

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 24A-7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/24A-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 24A-7)

7 Sec. 24A-7. Rules. The State Board of Education is
8 authorized to adopt such rules as are deemed necessary to
9 implement and accomplish the purposes and provisions of this
10 Article, including, but not limited to, rules (i) relating to
11 the methods for measuring student growth (including, but not
12 limited to, limitations on the age of useable data; the amount
13 of data needed to reliably and validly measure growth for the
14 purpose of teacher and principal evaluations; and whether and
15 at what time annual State assessments may be used as one of
16 multiple measures of student growth), (ii) defining the term
17 "significant factor" for purposes of including consideration
18 of student growth in performance ratings, (iii) controlling for
19 such factors as student characteristics (including, but not
20 limited to, students receiving special education and English
21 Language Learner services), student attendance, and student
22 mobility so as to best measure the impact that a teacher,
23 principal, school and school district has on students' academic

1 achievement, (iv) establishing minimum requirements for
2 district teacher and principal evaluation instruments and
3 procedures, and (v) establishing a model evaluation plan for
4 use by school districts in which student growth shall comprise
5 50% of the performance rating. Notwithstanding any provision in
6 this Section, such rules shall not preclude a school district
7 having 500,000 or more inhabitants from using an annual State
8 assessment as the sole measure of student growth for purposes
9 of teacher or principal evaluations.

10 The rules shall be developed through a process involving
11 collaboration with a Performance Evaluation Advisory Council,
12 which shall be convened and staffed by the State Board of
13 Education. Members of the Council shall be selected by the
14 State Superintendent and include, without limitation,
15 representatives of teacher unions and school district
16 management, persons with expertise in performance evaluation
17 processes and systems, as well as other stakeholders. The
18 Performance Evaluation Advisory Council shall meet at least
19 quarterly following the effective date of this amendatory Act
20 of the 96th General Assembly until June 30, 2021 ~~2017~~.

21 Prior to the applicable implementation date, these rules
22 shall not apply to teachers assigned to schools identified in
23 an agreement entered into between the board of a school
24 district operating under Article 34 of this Code and the
25 exclusive representative of the district's teachers in
26 accordance with Section 34-85c of this Code.

1 (Source: P.A. 95-510, eff. 8-28-07; 96-861, eff. 1-15-10;
2 96-1423, eff. 8-3-10.)