



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SB3494

Introduced 2/8/2012, by Sen. Jeffrey M. Schoenberg

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/11E-140 new

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to conduct a study on the feasibility and cost saving benefits of consolidating specific school districts in the same geographic area. Provides that the study shall include specific recommendations on which districts should be consolidated. Requires the State Board to compile the results of the study and list the districts recommended for consolidation in a report to be submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1, 2014 and conduct public hearings in each district the report recommends be consolidated within 90 days after the submission of the report to the General Assembly. Requires the General Assembly to vote on accepting or rejecting the report's recommended district consolidations within 90 calendar days after each house of the General Assembly next convenes after the last public hearing has been conducted by adoption of a resolution by a record vote of the majority of members elected in each house. Provides that if the General Assembly fails to vote on accepting or rejecting the report's recommended district consolidations within such 90-day period, then the report's recommended district consolidations shall be deemed required consolidations by law. Provides that any resolution adopted by the General Assembly accepting any of the report's recommended district consolidations shall be binding on the affected district.

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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 adding Section  
5 11E-140 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/11E-140 new)

7 Sec. 11E-140. District consolidation report; legislative  
8 acceptance. The State Board of Education shall conduct a study  
9 on the feasibility and cost saving benefits of consolidating  
10 specific school districts in the same geographic area. The  
11 study shall include specific recommendations on which  
12 districts should be consolidated. The State Board of Education  
13 shall compile the results of the study and list the districts  
14 recommended for consolidation in a report to be submitted to  
15 the General Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1,  
16 2014. The State Board of Education shall conduct public  
17 hearings in each district the report recommends be consolidated  
18 within 90 days after the submission of the report to the  
19 General Assembly.

20 The General Assembly shall vote on accepting or rejecting  
21 the report's recommended district consolidations within 90  
22 calendar days after each house of the General Assembly next  
23 convenes after the last public hearing has been conducted by

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2 members elected in each house. If the General Assembly fails to  
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