

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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on June 1, 2015)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 (17) One bilingual education educator.

18 (18) One school principal representing an association
19 representing school principals in a city having a
20 population exceeding 500,000.

21 (19) One special education administrator of a school
22 district.

23 The task force shall also consist of the following members
24 appointed as follows:

25 (A) One member of the Senate appointed by the President
26 of the Senate.

1 (B) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
2 Leader of the Senate.

3 (C) One member of the House of Representatives
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5 (D) One member of the House of Representatives
6 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
7 Representatives.

8 The State Superintendent shall appoint one of the task
9 force members as chairperson of the task force. The task force
10 shall meet at least 4 times to review standardized assessments.
11 This review shall include at least 5% of school districts in
12 this State that represent a regionally equal sampling selected
13 from among those counties of this State other than Cook County
14 and the 5 counties contiguous to Cook County and shall include
15 a school district located in a city having a population over
16 500,000. The task force shall review the content and design of
17 standardized assessments; the time and money expended to
18 prepare for standardized assessments as measured against the
19 purpose of the assessment; parent, student, and educator
20 perceptions of the level and intensity of standardized
21 assessments; and any other issues involving standardized
22 assessments identified by the task force. The State Board of
23 Education shall provide administrative support to the task
24 force.

25 The task force shall report its findings to the Governor
26 and General Assembly no later than May 31, 2015, and, upon

1 filing its report, the task force is dissolved. This Section is
2 repealed on June 1, 2015.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
4 2014.