

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 2-3.64c as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.64c new)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on June 1, 2015)

8 Sec. 2-3.64c. Assessment Review Task Force. The State  
9 Superintendent of Education shall appoint a task force to  
10 review standardized assessments. The task force shall consist  
11 of all of the following individuals:

12 (1) Two parents.

13 (2) One educator representing a statewide professional  
14 teachers' organization.

15 (3) One educator representing a different statewide  
16 professional teachers' organization.

17 (4) One educator representing a professional teachers'  
18 organization in a city having a population exceeding  
19 500,000.

20 (5) One early childhood educator.

21 (6) One school district administrator representing an  
22 association representing school administrators.

23 (7) One school principal representing an association

1 representing school principals.

2 (8) One school district board member representing an  
3 association representing school board members.

4 (9) One early childhood center administrator.

5 (10) One assessment expert.

6 (11) One representative of the State Board of  
7 Education.

8 (12) One representative of regional superintendents of  
9 schools.

10 (13) One representative of a 4-year institution of  
11 higher education.

12 (14) One representative of a 2-year institution of  
13 higher education.

14 (15) One citizen who is a resident of this State.

15 (16) One representative from an organization  
16 representing high school districts.

17 The State Superintendent shall appoint one of the task  
18 force members as chairperson of the task force. The task force  
19 shall meet at least 4 times to review standardized assessments.  
20 This review shall include at least 5% of school districts in  
21 this State that represent a regionally equal sampling selected  
22 from among those counties of this State other than Cook County  
23 and the 5 counties contiguous to Cook County and shall include  
24 a school district located in a city having a population over  
25 500,000. The task force shall review the content and design of  
26 standardized assessments; the time and money expended to

1 prepare for standardized assessments as measured against the  
2 purpose of the assessment; parent, student, and educator  
3 perceptions of the level and intensity of standardized  
4 assessments; and any other issues involving standardized  
5 assessments identified by the task force. The State Board of  
6 Education shall provide administrative support to the task  
7 force.

8 The task force shall report its findings to the Governor  
9 and General Assembly no later than May 31, 2015, and, upon  
10 filing its report, the task force is dissolved. This Section is  
11 repealed on June 1, 2015.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
13 2014.