99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-21.4	from Ch. 122, par. 10-21.4
105 ILCS 5/10-23.8	from Ch. 122, par. 10-23.8

Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Provides that in certain school districts with boundaries that lie in 3 counties, the school board may appoint a chief executive officer to serve as its superintendent. Provides that the chief executive officer shall have all powers and duties of the superintendent. Makes corresponding changes.

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AN ACT concerning education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
10-21.4 and 10-23.8 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-21.4) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-21.4)

7 Sec. 10-21.4. Superintendent - Duties. Except in districts in which there is only one school with fewer less than four 8 9 teachers, to employ a superintendent or a chief executive officer who shall have charge of the administration of the 10 schools under the direction of the board of education. In 11 addition to the administrative duties, the superintendent 12 13 shall make recommendations to the board concerning the budget, 14 building plans, the locations of sites, the selection, retention and dismissal of teachers and all other employees, 15 16 the selection of textbooks, instructional material and courses 17 of study. However, in districts under a Financial Oversight Panel pursuant to Section 1A-8 for violating a financial plan, 18 19 the duties and responsibilities of the superintendent in 20 relation to the financial and business operations of the 21 district shall be approved by the Panel. In the event the Board refuses or fails to follow a directive or comply with an 22 information request of the Panel, the performance of those 23

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duties shall be subject to the direction of the Panel. The 1 2 superintendent shall also notify the State Board of Education, the board and the chief administrative official, other than the 3 alleged perpetrator himself, in the school where the alleged 4 5 perpetrator serves, that any person who is employed in a school 6 or otherwise comes into frequent contact with children in the school has been named as a perpetrator in an indicated report 7 8 filed pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, 9 approved June 26, 1975, as amended. The superintendent shall keep or cause to be kept the records and accounts as directed 10 11 and required by the board, aid in making reports required by 12 the board, and perform such other duties as the board may 13 delegate to him.

In addition, each year at a time designated by the State 14 15 Superintendent of Education, each superintendent shall report 16 to the State Board of Education the number of high school 17 students in the district who are enrolled in accredited courses (for which high school credit will be awarded upon successful 18 completion of the courses) at any community college, together 19 20 with the name and number of the course or courses which each 21 such student is taking.

22 The provisions of this section shall also apply to board of 23 director districts.

In school districts with boundaries that lie in 3 counties, one county of which has a population exceeding 1,000,000 inhabitants, the school board may, by a vote of a majority of

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its full membership, appoint a chief executive officer to serve as its superintendent, who shall be a person of recognized administrative ability and management experience, be responsible for the management of the district, and have all other powers and duties of the superintendent as set forth in this Code, but who shall be exempt from the provisions and requirements of Section 21B-15 of this Code.

8 Notice of intent not to renew a contract must be given in 9 writing stating the specific reason therefor by April 1 of the 10 contract year unless the contract specifically provides 11 otherwise. Failure to do so will automatically extend the 12 contract for an additional year. Within 10 days after receipt 13 of notice of intent not to renew a contract, the superintendent may request a closed session hearing on the dismissal. At the 14 15 hearing the superintendent has the privilege of presenting 16 evidence, witnesses and defenses on the grounds for dismissal. 17 The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a district under a Financial Oversight Panel pursuant to Section 1A-8 for 18 19 violating a financial plan.

20 (Source: P.A. 97-256, eff. 1-1-12.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/10-23.8) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-23.8)

22 Sec. 10-23.8. Superintendent contracts. After the 23 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 and the 24 expiration of contracts in effect on the effective date of this 25 amendatory Act, school districts may only employ a superintendent <u>or chief executive officer</u> under either a
 contract for a period not exceeding one year or a
 performance-based contract for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Performance-based contracts shall be linked to student 4 5 performance and academic improvement within the schools of the 6 districts. No performance-based contract shall be extended or 7 rolled-over prior to its scheduled expiration unless all the 8 performance and improvement goals contained in the contract 9 have been met. Each performance-based contract shall include 10 the goals and indicators of student performance and academic 11 improvement determined and used by the local school board to 12 measure the performance and effectiveness of the 13 superintendent and such other information as the local school 14 board may determine.

By accepting the terms of a multi-year contract, the superintendent <u>or chief executive officer</u> waives all rights granted him or her under Sections 24-11 through 24-16 of this Act only for the term of the multi-year contract. Upon acceptance of a multi-year contract, the superintendent <u>or</u> <u>chief executive officer</u> shall not lose any previously acquired tenure credit with the district.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-314, eff. 1-1-00.)