

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 2-3.163 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.163. Virtual education review committee.

8 (a) The State Superintendent of Education shall establish a  
9 review committee to review virtual education and course choice.  
10 The review committee shall consist of all of the following  
11 individuals appointed by the State Superintendent:

12 (1) One representative of the State Board of Education,  
13 who shall serve as chairperson.

14 (2) One parent.

15 (3) One educator representing a statewide professional  
16 teachers' organization.

17 (4) One educator representing a different statewide  
18 professional teachers' organization.

19 (5) One educator representing a professional teachers'  
20 organization in a city having a population exceeding  
21 500,000.

22 (6) One school district administrator representing an  
23 association that represents school administrators.

1           (7) One school principal representing an association  
2           that represents school principals.

3           (8) One school board member representing an  
4           association that represents school board members.

5           (9) One special education administrator representing  
6           an association that represents special education  
7           administrators.

8           (10) One representative of a school district in a city  
9           having a population exceeding 500,000.

10           (11) One school principal representing an association  
11           that represents school principals in a city having a  
12           population exceeding 500,000.

13           (12) One representative of an education advocacy group  
14           that works with parents.

15           (13) One representative of an education public policy  
16           organization.

17           (14) One representative of an institution of higher  
18           education.

19           (15) One representative of a virtual school in this  
20           State.

21           The review committee shall also consist of all of the following  
22           members appointed as follows:

23           (A) One member of the Senate appointed by the President  
24           of the Senate.

25           (B) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
26           Leader of the Senate.

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

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

6           Members of the review committee shall serve without  
7           compensation, but, subject to appropriation, members may be  
8           reimbursed for travel.

9           (b) The review committee shall meet at least 4 times, at  
10          the call of the chairperson, to review virtual education and  
11          course choice. This review shall include a discussion on  
12          virtual course access programs, including the ability of  
13          students to enroll in online coursework and access technology  
14          to complete courses. The review committee shall make  
15          recommendations on changes and improvements and provide best  
16          practices for virtual education and course choice in this  
17          State. The review committee shall determine funding mechanisms  
18          and district cost projections to administer course access  
19          programs.

20          (c) The State Board of Education shall provide  
21          administrative and other support to the review committee.

22          (d) The review committee shall report its findings and  
23          recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later  
24          than May 31, 2016. Upon filing its report, the review committee  
25          is dissolved.

26          (e) This Section is repealed on June 1, 2016.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.