

HB5026



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HB5026

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/3A-3

from Ch. 122, par. 3A-3

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning educational service regions.

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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 3A-3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3A-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 3A-3)

7 Sec. 3A-3. Voluntary consolidation of educational service
8 regions. Any 2 or more educational service regions may be
9 consolidated into a single region in the ~~the~~ manner provided in
10 this Section. All of the territory of any educational service
11 region shall be determined by county boundaries, but
12 supervision and control over school districts that are divided
13 by a county line shall be determined under Section 3-14.2 of
14 this Act.

15 Each regional superintendent of a region that does not
16 conform to the population requirements of Section 3A-4 and
17 seeks voluntary consolidation under this Section shall appoint
18 a nonpartisan citizens committee consisting of 5 members to
19 consider the advisability of such a consolidation. Such
20 regional superintendent shall serve as ex officio secretary to
21 the citizens committee. This citizens committee may petition
22 the regional board of school trustees serving each of the
23 regions involved for consolidation of those regions into a

1 single educational service region. When such a petition is
2 filed, the regional board of school trustees shall conduct a
3 hearing on the petition, after notice of the hearing has been
4 published once, not more than 15 nor less than 10 days before
5 the day of the hearing, in a newspaper having general
6 circulation in the region. The secretary of the regional board
7 of school trustees shall also notify the secretary of each
8 school board affected by the proposed consolidation, the
9 chairman of the county board of each county affected thereby
10 and the State Board of Education that such petition has been
11 filed. The notice shall state the date when the petition was
12 filed, the prayer of the petition and the date, time and place
13 of the hearing. Such hearing shall be held jointly by all of
14 the regional boards of school trustees affected by such
15 petition and the State Board of Education shall arrange for
16 such joint hearing and pay the expenses thereof. Evidence
17 admissible at the hearing shall include, but not be limited to,
18 the school needs and conditions in the territory affected by
19 the proposed consolidation, whether or not such area is compact
20 and contiguous; and whether or not the proposed consolidation
21 would be in the best interests of the schools of the area and
22 the educational welfare of the pupils of such schools. At the
23 hearing each resident of the region shall have the rights
24 provided for residents under Section 7-6 and the final order of
25 the regional board of school trustees shall be subject to
26 review as provided in Sections 7-6 and 7-7.

1 Within 10 days after the conclusion of the joint hearing
2 each regional board of school trustees shall meet and render a
3 decision with regard to the hearing on the petition. A copy of
4 the final order of each regional board of school trustees shall
5 be filed with the State Board of Education within 30 days after
6 the conclusion of the joint hearing. If the regional board of
7 school trustees in each of those regions enters an order
8 approving the consolidation, those regions shall be
9 consolidated into a single educational service region, and the
10 State Board of Education shall authorize the establishment of
11 such single educational service region and to notify all
12 interested parties, including the county clerks of the counties
13 affected thereby and the State Board of Elections.

14 (Source: P.A. 88-89.)