

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 3A-4 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3A-4) (from Ch. 122, par. 3A-4)

7 Sec. 3A-4. Mandatory consolidation of educational service
8 regions.

9 (a) After July 1, 2015 ~~October 15, 1993~~, each region must
10 contain at least 61,000 ~~43,000~~ inhabitants. Before June 30,
11 2013, regions ~~Regions~~ may be consolidated voluntarily under
12 Section 3A-3 or by joint resolution of the county boards of
13 regions seeking to join a voluntary consolidation, effective
14 July 1, 2015, to meet these population requirements. The
15 boundaries of regions already meeting these population
16 requirements on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
17 the 97th General Assembly ~~1993~~ may not be changed except to
18 consolidate with another region or a whole county portion of
19 another region which does not meet these population
20 requirements. If, before January 1, 2014, locally determined
21 consolidation decisions result in more than 35 ~~45~~ regions of
22 population greater than 61,000 ~~43,000~~ each, the State Board of
23 Education shall, before June 1, 2014, direct further

1 consolidation, beginning with the region of lowest population,
2 until the number of 35 ~~45~~ regions is achieved.

3 (b) (Blank).

4 (c) If, within 90 days after the most recent certified
5 federal census, a region does not meet the population
6 requirements of this Section, then regions may be consolidated
7 voluntarily under Section 3A-3 of this Code or by joint
8 resolution of the county boards of regions seeking to join a
9 voluntary consolidation to meet these population requirements.
10 If locally determined consolidation decisions result in a
11 region not meeting the population requirements of this Section
12 or result in more than 35 regions, then the State Board of
13 Education shall have the authority to impose further
14 consolidation by order of the State Superintendent of
15 Education. Such an order shall be a final order and is subject
16 to the Administrative Review Law. ~~If any region does not meet~~
17 ~~the population requirements of this Section the State Board of~~
18 ~~Education, within 15 days after the above said dates, shall~~
19 ~~direct such consolidation of that region with another region or~~
20 ~~regions to which it is contiguous as will result in a region~~
21 ~~conforming to these population requirements.~~

22 (d) All population determinations shall be based on the
23 most recent federal census.

24 (Source: P.A. 88-89; 89-608, eff. 8-2-96.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.