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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2923

by Rep. Esther Golar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new

Amends the School Code. Subject to appropriation, requires the State Board of Education to create a pilot program in which public elementary schools with 30% or greater mobility rates, as calculated by the State Board, may apply for and be awarded an annual grant to use the Direct Instruction teaching method. Defines "Direct Instruction" as the Direct Instructional System for Teaching Arithmetic and Reading (DISTAR) created in 1977 with a grant from the U.S. Office of Education. Sets forth reporting provisions.

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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 adding Section

5   2-3.163 as follows:

6   (105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new)

7   Sec. 2-3.163. Direct Instruction teaching method; pilot

8   program.

9   (a) In this Section, "Direct Instruction" means the Direct

10   Instructional System for Teaching Arithmetic and Reading

11   (DISTAR) created in 1977 with a grant from the U.S. Office of

12   Education.

13   (b) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education

14   shall create a pilot program in which public elementary schools

15   with 30% or greater mobility rates, as calculated by the State

16   Board, may apply for and be awarded an annual grant to use the

17   Direct Instruction teaching method.

18   (c) Each school awarded a grant under this Section shall

19   annually report to the State Board of Education on the

20   efficiency of Direct Instruction in improving its students'

21   math and reading abilities. Based on these reports, the State

22   Board shall annually report its findings and recommendations to

23   the General Assembly by filing copies of its report as provided

1   in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act.

2   (d) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules

3   necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this Section.