

1 AN ACT relating to schools.

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
5 Section 18-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/18-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-12)

7 Sec. 18-12. Dates for filing State aid claims.) The
8 school board of each school district shall require teachers,
9 principals, or superintendents to furnish from records kept
10 by them such data as it needs in preparing and certifying
11 under oath or affirmation to the regional superintendent its
12 school district report of claims provided in Sections 18-8
13 through 18-10 on blanks to be provided by the State
14 Superintendent of Education. The district claim shall be
15 based on the latest available equalized assessed valuation
16 and tax rates, as provided in Section 18-8 and shall use the
17 average daily attendance as determined by the method outlined
18 in Section 18-8 and shall be certified and filed with the
19 regional superintendent by July 1. Failure to so file by
20 July 1 constitutes a forfeiture of the right to receive
21 payment by the State until such claim is filed and vouchered
22 for payment. The regional superintendent of schools shall
23 certify the county report of claims by July 15; and the State
24 Superintendent of Education shall voucher for payment those
25 claims to the State Comptroller as provided in Section 18-11.

26 If any school district fails to provide the minimum
27 school term specified in Section 10-19, the State aid claim
28 for that year shall be reduced by the State Superintendent of
29 Education in an amount equivalent to .56818% for each day
30 less than the number of days required by this Act. However,
31 if the State Superintendent of Education determines that such

1 failure to provide the minimum school term was occasioned by
2 an act or acts of God, or was occasioned by conditions beyond
3 the control of the school district which posed a hazardous
4 threat to the health and safety of pupils, the State aid
5 claim need not be reduced.

6 If, during any school day, (i) a school district has
7 provided at least one clock hour of instruction but must
8 close the schools due to adverse weather or a threat to the
9 health or safety of pupils ~~conditions~~ prior to providing the
10 minimum hours of instruction required for a full day of
11 attendance, or (ii) the school district must delay the start
12 of the school day due to adverse weather or a threat to the
13 health or safety of pupils ~~conditions~~ and this delay prevents
14 the district from providing the minimum hours of instruction
15 required for a full day of attendance, the partial day of
16 attendance may be counted as a full day of attendance. The
17 partial day of attendance and the reasons therefor shall be
18 certified in writing within a month of the closing or delayed
19 start by the local school district superintendent to the
20 Regional Superintendent of Schools for forwarding to the
21 State Superintendent of Education for approval.

22 No exception to the requirement of providing a minimum
23 school term may be approved by the State Superintendent of
24 Education pursuant to this Section unless a school district
25 has first used all emergency days provided for in its regular
26 calendar.

27 If the State Superintendent of Education declares that an
28 energy shortage exists during any part of the school year for
29 the State or a designated portion of the State, a district
30 may operate the school attendance centers within the district
31 4 days of the week during the time of the shortage by
32 extending each existing school day by one clock hour of
33 school work, and the State aid claim shall not be reduced,
34 nor shall the employees of that district suffer any reduction

1 in salary or benefits as a result thereof. A district may
2 operate all attendance centers on this revised schedule, or
3 may apply the schedule to selected attendance centers, taking
4 into consideration such factors as pupil transportation
5 schedules and patterns and sources of energy for individual
6 attendance centers.

7 No State aid claim may be filed for any district unless
8 the clerk or secretary of the school board executes and files
9 with the State Superintendent of Education, on forms
10 prescribed by the Superintendent, a sworn statement that the
11 district has complied with the requirements of Section
12 10-22.5 in regard to the nonsegregation of pupils on account
13 of color, creed, race, sex or nationality.

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15 the clerk or secretary of the school board executes and files
16 with the State Superintendent of Education, on forms
17 prescribed by the Superintendent, a sworn statement that to
18 the best of his or her knowledge or belief the employing or
19 assigning personnel have complied with Section 24-4 in all
20 respects.

21 (Source: P.A. 90-98, eff. 7-11-97.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
23 July 1, 2001.