

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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 Sections
5 2-3.62 and 3-0.01 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.62) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.62)
7 Sec. 2-3.62. Educational Service Centers.

8 (a) A regional network of educational service centers shall
9 be established by the State Board of Education to coordinate
10 and combine existing services in a manner which is practical
11 and efficient and to provide new services to schools as
12 provided in this Section. Services to be made available by such
13 centers shall include the planning, implementation and
14 evaluation of:

15 (1) (blank);

16 (2) computer technology education;

17 (3) mathematics, science and reading resources for
18 teachers including continuing education, inservice
19 training and staff development.

20 The centers may provide training, technical assistance,
21 coordination and planning in other program areas such as school
22 improvement, school accountability, financial planning,
23 consultation, and services, career guidance, early childhood

1 education, alcohol/drug education and prevention, family life
2 - sex education, electronic transmission of data from school
3 districts to the State, alternative education and regional
4 special education, and telecommunications systems that provide
5 distance learning. Such telecommunications systems may be
6 obtained through the Department of Central Management Services
7 pursuant to Section 405-270 of the Department of Central
8 Management Services Law (20 ILCS 405/405-270). The programs and
9 services of educational service centers may be offered to
10 private school teachers and private school students within each
11 service center area provided public schools have already been
12 afforded adequate access to such programs and services.

13 Upon the abolition of the office, removal from office,
14 disqualification for office, resignation from office, or
15 expiration of the current term of office of the regional
16 superintendent of schools, whichever is earlier, the chief
17 administrative officer of the centers serving that portion of a
18 Class II county school unit outside of a city of 500,000 or
19 more inhabitants shall have and exercise, in and with respect
20 to each educational service region having a population of
21 2,000,000 or more inhabitants and in and with respect to each
22 school district located in any such educational service region,
23 all of the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities
24 theretofore vested by law in and exercised and performed by the
25 regional superintendent of schools for that area under the
26 provisions of this Code or any other laws of this State.

1 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and
2 regulations necessary to implement this Section. The rules
3 shall include detailed standards which delineate the scope and
4 specific content of programs to be provided by each Educational
5 Service Center, as well as the specific planning,
6 implementation and evaluation services to be provided by each
7 Center relative to its programs. The Board shall also provide
8 the standards by which it will evaluate the programs provided
9 by each Center.

10 (b) Centers serving Class 1 county school units shall be
11 governed by an 11-member board, 3 members of which shall be
12 public school teachers nominated by the local bargaining
13 representatives to the appropriate regional superintendent for
14 appointment and no more than 3 members of which shall be from
15 each of the following categories, including but not limited to
16 superintendents, regional superintendents, school board
17 members and a representative of an institution of higher
18 education. The members of the board shall be appointed by the
19 regional superintendents whose school districts are served by
20 the educational service center. The composition of the board
21 will reflect the revisions of this amendatory Act of 1989 as
22 the terms of office of current members expire.

23 (c) The centers shall be of sufficient size and number to
24 assure delivery of services to all local school districts in
25 the State.

26 (d) From monies appropriated for this program the State

1 Board of Education shall provide grants paid from the Personal
2 Property Tax Replacement Fund to qualifying Educational
3 Service Centers applying for such grants in accordance with
4 rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of
5 Education to implement this Section.

6 (e) The governing authority of each of the 18 regional
7 educational service centers shall appoint a family life - sex
8 education advisory board consisting of 2 parents, 2 teachers, 2
9 school administrators, 2 school board members, 2 health care
10 professionals, one library system representative, and the
11 director of the regional educational service center who shall
12 serve as chairperson of the advisory board so appointed.
13 Members of the family life - sex education advisory boards
14 shall serve without compensation. Each of the advisory boards
15 appointed pursuant to this subsection shall develop a plan for
16 regional teacher-parent family life - sex education training
17 sessions and shall file a written report of such plan with the
18 governing board of their regional educational service center.
19 The directors of each of the regional educational service
20 centers shall thereupon meet, review each of the reports
21 submitted by the advisory boards and combine those reports into
22 a single written report which they shall file with the Citizens
23 Council on School Problems prior to the end of the regular
24 school term of the 1987-1988 school year.

25 (f) The 14 educational service centers serving Class I
26 county school units shall be disbanded on the first Monday of

1 August, 1995, and their statutory responsibilities and
2 programs shall be assumed by the regional offices of education,
3 subject to rules and regulations developed by the State Board
4 of Education. The regional superintendents of schools elected
5 by the voters residing in all Class I counties shall serve as
6 the chief administrators for these programs and services. By
7 rule of the State Board of Education, the 10 educational
8 service regions of lowest population shall provide such
9 services under cooperative agreements with larger regions.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-619, eff. 11-14-11; 98-24, eff. 6-19-13.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/3-0.01) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-0.01)

12 Sec. 3-0.01. "County superintendent of schools" and
13 "regional superintendent of schools" defined - Application of
14 Article.

15 (a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b), after
16 the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1975, the chief
17 administrative officer of an educational service region shall
18 be designated and referred to as the "regional superintendent
19 of schools" or the "regional superintendent" and after the
20 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993 the office held
21 by the chief administrative officer shall be designated and
22 referred to as the "regional office of education". For purposes
23 of the School Code and except as otherwise provided by
24 subsection (b), any reference to "county superintendent of
25 schools" or "county superintendent" means the regional

1 superintendent of schools.

2 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article,
3 but subject to subsection (b-1), in educational service regions
4 containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the office of
5 regional superintendent of schools is abolished. Subject to
6 Section 2-3.105 of this Code, ~~beginning on the effective date~~
7 ~~of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly,~~ all
8 rights, powers, duties and responsibilities theretofore vested
9 by law in, and exercised and performed by the regional
10 superintendent of schools and by any assistant regional
11 superintendents or other assistants or employees in the office
12 of the regional superintendent of schools being abolished shall
13 be vested in, exercised and performed by the chief
14 administrative officer of the educational service centers
15 established pursuant to Section 2-3.62 of this Code for any
16 educational service region containing 2,000,000 or more
17 inhabitants. Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory
18 Act of the 96th General Assembly, in an educational service
19 region containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants: (i) all books,
20 records, maps, papers and other documents belonging to or
21 subject to the control or disposition of the former regional
22 superintendent of schools by virtue of his office shall be
23 transferred and delivered to the State Board of Education; (ii)
24 possession or control over all moneys, deposits and accounts in
25 the possession or subject to the control or disposition of the
26 former regional superintendent of schools by virtue of his

1 office, including but not limited to undistributed or
2 unexpended moneys drawn from, and all amounts on deposit in,
3 the county, institute and supervisory expense funds, shall be
4 transferred to and placed under the control and disposition of
5 the State Board of Education, excepting only those moneys or
6 accounts, if any, the source of which is the county treasury,
7 for proper redistribution to the educational service centers;
8 and (iii) all other equipment, furnishings, supplies and other
9 personal property belonging to or subject to the control or
10 disposition of the former regional superintendent of schools by
11 virtue of his office, excepting only those items which were
12 provided by the county board, shall be transferred and
13 delivered to the State Board of Education. ~~Any Beginning on the~~
14 ~~effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General~~
15 ~~Assembly, any~~ reference in this Code to "regional
16 superintendent of schools" or "regional superintendent", or
17 "county superintendent of schools" or "county superintendent"
18 shall mean, with respect to any educational service region
19 containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants in which the office of
20 regional superintendent of schools is abolished, the chief
21 administrative officer of the educational service centers
22 established pursuant to Section 2-3.62 of this Code for the
23 educational service region. Upon and after the first Monday of
24 August 1995, references in this Code and elsewhere to
25 educational service regions of 2,000,000 or fewer inhabitants
26 shall exclude any educational service region containing a city

1 of 500,000 or more inhabitants and references in this Code and
2 elsewhere to educational service regions of 2,000,000 or more
3 inhabitants shall mean an educational service region
4 containing a city of 500,000 or more inhabitants regardless of
5 the actual population of the region.

6 (b-1) References to "regional superintendent" shall also
7 include the chief administrative officer of the educational
8 service centers established under Section 2-3.62 of this Code
9 and serving that portion of a Class II county outside a city of
10 500,000 or more population ~~elected at the general election in~~
11 ~~1994 and every 4 years thereafter.~~

12 (c) This Article applies to the regional superintendent of
13 a multicounty educational service region formed under Article
14 3A as well as to a single county or partial county region,
15 except that in case of conflict between the provisions of this
16 Article and of Article 3A in the case of a multicounty region,
17 the provisions of Article 3A shall apply. Any reference to
18 "county" or to "educational service region" in this Article
19 means a regional office of education.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-893, eff. 7-1-10.)

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