

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 Sections  
5 10-20.55 and 34-18.47 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.55 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.55. Recess required in elementary school.

8 (a) A school board shall require that schools provide daily  
9 recess for all students in kindergarten through grade 5. The  
10 recess must be at least 20 minutes in length. Recess shall  
11 include unstructured play and may include organized games. If  
12 the principal determines that the weather is inclement, then  
13 the principal shall direct that recess be held indoors.

14 (b) A school board may require that schools provide daily  
15 recess for all students in grades 6 through 8.

16 (c) A school board shall prohibit the withholding of recess  
17 as a disciplinary action.

18 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.47 new)

19 Sec. 34-18.47. Recess required in elementary school.

20 (a) The board shall require that schools provide daily  
21 recess for all students in kindergarten through grade 5. The  
22 recess must be at least 20 minutes in length. Recess shall

1 include unstructured play and may include organized games. If  
2 the principal determines that the weather is inclement, then  
3 the principal shall direct that recess be held indoors.

4 (b) The board may require that schools provide daily recess  
5 for all students in grades 6 through 8.

6 (c) The board shall prohibit the withholding of recess as a  
7 disciplinary action.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
9 2012.