

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 Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 705/5) (from Ch. 127, par. 2305)

7 Sec. 5. Time Limit on Expenditure of Grant Funds. Subject  
8 to the restriction of Section 35 of the State Finance Act ~~"An~~  
9 ~~Act in relation to State finance", approved June 10, 1919, as~~  
10 ~~amended~~, no grant funds may be made available for expenditure  
11 by a grantee for a period longer than 2 years, except where  
12 such grant funds are disbursed in reimbursement of costs  
13 previously incurred by the grantee and except as otherwise  
14 provided in subsection (d) of Section 5-200 of the School  
15 Construction Law. Any grant funds not expended or legally  
16 obligated by the end of the grant agreement, or during the time  
17 limitation to grant fund expenditures set forth in this  
18 Section, must be returned to the grantor agency within 45 days,  
19 if the funds are not already on deposit with the grantor agency  
20 or the State Treasurer. Such returned funds shall be deposited  
21 into the fund from which the original grant disbursement to the  
22 grantee was made.

23 (Source: P.A. 83-640.)

1           Section 10. The School Construction Law is amended by  
2 changing Section 5-200 as follows:

3           (105 ILCS 230/5-200)

4           Sec. 5-200. School energy efficiency grants.

5           (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to make  
6 grants to school districts and special education cooperatives,  
7 without regard to enrollment, for school energy efficiency  
8 projects. These grants shall be paid out of moneys appropriated  
9 for that purpose from the School Infrastructure Fund. No grant  
10 under this Section for one fiscal year shall exceed \$250,000,  
11 but a school district or special education cooperative may  
12 receive grants for more than one project during one fiscal  
13 year. A school district or special education cooperative must  
14 provide local matching funds in an amount equal to the amount  
15 of the grant under this Section. A school district or special  
16 education cooperative has no entitlement to a grant under this  
17 Section.

18           (b) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
19 implement this Section. These rules need not be the same as the  
20 rules for school construction project grants or school  
21 maintenance project grants. The rules may specify:

- 22           (1) the manner of applying for grants;  
23           (2) project eligibility requirements;  
24           (3) restrictions on the use of grant moneys;

1 (4) the manner in which school districts and special  
2 education cooperatives must account for the use of grant  
3 moneys; and

4 (5) any other provision that the State Board determines  
5 to be necessary or useful for the administration of this  
6 Section.

7 (c) In each school year in which school energy efficiency  
8 project grants are awarded, 20% of the total amount awarded  
9 shall be awarded to a school district in a city with a  
10 population of more than 500,000, provided that the school  
11 district complies with the requirements of this Section and the  
12 rules adopted under this Section.

13 (d) Notwithstanding Section 5 of the Illinois Grant Funds  
14 Recovery Act, for school energy efficiency grants awarded in  
15 2014, grant funds may be made available for expenditure by a  
16 grantee for a period of 4 years from the date the funds were  
17 distributed by the State. Any grant funds not expended or  
18 legally obligated by the end of the grant agreement must be  
19 returned to the grantor agency within 45 days if the funds are  
20 not already on deposit with the grantor agency or the State  
21 Treasurer. Such returned funds must be deposited into the fund  
22 from which the original grant disbursement to the grantee was  
23 made.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09; 96-1423, eff. 8-3-10;  
25 97-205, eff. 7-28-11.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.