreement meeting the  
14 requirements of privacy protection laws and this Act.

15 "School" means any elementary or secondary educational  
16 institution, charter school, vocational school, special  
17 education facility, or any other elementary or secondary  
18 educational agency or institution, but does not include a  
19 non-public school.

20 "Secondary" means ninth through twelfth grade.

21 "State Board" means the State Board of Education.

22 "State Education Authorities" means the State Board,  
23 Community College Board, and Board of Higher Education.

24 Section 15. Establishment of the longitudinal data system  
25 and data warehouse.

1           (a) The State Education Authorities shall jointly  
2 establish and maintain a longitudinal data system by entering  
3 into one or more agreements that link early learning,  
4 elementary, and secondary school student unit records with  
5 institution of higher learning student unit records. To the  
6 extent authorized by this Section and Section 20 of this Act:

7           (1) the State Board is responsible for collecting and  
8 maintaining authoritative enrollment, completion, and  
9 student characteristic information on early learning,  
10 public school (kindergarten through grade 12), and  
11 non-public school (kindergarten through grade 12)  
12 students;

13           (2) the Community College Board is responsible for  
14 collecting and maintaining authoritative enrollment,  
15 completion, and student characteristic information on  
16 community college students; and

17           (3) the Board of Higher Education is responsible for  
18 collecting and maintaining authoritative enrollment,  
19 completion, and student characteristic information on  
20 students enrolled in institutions of higher learning,  
21 other than community colleges.

22           (b) On or before June 30, 2013, subject to the availability  
23 of funding through appropriations made specifically for the  
24 purposes of this Act, the State Education Authorities shall  
25 improve and expand the longitudinal data system to enable the  
26 State Education Authorities to perform or cause to be performed

1 all of the following activities and functions:

2 (1) Reduce, to the maximum extent possible, the data  
3 collection burden on school districts and institutions of  
4 higher learning by using data submitted to the system for  
5 multiple reporting and analysis functions.

6 (2) Provide authorized officials of early learning  
7 programs, schools, school districts, and institutions of  
8 higher learning with access to their own student-level  
9 data, summary reports, and data that can be integrated with  
10 additional data maintained outside of the system to inform  
11 education decision-making.

12 (3) Link data to instructional management tools that  
13 support instruction and assist collaboration among  
14 teachers and postsecondary instructors.

15 (4) Enhance and expand existing high  
16 school-to-postsecondary reporting systems to inform school  
17 and school district officials, education policymakers, and  
18 members of the public about public school students'  
19 performance in postsecondary education.

20 (5) Provide data reporting, analysis, and planning  
21 tools that assist with financial oversight, human resource  
22 management, and other education support functions.

23 (6) Improve student access to educational  
24 opportunities by linking data to student college and career  
25 planning portals, facilitating the submission of  
26 electronic transcripts and scholarship and financial aid

1 applications, and enabling the transfer of student records  
2 to officials of a school or institution of higher learning  
3 where a student enrolls or seeks or intends to enroll.

4 (7) Establish a public Internet web interface that  
5 provides non-confidential data reports and permits queries  
6 so that parents, the media, and other members of the public  
7 can more easily access information pertaining to  
8 statewide, district, and school performance.

9 (8) Provide research and reports to the General  
10 Assembly that assist with evaluating the effectiveness of  
11 specific programs and that enable legislators to analyze  
12 educational performance within their legislative  
13 districts.

14 (9) Allow the State Education Authorities to  
15 efficiently meet federal and State reporting requirements  
16 by drawing data for required reports from multiple State  
17 systems.

18 (10) Establish a system to evaluate teacher and  
19 administrator preparation programs using student academic  
20 growth as one component of evaluation.

21 (11) In accordance with a data sharing agreement  
22 entered into between the State Education Authorities and  
23 the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, establish  
24 procedures and systems to evaluate the relationship  
25 between need-based financial aid and student enrollment  
26 and success in institutions of higher learning.



1           (12) In accordance with data sharing agreements  
2 entered into between the State Education Authorities and  
3 health and human service agencies, establish procedures  
4 and systems to evaluate the relationship between education  
5 and other student and family support systems.

6           (13) In accordance with data sharing agreements  
7 entered into between the State Education Authorities and  
8 employment and workforce development agencies, establish  
9 procedures and systems to evaluate the relationship  
10 between education programs and outcomes and employment  
11 fields, employment locations, and employment outcomes.

12           (c) On or before June 30, 2013, subject to the availability  
13 of funding through appropriations made specifically for the  
14 purposes of this Act, the State Board shall establish a data  
15 warehouse that integrates data from multiple student unit  
16 record systems and supports all of the uses and functions of  
17 the longitudinal data system set forth in this Act. The data  
18 warehouse must be developed in cooperation with the Community  
19 College Board and the Board of Higher Education and must have  
20 the ability to integrate longitudinal data from early learning  
21 through the postsecondary level in accordance with one or more  
22 data sharing agreements entered into among the State Education  
23 Authorities. The data warehouse, as integrated with the  
24 longitudinal data system, must include, but is not limited to,  
25 all of the following elements:

26           (1) A unique statewide student identifier that

1 connects student data across key databases across years.  
2 The unique statewide student identifier must not be derived  
3 from a student's social security number and must be  
4 provided to institutions of higher learning to assist with  
5 linkages between early learning through secondary and  
6 postsecondary data.

7 (2) Student-level enrollment, demographic, and program  
8 participation information, including information on  
9 participation in dual credit programs.

10 (3) The ability to match individual students'  
11 elementary and secondary test records from year to year to  
12 measure academic growth.

13 (4) Information on untested students in the elementary  
14 and secondary levels, and the reasons they were not tested.

15 (5) A teacher and administrator identifier system with  
16 the ability to match students to early learning,  
17 elementary, and secondary teachers and elementary and  
18 secondary administrators. Information able to be obtained  
19 only as a result of the linkage of teacher and student data  
20 through the longitudinal data system may not be used by a  
21 school district for decisions involving teacher pay or  
22 teacher benefits unless the district and the exclusive  
23 bargaining representative of the district's teachers, if  
24 any, have agreed to this use. Information able to be  
25 obtained only as a result of the linkage of teacher and  
26 student data through the longitudinal data system may not

1 be used by a school district as part of an evaluation under  
2 Article 24A of the School Code unless, in good faith  
3 cooperation with the school district's teachers or, where  
4 applicable, the exclusive bargaining representative of the  
5 school district's teachers, the school district has  
6 developed an evaluation plan or substantive change to an  
7 evaluation plan that specifically describes the school  
8 district's rationale for using this information for  
9 evaluations, how this information will be used as part of  
10 the evaluation process, and how this information will  
11 relate to evaluation standards. However, nothing in this  
12 subdivision (5) or elsewhere in this Act limits or  
13 restricts (i) a district's use of any local or State data  
14 that has been obtained independently from the linkage of  
15 teacher and student data through the longitudinal data  
16 system or (ii) a charter school's use of any local or State  
17 data in connection with teacher pay, benefits, or  
18 evaluations.

19 (6) Student-level transcript information, including  
20 information on courses completed and grades earned, from  
21 middle and high schools. The State Board shall establish a  
22 statewide course classification system based upon the  
23 federal School Codes for Exchange of Data or a similar  
24 course classification system. Each school district and  
25 charter school shall map its course descriptions to the  
26 statewide course classification system for the purpose of

1 State reporting. School districts and charter schools are  
2 not required to change or modify the locally adopted course  
3 descriptions used for all other purposes. The State Board  
4 shall establish or contract for the establishment of a  
5 technical support and training system to assist schools and  
6 districts with the implementation of this item (6) and  
7 shall, to the extent possible, collect transcript data  
8 using a system that permits automated reporting from  
9 district student information systems.

10 (7) Student-level college readiness test scores.

11 (8) Student-level graduation and dropout data.

12 (9) The ability to match early learning through  
13 secondary student unit records with institution of higher  
14 learning student unit record systems.

15 (10) A State data audit system assessing data quality,  
16 validity, and reliability.

17 (d) Using data provided to and maintained by the  
18 longitudinal data system, the State Education Authorities may,  
19 in addition to functions and activities specified elsewhere in  
20 this Section, perform and undertake the following:

21 (1) research for or on behalf of early learning  
22 programs, schools, school districts, or institutions of  
23 higher learning, which may be performed by one or more  
24 State Education Authorities or through agreements with  
25 research organizations meeting all of the requirements of  
26 this Act and privacy protection laws; and

1           (2)    audits    or    evaluations    of    federal    or  
2    State-supported education programs and activities to  
3    enforce federal or State legal requirements with respect to  
4    those programs. Each State Education Authority may assist  
5    another State Education Authority with audit, evaluation,  
6    or enforcement activities and may disclose education  
7    records with each other for those activities relating to  
8    any early learning through postsecondary program. The  
9    State Education Authorities may disclose student  
10   information to authorized officials of a student's former  
11   early learning program, school, or school district to  
12   assist with the evaluation of federal or State-supported  
13   education programs.

14           (e)   In establishing, operating, and expanding the  
15   longitudinal data system, the State Education Authorities  
16   shall convene stakeholders and create opportunities for input  
17   and advice in the areas of data ownership, data use, research  
18   priorities, data management, confidentiality, data access, and  
19   reporting from the system. Such stakeholders include, but are  
20   not limited to, public and non-public institutions of higher  
21   learning, school districts, charter schools, non-public  
22   elementary and secondary schools, early learning programs,  
23   teachers, professors, parents, principals and administrators,  
24   school research consortiums, education policy and advocacy  
25   organizations, news media, the Illinois Student Assistance  
26   Commission, the Illinois Education Research Council, the

1 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois  
2 Early Learning Council, and the Legislative Research Unit.

3 (f) Representatives of the State Education Authorities  
4 shall report to and advise the Illinois P-20 Council on the  
5 implementation, operation, and expansion of the longitudinal  
6 data system.

7 (g) Appropriations made to the State Education Authorities  
8 for the purposes of this Act shall be used exclusively for  
9 expenses for the development and operation of the longitudinal  
10 data system. Authorized expenses of the State Education  
11 Authorities may relate to contracts with outside vendors for  
12 the development and operation of the system, agreements with  
13 other governmental entities or research organizations for  
14 authorized uses and functions of the system, technical support  
15 and training for entities submitting data to the system, or  
16 regular or contractual employees necessary for the system's  
17 development or operation.

18 Section 20. Collection and maintenance of data.

19 (a) The State Board is authorized to collect and maintain  
20 data from school districts, schools, and early learning  
21 programs and disclose this data to the longitudinal data system  
22 for the purposes set forth in this Act. The State Board shall  
23 collect data from charter schools with more than one campus in  
24 a manner that can be disaggregated by campus site. The State  
25 Board may also disclose data to the longitudinal data system

1 that the State Board is otherwise authorized by law to collect  
2 and maintain.

3 On or before July 1, 2010, the State Board shall establish  
4 procedures through which State-recognized, non-public schools  
5 may elect to participate in the longitudinal data system by  
6 disclosing data to the State Board for one or more of the  
7 purposes set forth in this Act.

8 Subject to the availability of funding through  
9 appropriations made specifically for the purposes of this Act,  
10 the State Board shall establish or contract for the  
11 establishment of a technical support and training system to  
12 assist school districts, schools, and early learning programs  
13 with data submission, use, and analysis.

14 (b) The Community College Board is authorized to collect  
15 and maintain data from community college districts and disclose  
16 this data to the longitudinal data system for the purposes set  
17 forth in this Act. The Community College Board may also  
18 disclose data to the longitudinal data system that the  
19 Community College Board is otherwise authorized by law to  
20 collect and maintain.

21 Subject to the availability of funding through  
22 appropriations made specifically for the purposes of this Act,  
23 the Community College Board shall establish or contract for the  
24 establishment of a technical support and training system to  
25 assist community colleges with data submission, use, and  
26 analysis.

1           (c) The Board of Higher Education is authorized to collect  
2 and maintain data from any public institution of higher  
3 learning, other than community colleges, and disclose this data  
4 to the longitudinal data system for the purposes set forth in  
5 this Act. The Board of Higher Education may also disclose data  
6 to the longitudinal data system that the Board of Higher  
7 Education is otherwise authorized by law to collect and  
8 maintain.

9           Beginning on July 1, 2012, the Board of Higher Education is  
10 authorized to collect and maintain data from any non-public  
11 institution of higher learning enrolling one or more students  
12 receiving Monetary Award Program grants, pursuant to Section 35  
13 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, and disclose  
14 this data to the longitudinal data system for the purposes set  
15 forth in this Act. Prior to July 1, 2012, any non-public  
16 institution of higher learning may elect to participate in the  
17 longitudinal data system by disclosing data for one or more of  
18 the purposes set forth in this Act to the Board of Higher  
19 Education or to a consortium that has contracted with the Board  
20 of Higher Education pursuant to this subsection (c).

21           The Board of Higher Education may contract with one or more  
22 voluntary consortiums of non-public institutions of higher  
23 learning established for the purpose of data sharing, research,  
24 and analysis. The contract may allow the consortium to collect  
25 data from participating institutions on behalf of the Board of  
26 Higher Education. The contract may provide for consultation



1 with a representative committee of participating institutions  
2 and a representative of one or more organizations representing  
3 the participating institutions prior to the use of data from  
4 the consortium for a data sharing arrangement entered into with  
5 any party other than a State Education Authority pursuant to  
6 Section 25 of this Act. The contract may further provide that  
7 individual institutions of higher learning shall have the right  
8 to opt out of specific uses of their data or portions thereof  
9 for reasons specified in the contract. Student-level data  
10 submitted by each institution of higher learning participating  
11 in a consortium that has contracted with the Board of Higher  
12 Education pursuant to this paragraph shall remain the property  
13 of that institution. Upon notice to the consortium and the  
14 Board of Higher Education, any non-public institution of higher  
15 learning shall have the right to remove its data from the  
16 consortium if the institution has reasonable cause to believe  
17 that there is a threat to the security of its data or its data  
18 is used in a manner that violates the terms of the contract  
19 between the consortium and the Board of Higher Education. In  
20 the event data is removed from a consortium pursuant to the  
21 preceding sentence, the data must be returned by the  
22 institution to the consortium after the basis for removal has  
23 been corrected. The data submitted from the consortium to the  
24 Board of Higher Education must be used only for agreed-upon  
25 purposes, as stated in the terms of the contract between the  
26 consortium and the Board of Higher Education. Non-public

1 institutions of higher learning submitting student-level data  
2 to a consortium that has contracted with the Board of Higher  
3 Education pursuant to this paragraph shall not be required to  
4 submit student-level data to the Board of Higher Education.

5 Subject to the availability of funding through  
6 appropriations made specifically for the purposes of this Act,  
7 the Board of Higher Education shall establish or contract for  
8 the establishment of a technical support and training system to  
9 assist institutions of higher learning, other than community  
10 colleges, with data submission, use, and analysis. The Board of  
11 Higher Education may make available grant funding to a  
12 consortium of non-public institutions of higher learning to  
13 provide assistance in the development of a data collection  
14 system. The Board of Higher Education shall engage in a  
15 cooperative planning process with public and non-public  
16 institutions of higher learning and statewide higher education  
17 associations in connection with all of the activities  
18 authorized by this subsection (c).

19 (d) The State Education Authorities shall establish  
20 procedures and requirements relating to the submission of data  
21 authorized to be collected pursuant to this Section, including  
22 requirements for data specifications, quality, security, and  
23 timeliness. All early learning programs, schools, school  
24 districts, and institutions of higher learning subject to the  
25 data collection authority of a State Education Authority  
26 pursuant to this Section shall comply with the State Education

1 Authority's procedures and requirements for data submissions.  
2 A State Education Authority may require that staff responsible  
3 for collecting, validating, and submitting data participate in  
4 training and technical assistance offered by this State if data  
5 is not submitted in accordance with applicable procedures and  
6 requirements.

7 Section 25. Data sharing.

8 (a) The State Education Authorities may disclose data from  
9 the longitudinal data system collected pursuant to Section 20  
10 of this Act only in connection with a data sharing arrangement  
11 meeting the requirements of this Section.

12 (b) Any State agency, board, authority, or commission may  
13 enter into a data sharing arrangement with one or more of the  
14 State Education Authorities to share data to support the  
15 research and evaluation activities authorized by this Act.  
16 State Education Authorities may also enter into data sharing  
17 arrangements with other governmental entities, institutions of  
18 higher learning, and research organizations that support the  
19 research and evaluation activities authorized by this Act.

20 (c) Any data sharing arrangement entered into pursuant to  
21 this Section must:

22 (1) be permissible under and undertaken in accordance  
23 with privacy protection laws;

24 (2) be approved by the following persons:

25 (A) the State Superintendent of Education or his or

1 her designee for the use of early learning, public  
2 school, and non-public school student data;

3 (B) the chief executive officer of the Community  
4 College Board or his or her designee for the use of  
5 community college student data; and

6 (C) the executive director of the Board of Higher  
7 Education or his or her designee for the use of student  
8 data from an institution of higher learning, other than  
9 a community college;

10 (3) not permit the personal identification of any  
11 person by individuals other than authorized  
12 representatives of the recipient entity that have  
13 legitimate interests in the information;

14 (4) ensure the destruction or return of the data when  
15 no longer needed for the authorized purposes under the data  
16 sharing arrangement; and

17 (5) be performed pursuant to a written agreement with  
18 the recipient entity that does the following:

19 (A) specifies the purpose, scope, and duration of  
20 the data sharing arrangement;

21 (B) requires the recipient of the data to use  
22 personally identifiable information from education  
23 records to meet only the purpose or purposes of the  
24 data sharing arrangement stated in the written  
25 agreement;

26 (C) describes specific data access, use, and

1 security restrictions that the recipient will  
2 undertake; and

3 (D) includes such other terms and provisions as the  
4 State Education Authorities deem necessary to carry  
5 out the intent and purposes of this Act.

6 Section 30. Subject to privacy protection laws. The  
7 collection, use, maintenance, disclosure, and sharing of data  
8 authorized by this Act must be conducted in accordance with  
9 privacy protection laws. The State Education Authorities shall  
10 each develop security measures and procedures that protect  
11 personal information from intentional or accidental release to  
12 unauthorized persons and from intentional or accidental use for  
13 unauthorized purposes.

14 Section 35. No impact on existing authority. This Act does  
15 not modify or diminish any responsibilities or authority that a  
16 State Education Authority or the State Education Authorities  
17 collectively may otherwise have under law with respect to the  
18 collection, use, maintenance, disclosure, and sharing of data.

19 Section 40. Evaluation. Subject to the availability of  
20 funding through appropriations made specifically for the  
21 purposes of this Act, the State Education Authorities shall  
22 contract with an independent outside evaluator for oversight of  
23 the development and operation of the longitudinal data system.

1 The independent outside evaluator shall annually submit a  
2 report to the State Education Authorities, the Illinois P-20  
3 Council, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of  
4 Representatives, and the President and Minority Leader of the  
5 Senate. The report shall include without limitation (i) an  
6 evaluation of the extent to which the system is being developed  
7 and operated to achieve the purposes, objectives, and  
8 requirements of this Act; (ii) an evaluation of the oversight  
9 and governance of the system by the State Education Authorities  
10 and any recommendations to improve the oversight and governance  
11 of the system; and (iii) an evaluation of the security measures  
12 and procedures developed by the State Education Authorities to  
13 protect personally identifiable information and any  
14 recommendations to further ensure the privacy of personally  
15 identifiable information.

16 Section 500. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
17 27A-5 as follows:

18 (105 ILCS 5/27A-5)

19 Sec. 27A-5. Charter school; legal entity; requirements.

20 (a) A charter school shall be a public, nonsectarian,  
21 nonreligious, non-home based, and non-profit school. A charter  
22 school shall be organized and operated as a nonprofit  
23 corporation or other discrete, legal, nonprofit entity  
24 authorized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

1           (b) A charter school may be established under this Article  
2 by creating a new school or by converting an existing public  
3 school or attendance center to charter school status. Beginning  
4 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd  
5 General Assembly, in all new applications submitted to the  
6 State Board or a local school board to establish a charter  
7 school in a city having a population exceeding 500,000,  
8 operation of the charter school shall be limited to one campus.  
9 The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act of the  
10 93rd General Assembly do not apply to charter schools existing  
11 or approved on or before the effective date of this amendatory  
12 Act.

13           (c) A charter school shall be administered and governed by  
14 its board of directors or other governing body in the manner  
15 provided in its charter. The governing body of a charter school  
16 shall be subject to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open  
17 Meetings Act.

18           (d) A charter school shall comply with all applicable  
19 health and safety requirements applicable to public schools  
20 under the laws of the State of Illinois.

21           (e) Except as otherwise provided in the School Code, a  
22 charter school shall not charge tuition; provided that a  
23 charter school may charge reasonable fees for textbooks,  
24 instructional materials, and student activities.

25           (f) A charter school shall be responsible for the  
26 management and operation of its fiscal affairs including, but

1 not limited to, the preparation of its budget. An audit of each  
2 charter school's finances shall be conducted annually by an  
3 outside, independent contractor retained by the charter  
4 school.

5 (g) A charter school shall comply with all provisions of  
6 this Article and its charter. A charter school is exempt from  
7 all other State laws and regulations in the School Code  
8 governing public schools and local school board policies,  
9 except the following:

10 (1) Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of the School Code  
11 regarding criminal history records checks and checks of the  
12 Statewide Sex Offender Database of applicants for  
13 employment;

14 (2) Sections 24-24 and 34-84A of the School Code  
15 regarding discipline of students;

16 (3) The Local Governmental and Governmental Employees  
17 Tort Immunity Act;

18 (4) Section 108.75 of the General Not For Profit  
19 Corporation Act of 1986 regarding indemnification of  
20 officers, directors, employees, and agents;

21 (5) The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act;

22 (6) The Illinois School Student Records Act; ~~and~~

23 (7) Section 10-17a of the School Code regarding school  
24 report cards; and

25 (8) The P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System Act.

26 (h) A charter school may negotiate and contract with a



1 school district, the governing body of a State college or  
2 university or public community college, or any other public or  
3 for-profit or nonprofit private entity for: (i) the use of a  
4 school building and grounds or any other real property or  
5 facilities that the charter school desires to use or convert  
6 for use as a charter school site, (ii) the operation and  
7 maintenance thereof, and (iii) the provision of any service,  
8 activity, or undertaking that the charter school is required to  
9 perform in order to carry out the terms of its charter.  
10 However, a charter school that is established on or after the  
11 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General  
12 Assembly and that operates in a city having a population  
13 exceeding 500,000 may not contract with a for-profit entity to  
14 manage or operate the school during the period that commences  
15 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd  
16 General Assembly and concludes at the end of the 2004-2005  
17 school year. Except as provided in subsection (i) of this  
18 Section, a school district may charge a charter school  
19 reasonable rent for the use of the district's buildings,  
20 grounds, and facilities. Any services for which a charter  
21 school contracts with a school district shall be provided by  
22 the district at cost. Any services for which a charter school  
23 contracts with a local school board or with the governing body  
24 of a State college or university or public community college  
25 shall be provided by the public entity at cost.

26 (i) In no event shall a charter school that is established

1 by converting an existing school or attendance center to  
2 charter school status be required to pay rent for space that is  
3 deemed available, as negotiated and provided in the charter  
4 agreement, in school district facilities. However, all other  
5 costs for the operation and maintenance of school district  
6 facilities that are used by the charter school shall be subject  
7 to negotiation between the charter school and the local school  
8 board and shall be set forth in the charter.

9 (j) A charter school may limit student enrollment by age or  
10 grade level.

11 (Source: P.A. 93-3, eff. 4-16-03; 93-909, eff. 8-12-04; 94-219,  
12 eff. 7-14-05.)

13 Section 505. The Illinois School Student Records Act is  
14 amended by changing Section 6 as follows:

15 (105 ILCS 10/6) (from Ch. 122, par. 50-6)

16 Sec. 6. (a) No school student records or information  
17 contained therein may be released, transferred, disclosed or  
18 otherwise disseminated, except as follows:

19 (1) To a parent or student or person specifically  
20 designated as a representative by a parent, as provided in  
21 paragraph (a) of Section 5;

22 (2) To an employee or official of the school or school  
23 district or State Board with current demonstrable  
24 educational or administrative interest in the student, in

1 furtherance of such interest;

2 (3) To the official records custodian of another school  
3 within Illinois or an official with similar  
4 responsibilities of a school outside Illinois, in which the  
5 student has enrolled, or intends to enroll, upon the  
6 request of such official or student;

7 (4) To any person for the purpose of research,  
8 statistical reporting, or planning, provided that such  
9 research, statistical reporting, or planning is  
10 permissible under and undertaken in accordance with the  
11 federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20  
12 U.S.C. 1232g) no student or parent can be identified from  
13 the information released and the person to whom the  
14 information is released signs an affidavit agreeing to  
15 comply with all applicable statutes and rules pertaining to  
16 school student records;

17 (5) Pursuant to a court order, provided that the parent  
18 shall be given prompt written notice upon receipt of such  
19 order of the terms of the order, the nature and substance  
20 of the information proposed to be released in compliance  
21 with such order and an opportunity to inspect and copy the  
22 school student records and to challenge their contents  
23 pursuant to Section 7;

24 (6) To any person as specifically required by State or  
25 federal law;

26 (6.5) To juvenile authorities when necessary for the

1 discharge of their official duties who request information  
2 prior to adjudication of the student and who certify in  
3 writing that the information will not be disclosed to any  
4 other party except as provided under law or order of court.

5 For purposes of this Section "juvenile authorities" means:

6 (i) a judge of the circuit court and members of the staff  
7 of the court designated by the judge; (ii) parties to the  
8 proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and their  
9 attorneys; (iii) probation officers and court appointed  
10 advocates for the juvenile authorized by the judge hearing  
11 the case; (iv) any individual, public or private agency  
12 having custody of the child pursuant to court order; (v)  
13 any individual, public or private agency providing  
14 education, medical or mental health service to the child  
15 when the requested information is needed to determine the  
16 appropriate service or treatment for the minor; (vi) any  
17 potential placement provider when such release is  
18 authorized by the court for the limited purpose of  
19 determining the appropriateness of the potential  
20 placement; (vii) law enforcement officers and prosecutors;  
21 (viii) adult and juvenile prisoner review boards; (ix)  
22 authorized military personnel; (x) individuals authorized  
23 by court;

24 (7) Subject to regulations of the State Board, in  
25 connection with an emergency, to appropriate persons if the  
26 knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the

1 health or safety of the student or other persons;

2 (8) To any person, with the prior specific dated  
3 written consent of the parent designating the person to  
4 whom the records may be released, provided that at the time  
5 any such consent is requested or obtained, the parent shall  
6 be advised in writing that he has the right to inspect and  
7 copy such records in accordance with Section 5, to  
8 challenge their contents in accordance with Section 7 and  
9 to limit any such consent to designated records or  
10 designated portions of the information contained therein;

11 (9) To a governmental agency, or social service agency  
12 contracted by a governmental agency, in furtherance of an  
13 investigation of a student's school attendance pursuant to  
14 the compulsory student attendance laws of this State,  
15 provided that the records are released to the employee or  
16 agent designated by the agency;

17 (10) To those SHOCAP committee members who fall within  
18 the meaning of "state and local officials and authorities",  
19 as those terms are used within the meaning of the federal  
20 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, for the purposes  
21 of identifying serious habitual juvenile offenders and  
22 matching those offenders with community resources pursuant  
23 to Section 5-145 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, but  
24 only to the extent that the release, transfer, disclosure,  
25 or dissemination is consistent with the Family Educational  
26 Rights and Privacy Act; or

1           (11) To the Department of Healthcare and Family  
2 Services in furtherance of the requirements of Section  
3 2-3.131, 3-14.29, 10-28, or 34-18.26 of the School Code or  
4 Section 10 of the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act.

5           (12) To the State Board or another State government  
6 agency or between or among State government agencies in  
7 order to evaluate or audit federal and State programs or  
8 perform research and planning, but only to the extent that  
9 the release, transfer, disclosure, or dissemination is  
10 consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and  
11 Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g ~~1221 et seq.~~).

12           (b) No information may be released pursuant to  
13 subparagraphs (3) or (6) of paragraph (a) of this Section 6  
14 unless the parent receives prior written notice of the nature  
15 and substance of the information proposed to be released, and  
16 an opportunity to inspect and copy such records in accordance  
17 with Section 5 and to challenge their contents in accordance  
18 with Section 7. Provided, however, that such notice shall be  
19 sufficient if published in a local newspaper of general  
20 circulation or other publication directed generally to the  
21 parents involved where the proposed release of information is  
22 pursuant to subparagraph 6 of paragraph (a) in this Section 6  
23 and relates to more than 25 students.

24           (c) A record of any release of information pursuant to this  
25 Section must be made and kept as a part of the school student  
26 record and subject to the access granted by Section 5. Such

1 record of release shall be maintained for the life of the  
2 school student records and shall be available only to the  
3 parent and the official records custodian. Each record of  
4 release shall also include:

5 (1) The nature and substance of the information  
6 released;

7 (2) The name and signature of the official records  
8 custodian releasing such information;

9 (3) The name of the person requesting such information,  
10 the capacity in which such a request has been made, and the  
11 purpose of such request;

12 (4) The date of the release; and

13 (5) A copy of any consent to such release.

14 (d) Except for the student and his parents, no person to  
15 whom information is released pursuant to this Section and no  
16 person specifically designated as a representative by a parent  
17 may permit any other person to have access to such information  
18 without a prior consent of the parent obtained in accordance  
19 with the requirements of subparagraph (8) of paragraph (a) of  
20 this Section.

21 (e) Nothing contained in this Act shall prohibit the  
22 publication of student directories which list student names,  
23 addresses and other identifying information and similar  
24 publications which comply with regulations issued by the State  
25 Board.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-793, eff. 1-1-09.)

1           Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.