

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 2-3.157 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.157 new)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on May 31, 2015)

8 Sec. 2-3.157. Task Force on Civic Education.

9 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish the Task
10 Force on Civic Education, to be comprised of all of the
11 following members, with an emphasis on bipartisan legislative
12 representation and diverse non-legislative stakeholder
13 representation:

14 (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives.

16 (2) One member appointed by the President of the
17 Senate.

18 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
21 Senate.

22 (5) One member appointed by the head of an association
23 representing a teachers union.

1 (6) One member appointed by the head of an association
2 representing the Chicago Teachers Union.

3 (7) One member appointed by the head of an association
4 representing social studies teachers.

5 (8) One member appointed by the head of an association
6 representing school boards.

7 (9) One member appointed by the head of an association
8 representing the media.

9 (10) One member appointed by the head of an association
10 representing the non-profit sector that promotes civic
11 education as a core mission.

12 (11) One member appointed by the head of an association
13 representing the non-profit sector that promotes civic
14 engagement among the general public.

15 (12) One member appointed by the president of an
16 institution of higher education who teaches college or
17 graduate-level government courses or facilitates a program
18 dedicated to cultivating civic leaders.

19 (13) One member appointed by the head of an association
20 representing principals or district superintendents.

21 (b) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
22 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
23 necessary expenses from funds appropriated to the State Board
24 of Education for that purpose. The members of the Task Force
25 shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses from
26 appropriations to the State Board of Education available for

1 that purpose and subject to the rules of the appropriate travel
2 control board.

3 (c) The members of the Task Force shall be considered
4 members with voting rights. A quorum of the Task Force shall
5 consist of a simple majority of the members of the Task Force.
6 All actions and recommendations of the Task Force must be
7 approved by a simple majority vote of the members.

8 (d) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the
9 State Superintendent of Education, shall elect one member as
10 chairperson at its initial meeting through a simple majority
11 vote of the Task Force, and shall thereafter meet at the call
12 of the chairperson.

13 (e) The State Board of Education shall provide
14 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

15 (f) The Task Force is charged with all of the following
16 tasks:

17 (1) To analyze the current state of civic education in
18 this State.

19 (2) To analyze current civic education laws in other
20 jurisdictions, both mandated and permissive.

21 (3) To identify best practices in civic education in
22 other jurisdictions.

23 (4) To make recommendations to the General Assembly
24 focused on substantially increasing civic literacy and the
25 capacity of youth to obtain the requisite knowledge,
26 skills, and practices to be civically informed members of

1 the public.

2 (5) To make funding recommendations if the Task Force's
3 recommendations to the General Assembly would require a
4 fiscal commitment.

5 (g) No later than May 31, 2014, the Task Force shall
6 summarize its findings and recommendations in a report to the
7 General Assembly, filed as provided in Section 3.1 of the
8 General Assembly Organization Act. Upon filing its report, the
9 Task Force is dissolved.

10 (h) This Section is repealed on May 31, 2015.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.