

# SB0736



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB0736

Introduced 2/3/2015, by Sen. Karen McConnaughay

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 230/5-30

Amends the School Construction Law. Provides that school districts shall receive a priority ranking from the State Board of Education within 90 days of the end of the current year's application cycle. Requires the State Board of Education to priority rank, by grant year, all school districts that have been waiting for longer than 90 days for school construction project grant funds.

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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 Construction Law is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-30 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-30)

7 Sec. 5-30. Priority of school construction projects. The  
8 State Board of Education shall develop standards for the  
9 determination of priority needs concerning school construction  
10 projects based upon approved district facilities plans. Such  
11 standards shall call for prioritization based on the degree of  
12 need and project type in the following order:

13 (1) Replacement or reconstruction of school buildings  
14 destroyed or damaged by flood, tornado, fire, earthquake,  
15 mine subsidence, or other disasters, either man-made or  
16 produced by nature;

17 (2) Projects designed to alleviate a shortage of  
18 classrooms due to population growth or to replace or  
19 rehabilitate aging school buildings;

20 (3) Projects resulting from interdistrict  
21 reorganization of school districts contingent on local  
22 referenda;

23 (4) Replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of

1 school facilities determined to be severe and continuing  
2 health or life safety hazards;

3 (5) Alterations necessary to provide accessibility for  
4 qualified individuals with disabilities; and

5 (6) Other unique solutions to facility needs.

6 Except for those changes absolutely necessary to comply with  
7 the changes made to subsection (c) of Section 5-25 of this Law  
8 by Public Act 96-37, the State Board of Education may not make  
9 any material changes to the standards in effect on May 18,  
10 2004, unless the State Board of Education is specifically  
11 authorized by law.

12 School districts shall receive a priority ranking from the  
13 State Board of Education within 90 days of the end of the  
14 current year's application cycle. The State Board of Education  
15 shall priority rank, by grant year, all school districts that  
16 have been waiting for longer than 90 days for school  
17 construction project grant funds.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09; 96-102, eff. 7-29-09;  
19 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 97-880, eff. 8-2-12.)