

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 adding Section  
5 2-3.64b as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.64b new)

7 Sec. 2-3.64b. Innovation, Intervention, and Restructuring  
8 Task Force.

9 (a) In keeping with the goals outlined in the federal  
10 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the State of  
11 Illinois hereby creates the Innovation, Intervention, and  
12 Restructuring Task Force to develop recommendations for the  
13 innovation, intervention, and restructuring of schools,  
14 including those that need comprehensive or focused  
15 intervention, as those terms are defined by this State's  
16 proposal for participation in the No Child Left Behind  
17 differentiated accountability pilot project.

18 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) One chairperson, appointed by the Governor.

20 (2) Two additional members, each appointed by the  
21 Governor.

22 (3) Two members appointed by the State Superintendent  
23 of Education.

1           (4) One member appointed by the President of the  
2           Senate.

3           (5) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
4           Representatives.

5           (6) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
6           Senate.

7           (7) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
8           House of Representatives.

9           (c) The task force shall compile data, study, and, pursuant  
10          to subsection (e) of this Section, report on all of the  
11          following matters, among any others deemed relevant by the task  
12          force:

13           (1) Ways in which this State can identify schools  
14           requiring more intensive intervention.

15           (2) Strategies for strengthening leadership at  
16           struggling schools and otherwise strengthening school  
17           district capacity to effectively implement reforms and  
18           ensure continuous improvement.

19           (3) Strategies that have been involved in successful  
20           turnaround efforts and a template for evaluating  
21           turnaround efforts.

22           (4) The autonomies, resources, and support that need to  
23           be available to achieve and maintain over time a successful  
24           turnaround.

25           (5) Mechanisms for model innovations to be captured and  
26           shared across this State.

1           (6) The amount of funding necessary to accomplish any  
2           and all strategies included in the task force's  
3           recommendation.

4           (7) The identification of any statutory or regulatory  
5           changes that would be necessary or helpful to promote  
6           successful innovation, intervention, and restructuring.

7           (d) In developing its recommendations, the task force shall  
8           compile relevant data. Moreover, the task force shall seek  
9           input from statewide school community organizations, including  
10           organizations representing teachers, administrators, and  
11           parents, as well as civic, business, and child advocacy  
12           organizations and any other source deemed appropriate.

13           The State Board of Education shall provide administrative  
14           support to the task force.

15           (e) The task force shall submit a comprehensive report to  
16           the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State  
17           Superintendent of Education not later than December 31, 2009.  
18           The task force may, with the written approval of the Governor,  
19           reconvene for the purposes of continued study and the  
20           development of additional recommendations.

21           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22           becoming law.