

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 2-3.167 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.167 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.167. Task Force on Computer Science Education.

8 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a Task
9 Force on Computer Science Education, to be comprised of all of
10 the following members, with an emphasis on bipartisan
11 legislative representation and diverse non-legislative
12 stakeholder representation:

13 (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives.

15 (2) One member appointed by the President of the
16 Senate.

17 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
20 Senate.

21 (5) One member appointed by the head of a statewide
22 association representing teachers.

23 (6) One member appointed by the head of an association

1 representing teachers in a city of over 500,000 people.

2 (7) One member appointed by the head of an association
3 representing computer science teachers.

4 (8) One member appointed by the head of an association
5 representing school boards.

6 (9) One member appointed by the head of an association
7 representing the media.

8 (10) One member appointed by the head of an association
9 representing the non-profit sector that promotes computer
10 science education as a core mission.

11 (11) One member appointed by the head of an association
12 representing the non-profit sector that promotes computer
13 science education among the general public.

14 (12) One member appointed by the president of an
15 institution of higher education who teaches college or
16 graduate-level government courses or facilitates a program
17 dedicated to cultivating computer science education.

18 (13) One member appointed by the head of an association
19 representing principals or district superintendents.

20 (b) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
21 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
22 necessary expenses from funds appropriated to the State Board
23 of Education for that purpose. The members of the Task Force
24 shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses from
25 appropriations to the State Board of Education available for
26 that purpose and subject to the rules of the appropriate travel

1 control board.

2 (c) The members of the Task Force shall be considered
3 members with voting rights. A quorum of the Task Force shall
4 consist of a simple majority of the members of the Task Force.
5 All actions and recommendations of the Task Force must be
6 approved by a simple majority vote of the members.

7 (d) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the
8 State Superintendent of Education, shall elect one member as
9 chairperson at its initial meeting through a simple majority
10 vote of the Task Force, and shall thereafter meet at the call
11 of the chairperson.

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

14 (f) The Task Force is charged with all of the following
15 tasks:

16 (1) To analyze the current state of computer science
17 education in this State.

18 (2) To analyze current computer science education laws
19 in other jurisdictions, both mandated and permissive.

20 (3) To identify best practices in computer science
21 education in other jurisdictions.

22 (4) To make recommendations to the General Assembly
23 focused on substantially increasing computer science
24 education and the capacity of youth to obtain the requisite
25 knowledge, skills, and practices to be educated in computer
26 science.

1 (5) To make funding recommendations, if the Task
2 Force's recommendations to the General Assembly would
3 require a fiscal commitment.

4 (g) No later than July 1, 2017, the Task Force shall
5 summarize its findings and recommendations in a report to the
6 General Assembly, filed as provided in Section 3.1 of the
7 General Assembly Organization Act. Upon filing its report, the
8 Task Force is dissolved.

9 (h) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2018.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.