

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 2-3.25a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25a) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25a)

7 Sec. 2-3.25a. "School district" defined; additional
8 standards.

9 (a) For the purposes of this Section and Sections 3.25b,
10 3.25c, 3.25d, 3.25e, and 3.25f of this Code, "school district"
11 includes other public entities responsible for administering
12 public schools, such as cooperatives, joint agreements,
13 charter schools, special charter districts, regional offices
14 of education, local agencies, and the Department of Human
15 Services.

16 (b) In addition to the standards established pursuant to
17 Section 2-3.25, the State Board of Education shall develop
18 recognition standards for student performance and school
19 improvement in all public schools operated by school districts.
20 The indicators to determine adequate yearly progress shall be
21 limited to the State assessment of student performance in
22 reading and mathematics, student attendance rates at the
23 elementary school level, graduation rates at the high school

1 level, and participation rates on student assessments. The
2 standards shall be designed to permit the measurement of
3 student performance and school improvement by schools and
4 school districts compared to student performance and school
5 improvement for the preceding academic years. The State Board
6 of Education is prohibited from having separate performance
7 standards for students based on race or ethnicity.

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