



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

SB2614

Introduced 11/5/2013, by Sen. Tim Bivins

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.157

Amends the School Code. Adds a member to the School Security and Standards Task Force who is a representative from an association representing parents and is appointed by the Governor. Requires the task force to submit its reports on or before January 1, 2015 (instead of January 1, 2014), and abolishes the task force and repeals the provisions concerning the task force on July 1, 2015 (instead of January 2, 2014). Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 2-3.157 (as added by Public Act 98-578) as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.157)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 2, 2014)

8 Sec. 2-3.157. School Security and Standards Task Force.

9 (a) The School Security and Standards Task Force is created
10 within the State Board of Education to study the security of
11 schools in this State, make recommendations, and draft minimum
12 standards for use by schools to make them more secure and to
13 provide a safer learning environment for the children of this
14 State. The Task Force shall consist of all of the following
15 members:

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

18 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority
19 Leader of the Senate.

20 (3) One member of the House of Representatives,
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

22 (4) One member of the House of Representatives,
23 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of

1 Representatives.

2 (5) A representative from the State Board of Education,
3 appointed by the Chairperson of the State Board of
4 Education.

5 (6) A representative from the Department of State
6 Police, appointed by the Director of State Police.

7 (7) A representative from an association representing
8 Illinois sheriffs, appointed by the Governor.

9 (8) A representative from an association representing
10 Illinois chiefs of police, appointed by the Governor.

11 (9) A representative from an association representing
12 Illinois firefighters, appointed by the Governor.

13 (10) A representative from an association representing
14 Illinois regional superintendents of schools, appointed by
15 the Governor.

16 (11) A representative from an association representing
17 Illinois principals, appointed by the Governor.

18 (12) A representative from an association representing
19 Illinois school boards, appointed by the Governor.

20 (13) A representative from the security consulting
21 profession, appointed by the Governor.

22 (14) An architect or engineer who specializes in
23 security issues, appointed by the Governor.

24 (15) A representative from an association representing
25 parents, appointed by the Governor.

26 Members of the Task Force appointed by the Governor must be

1 individuals who have knowledge, experience, and expertise in
2 the field of security or who have worked within the school
3 system. The appointment of members by the Governor must reflect
4 the geographic diversity of this State.

5 Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation
6 and shall not be reimbursed for their expenses.

7 (b) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the
8 State Superintendent of Education. At this initial meeting, the
9 Task Force shall elect a member as presiding officer of the
10 Task Force by a majority vote of the membership of the Task
11 Force. Thereafter, the Task Force shall meet at the call of the
12 presiding officer.

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

15 (d) The Task Force shall make recommendations for minimum
16 standards for security for the schools in this State. In making
17 those recommendations, the Task Force shall do all of the
18 following:

19 (1) Gather information concerning security in schools
20 as it presently exists.

21 (2) Receive reports and testimony from individuals,
22 school district superintendents, principals, teachers,
23 security experts, architects, engineers, and the law
24 enforcement community.

25 (3) Create minimum standards for securing schools.

26 (4) Give consideration to securing the physical

1 structures, security staffing recommendations,
2 communications, security equipment, alarms, video and
3 audio monitoring, school policies, egress and ingress,
4 security plans, emergency exits and escape, and any other
5 areas of security that the Task Force deems appropriate for
6 securing schools.

7 (5) Create a model security plan policy.

8 (6) Suggest possible funding recommendations for
9 schools to access for use in implementing enhanced security
10 measures.

11 (7) On or before January 1, 2015 ~~2014~~, submit a report
12 to the General Assembly and the Governor on specific
13 recommendations for changes to the current law or other
14 legislative measures.

15 (8) On or before January 1, 2015 ~~2014~~, submit a report
16 to the State Board of Education on specific recommendations
17 for model security plan policies for schools to access and
18 use as a guideline. This report is exempt from inspection
19 and copying under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information
20 Act.

21 The Task Force's recommendations may include proposals for
22 specific statutory changes and methods to foster cooperation
23 among State agencies and between this State and local
24 government.

25 (e) The Task Force is abolished and this Section is
26 repealed on July 1, 2015 ~~January 2, 2014~~.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-578, eff. 8-27-13.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.