



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB6136

Introduced 2/11/2016, by Rep. Litesa E. Wallace

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.167 new

Amends the School Code. Creates the Advisory Council on At-Risk Students within the State Board of Education. Sets forth provisions concerning the members of the Council, meetings of the Council, and administrative support to the Council. Requires the Council to accept and consider public comments when making its recommendations. Requires the Council to submit a report no later than December 15, 2016 to the State Superintendent of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly addressing (1) the barriers to success present for at-risk students; (2) how much socio-economic status impacts academic and career achievement; (3) how at-risk students perform academically; (4) how at-risk students perform academically compared to students from higher socio-economic statuses; (5) what programs are shown to help at-risk students reach higher levels of academic and career achievement; (6) what specific curriculums help the academic success of at-risk students; (7) of curriculums that help at-risk students, which of these need to be implemented within the Illinois Learning Standards; (8) to what degree school districts teach cultural history, and how this can be improved; (9) specific policy recommendations; and (10) any other information that the Council determines will assist in the understanding of the barriers to success for or increase the academic performance of at-risk students. Requires the Council to submit annual reports thereafter. Effective immediately.

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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 2-3.167 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.167 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.167. Advisory Council on At-Risk Students.

8 (a) For purposes of this Section, "at-risk students" means
9 students served by the Department of Human Services who receive
10 services through Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition
11 Assistance Program, the Children's Health Insurance Program,
12 or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, as well as students
13 under the legal custody of the Department of Children and
14 Family Services. Students may not be counted more than once for
15 receiving multiple services from the Department of Human
16 Services or if they receive those services and are under the
17 legal custody of the Department of Children and Family
18 Services.

19 (b) The Advisory Council on At-Risk Students is created
20 within the State Board of Education. The Advisory Council shall
21 consist of all of the following members:

22 (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives.

1 (2) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
2 House of Representatives.

3 (3) One member appointed by the President of the
4 Senate.

5 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
6 Senate.

7 (5) The following members appointed by the State
8 Superintendent of Education:

9 (A) One member who is an educator representing a
10 statewide professional teachers' organization.

11 (B) One member who is an educator representing a
12 different statewide professional teachers'
13 organization.

14 (C) One member who is an educator representing a
15 professional teachers' organization in a city having a
16 population exceeding 500,000.

17 (D) One member from an organization that works for
18 economic, educational, and social progress for African
19 Americans and promotes strong sustainable communities
20 through advocacy, collaboration, and innovation.

21 (E) One member from an organization that
22 facilitates the involvement of Latino Americans at all
23 levels of public decision-making.

24 (F) One member from an organization focused on
25 research-based education policy to support a school
26 system that prepares all students for college, a

1 career, and democratic citizenship.

2 (G) One member from an organization dedicated to
3 advocating for public policies to prevent
4 homelessness.

5 (H) One member from the Illinois Student
6 Assistance Commission.

7 (I) One member from an organization that works to
8 ensure the health and safety of Illinois youth and
9 families by providing capacity building services.

10 (J) One member from an organization that provides
11 public high school students with opportunities to
12 explore and develop their talents, while gaining
13 critical skills for work, college, and beyond.

14 (K) One member from an organization that promotes
15 the strengths and abilities of youth and families by
16 providing community-based services that empower each
17 to face life's challenges with confidence, competence,
18 and dignity.

19 (L) One member from an organization that connects
20 former members of the foster care system with current
21 children in the foster care system.

22 (M) One member who has experience with research and
23 statistics.

24 (N) Three members who are parents of at-risk
25 students.

26 Members of the Council shall, to the extent possible, be

1 selected on the basis of experience with or knowledge of
2 various programs for at-risk students. The Council shall, to
3 the extent possible, include diverse membership from a variety
4 of socio-economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds.

5 (c) Initial members of the Council shall serve terms
6 determined by lot as follows:

7 (1) Seven members shall serve for one year.

8 (2) Seven members shall serve for 2 years.

9 (3) The remaining members shall serve for 3 years.

10 Successors shall serve 3-year terms. Members must serve until
11 their successors are appointed and have qualified.

12 (d) Members of the Council shall not receive compensation
13 for the performance of their duties on the Council.

14 (e) The Council shall initially meet at the call of the
15 State Superintendent of Education. At the initial meeting,
16 members shall select a chairperson from among their number by
17 majority vote; a representative from the State Board of
18 Education may cast a deciding vote if there is a tie. The
19 Council shall select a chairperson annually, who may be the
20 same chairperson as the year prior. The Council shall meet at
21 the call of the chairperson after the initial meeting.

22 (f) The State Board of Education and City of Chicago School
23 District 299 shall provide administrative support to the
24 Council.

25 (g) The Council shall accept and consider public comments
26 when making its recommendations.

1 (h) By no later than December 15, 2016, the Council shall
2 submit a report to the State Superintendent of Education, the
3 Governor, and the General Assembly addressing, at a minimum,
4 the following:

5 (1) What are the barriers to success present for
6 at-risk students?

7 (2) How much does socio-economic status impact
8 academic and career achievement?

9 (3) How do at-risk students perform academically?

10 (4) How do at-risk students perform academically
11 compared to students from higher socio-economic statuses?

12 (5) What programs are shown to help at-risk students
13 reach higher levels of academic and career achievement?

14 (6) What specific curriculums help the academic
15 success of at-risk students?

16 (7) Of curriculums that help at-risk students, which of
17 these need to be implemented within the Illinois Learning
18 Standards?

19 (8) To what degree do school districts teach cultural
20 history, and how can this be improved?

21 (9) Specific policy recommendations to improve the
22 academic success of at-risk students.

23 (10) Any other information that the Council determines
24 will assist in the understanding of the barriers to success
25 for or increase the academic performance of at-risk
26 students.

1 The Council shall submit an annual report with updated
2 information on the barriers to academic success and the
3 academic progress of at-risk students by no later than December
4 15 of each year beginning the year after the initial report is
5 submitted.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.