

**SB0585**



**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 1/24/2013, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/2-3.66

from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.66

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning truants' alternative and optional education programs.

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**A BILL FOR**

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 changing Section  
5 2-3.66 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.66) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.66)

7 Sec. 2-3.66. Truants' alternative and optional education  
8 programs. To establish projects to offer modified  
9 instructional programs or other services designed to prevent  
10 students from dropping out of school, including programs  
11 pursuant to Section 2-3.41, and ~~and~~ to serve as a part time or  
12 full time option in lieu of regular school attendance and to  
13 award grants to local school districts, educational service  
14 regions or community college districts from appropriated funds  
15 to assist districts in establishing such projects. The  
16 education agency may operate its own program or enter into a  
17 contract with another not-for-profit entity to implement the  
18 program. The projects shall allow dropouts, up to and including  
19 age 21, potential dropouts, including truants, uninvolved,  
20 unmotivated and disaffected students, as defined by State Board  
21 of Education rules and regulations, to enroll, as an  
22 alternative to regular school attendance, in an optional  
23 education program which may be established by school board

1 policy and is in conformance with rules adopted by the State  
2 Board of Education. Truants' Alternative and Optional  
3 Education programs funded pursuant to this Section shall be  
4 planned by a student, the student's parents or legal guardians,  
5 unless the student is 18 years or older, and school officials  
6 and shall culminate in an individualized optional education  
7 plan. Such plan shall focus on academic or vocational skills,  
8 or both, and may include, but not be limited to, evening  
9 school, summer school, community college courses, adult  
10 education, preparation courses for the high school level test  
11 of General Educational Development, vocational training, work  
12 experience, programs to enhance self concept and parenting  
13 courses. School districts which are awarded grants pursuant to  
14 this Section shall be authorized to provide day care services  
15 to children of students who are eligible and desire to enroll  
16 in programs established and funded under this Section, but only  
17 if and to the extent that such day care is necessary to enable  
18 those eligible students to attend and participate in the  
19 programs and courses which are conducted pursuant to this  
20 Section. School districts and regional offices of education may  
21 claim general State aid under Section 18-8.05 for students  
22 enrolled in truants' alternative and optional education  
23 programs, provided that such students are receiving services  
24 that are supplemental to a program leading to a high school  
25 diploma and are otherwise eligible to be claimed for general  
26 State aid under Section 18-8.05.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-734, eff. 8-25-09.)