

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 renumbering and
5 changing Section 2-3.167, as added by Public Act 99-721, as
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.168)

8 Sec. 2-3.168 ~~2-3.167~~. Advisory Council on At-Risk
9 Students.

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

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

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

3 (2) One member of the House of Representatives
4 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
5 Representatives.

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

8 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
9 Leader of the Senate.

10 (5) The following members appointed by the State
11 Superintendent of Education:

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

14 (B) One member who is an educator representing a
15 different statewide professional teachers'
16 organization.

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

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

24 (E) One member from an organization that
25 facilitates the involvement of Latino Americans at all
26 levels of public decision-making.

1 (F) One member from an organization focused on
2 research-based education policy to support a school
3 system that prepares all students for college, a
4 career, and democratic citizenship.

5 (G) One member from an organization dedicated to
6 advocating for public policies to prevent
7 homelessness.

8 (H) One member from the Illinois Student
9 Assistance Commission.

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

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

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

22 (L) One member from an organization that connects
23 former members of the foster care system with current
24 children in the foster care system.

25 (M) One member who has experience with research and
26 statistics.

1 (N) Three members who are parents of at-risk
2 students.

3 (O) One member from an organization that optimizes
4 the positive growth of at-risk youth and individuals
5 working with at-risk youth through support services.

6 (P) One member from a statewide organization
7 representing regional superintendents ~~offices~~ of
8 schools education.

9 (Q) One member from an association representing
10 school management.

11 (R) One member from an organization representing
12 principals in a city having a population exceeding
13 500,000.

14 Members of the Council shall, to the extent possible, be
15 selected on the basis of experience with or knowledge of
16 various programs for at-risk students. The Council shall, to
17 the extent possible, include diverse membership from a variety
18 of socio-economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds.

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

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

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

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

24 However, upon the appointment of the additional members under
25 this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, terms for the
26 initial members of the Council shall be redetermined, with the

1 initial and additional members of the Council serving as
2 follows:

3 (A) Members appointed under subdivisions (1) through
4 (4) of subsection (b) of this Section shall serve on the
5 Council until their successors are appointed.

6 (B) Of the members appointed under subdivision (5) of
7 subsection (b) of this Section, 6 members shall serve for
8 one year, 6 members shall serve for 2 years, and the
9 remaining members shall serve for 3 years, as determined by
10 lot.

11 (c-5) Successors to members appointed under subdivisions
12 (1) through (4) of subsection (b) of this Section shall serve
13 on the Council until their successors are appointed. Successors
14 to members appointed under subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of
15 this Section shall serve 3-year terms and. Members must serve
16 until their successors are appointed and have qualified.

17 (d) Members of the Council shall serve without compensation
18 but may be reimbursed for travel if funds are made available
19 for that specific purpose not receive compensation for the
20 performance of their duties on the Council.

21 (e) The Council shall initially meet at the call of the
22 State Superintendent of Education. The At the initial meeting,
23 members shall elect select a chairperson from among their
24 number at their initial meeting, with successor chairpersons
25 being elected as determined by the Council by majority vote; a
26 representative from the State Board of Education may cast a

1 ~~deciding vote if there is a tie. The Council shall select a~~
2 ~~chairperson annually, who may be the same chairperson as the~~
3 ~~year prior. Thereafter, the The Council shall meet at the call~~
4 of the chairperson ~~after the initial meeting.~~

5 (f) The State Board of Education and City of Chicago School
6 District 299 shall provide administrative support to the
7 Council.

8 (g) The Council shall operate under the provisions of the
9 Open Meetings Act and accept and consider public comments ~~when~~
10 ~~making its recommendations.~~

11 (h) By no later than December 15, 2017, the Council shall
12 submit a report to the State Board ~~Superintendent~~ of Education,
13 the Governor, and the General Assembly addressing, at a
14 minimum, the following with respect to school districts where
15 racial minorities comprise a majority of the student
16 population:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (6) What specific curriculums help the academic

1 success of at-risk students?

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

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

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

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

13 The Council shall submit an annual report regarding ~~with~~
14 ~~updated information on the~~ barriers to academic success and the
15 academic progress of at-risk students by no later than December
16 31 ~~15~~ of each year beginning the year after the initial report
17 is submitted.

18 (Source: P.A. 99-721, eff. 8-5-16; revised 10-14-16.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.