

SB1505



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1505

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/1A-4

from Ch. 122, par. 1A-4

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education's appointment of a State Superintendent of Education is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

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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 1A-4 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1A-4) (from Ch. 122, par. 1A-4)

7 Sec. 1A-4. Powers and duties of the Board.

8 A. (Blank).

9 B. The Board shall determine the qualifications of and
10 appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a chief
11 education officer, to be known as the State Superintendent of
12 Education, who may be proposed by the Governor and who shall
13 serve at the pleasure of the Board and pursuant to a
14 performance-based contract linked to statewide student
15 performance and academic improvement within Illinois schools.
16 Upon expiration or buyout of the contract of the State
17 Superintendent of Education in office on the effective date of
18 this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, a State
19 Superintendent of Education shall be appointed by a State Board
20 of Education that includes the 7 new Board members who were
21 appointed to fill seats of members whose terms were terminated
22 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd
23 General Assembly. Thereafter, a State Superintendent of

1 Education must, at a minimum, be appointed at the beginning of
2 each term of a Governor after that Governor has made
3 appointments to the Board. A performance-based contract issued
4 for the employment of a State Superintendent of Education
5 entered into on or after the effective date of this amendatory
6 Act of the 93rd General Assembly must expire no later than
7 February 1, 2007, and subsequent contracts must expire no later
8 than February 1 each 4 years thereafter. No contract shall be
9 extended or renewed beyond February 1, 2007 and February 1 each
10 4 years thereafter, but a State Superintendent of Education
11 shall serve until his or her successor is appointed. Each
12 contract entered into on or before January 8, 2007 with a State
13 Superintendent of Education must provide that the State Board
14 of Education may terminate the contract for cause, and the
15 State Board of Education shall not thereafter be liable for
16 further payments under the contract. With regard to this
17 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, it is the intent
18 of the General Assembly that, beginning with the Governor who
19 takes office on the second Monday of January, 2007, a State
20 Superintendent of Education be appointed at the beginning of
21 each term of a Governor after that Governor has made
22 appointments to the Board. The State Superintendent of
23 Education shall not serve as a member of the State Board of
24 Education. The Board shall set the compensation of the State
25 Superintendent of Education who shall serve as the Board's
26 chief executive officer. The Board shall also establish the

1 duties, powers and responsibilities of the State
2 Superintendent, which shall be included in the State
3 Superintendent's performance-based contract along with the
4 goals and indicators of student performance and academic
5 improvement used to measure the performance and effectiveness
6 of the State Superintendent. The State Board of Education may
7 delegate to the State Superintendent of Education the authority
8 to act on the Board's behalf, provided such delegation is made
9 pursuant to adopted board policy or the powers delegated are
10 ministerial in nature. The State Board may not delegate
11 authority under this Section to the State Superintendent to (1)
12 nonrecognize school districts, (2) withhold State payments as a
13 penalty, or (3) make final decisions under the contested case
14 provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act unless
15 otherwise provided by law.

16 C. The powers and duties of the State Board of Education
17 shall encompass all duties delegated to the Office of
18 Superintendent of Public Instruction on January 12, 1975,
19 except as the law providing for such powers and duties is
20 thereafter amended, and such other powers and duties as the
21 General Assembly shall designate. The Board shall be
22 responsible for the educational policies and guidelines for
23 public schools, pre-school through grade 12 and Vocational
24 Education in the State of Illinois. The Board shall analyze the
25 present and future aims, needs, and requirements of education
26 in the State of Illinois and recommend to the General Assembly

1 the powers which should be exercised by the Board. The Board
2 shall recommend the passage and the legislation necessary to
3 determine the appropriate relationship between the Board and
4 local boards of education and the various State agencies and
5 shall recommend desirable modifications in the laws which
6 affect schools.

7 D. Two members of the Board shall be appointed by the
8 chairperson to serve on a standing joint Education Committee, 2
9 others shall be appointed from the Board of Higher Education, 2
10 others shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Illinois
11 Community College Board, and 2 others shall be appointed by the
12 chairperson of the Human Resource Investment Council. The
13 Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations
14 concerning the submission of any workforce development plan or
15 workforce training program required by federal law or under any
16 block grant authority. The Committee will be responsible for
17 developing policy on matters of mutual concern to elementary,
18 secondary and higher education such as Occupational and Career
19 Education, Teacher Preparation and Certification, Educational
20 Finance, Articulation between Elementary, Secondary and Higher
21 Education and Research and Planning. The joint Education
22 Committee shall meet at least quarterly and submit an annual
23 report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the
24 State Board of Education, the Board of Higher Education, the
25 Illinois Community College Board, the Human Resource
26 Investment Council, the Governor, and the General Assembly. All

1 meetings of this Committee shall be official meetings for
2 reimbursement under this Act. On the effective date of this
3 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Joint
4 Education Committee is abolished.

5 E. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A
6 majority vote of the members appointed, confirmed and serving
7 on the Board is required to approve any action, except that the
8 7 new Board members who were appointed to fill seats of members
9 whose terms were terminated on the effective date of this
10 amendatory act of the 93rd General Assembly may vote to approve
11 actions when appointed and serving.

12 Using the most recently available data, the Board shall
13 prepare and submit to the General Assembly and the Governor on
14 or before January 14, 1976 and annually thereafter a report or
15 reports of its findings and recommendations. Such annual report
16 shall contain a separate section which provides a critique and
17 analysis of the status of education in Illinois and which
18 identifies its specific problems and recommends express
19 solutions therefor. Such annual report also shall contain the
20 following information for the preceding year ending on June 30:
21 each act or omission of a school district of which the State
22 Board of Education has knowledge as a consequence of scheduled,
23 approved visits and which constituted a failure by the district
24 to comply with applicable State or federal laws or regulations
25 relating to public education, the name of such district, the
26 date or dates on which the State Board of Education notified

1 the school district of such act or omission, and what action,
2 if any, the school district took with respect thereto after
3 being notified thereof by the State Board of Education. The
4 report shall also include the statewide high school dropout
5 rate by grade level, sex and race and the annual student
6 dropout rate of and the number of students who graduate from,
7 transfer from or otherwise leave bilingual programs. The
8 Auditor General shall annually perform a compliance audit of
9 the State Board of Education's performance of the reporting
10 duty imposed by this amendatory Act of 1986. A regular system
11 of communication with other directly related State agencies
12 shall be implemented.

13 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall
14 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,
15 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of
16 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the
17 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Council, as
18 required by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization
19 Act, and filing such additional copies with the State
20 Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly
21 as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State
22 Library Act.

23 F. Upon appointment of the 7 new Board members who were
24 appointed to fill seats of members whose terms were terminated
25 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd
26 General Assembly, the Board shall review all of its current

1 rules in an effort to streamline procedures, improve
2 efficiency, and eliminate unnecessary forms and paperwork.

3 (Source: P.A. 95-626, eff. 6-1-08; 95-793, eff. 1-1-09.)