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AN ACT to amend the School Code.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing 5 Sections 1D-1, 14-7.02, 14-8.01, and 18-4.3 and adding 6 Section 14-7.02b as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/1D-1)

8 Sec. 1D-1. Block grant funding.

(a) For fiscal year 1996 and each fiscal 9 year thereafter, the State Board of Education shall award to a 10 school district having a population exceeding 500,000 11 12 inhabitants а general education block grant and an 13 educational services block grant, determined as provided in this Section, in lieu of distributing to the district 14 15 separate State funding for the programs described in 16 subsections (b) and (c). The provisions of this Section, however, do not apply to any federal funds that the district 17 is entitled to receive. In accordance with Section 2-3.32, 18 19 all block grants are subject to an audit. Therefore, block 20 grant receipts and block grant expenditures shall be recorded to the appropriate fund code for the designated block grant. 21

22 (b) The general education block grant shall include the following programs: REI Initiative, Summer Bridges, Preschool 23 At Risk, K-6 Comprehensive Arts, School Improvement Support, 24 Urban Education, Scientific Literacy, 25 Substance Abuse 26 Prevention, Second Language Planning, Staff Development, 27 Outcomes and Assessment, K-6 Reading Improvement, Truants' Optional Education, Hispanic Programs, Agriculture Education, 28 29 Gifted Education, Parental Education, Prevention Initiative, and Criminal Background Investigations. 30 Report Cards, Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all amounts paid 31

1 under the general education block grant from State 2 appropriations to a school district in a city having a exceeding 500,000 inhabitants shall 3 population be 4 appropriated and expended by the board of that district for 5 any of the programs included in the block grant or any of the б board's lawful purposes.

7 (c) The educational services block grant shall include 8 the following programs: Bilingual, Regular and Vocational 9 Transportation, State Lunch and Free Breakfast Program, Special Education (Personnel, Extraordinary, Transportation, 10 11 Orphanage,-Private-Tuition), funding for children requiring special education services, Summer School, Educational 12 and Administrator's 13 Service Centers, Academy. This subsection (c) does not relieve the district of 14 its 15 obligation to provide the services required under a program 16 that is included within the educational services block grant. It is the intention of the General Assembly in enacting the 17 provisions of this subsection (c) to relieve the district of 18 19 the administrative burdens that impede efficiency and single-program funding. The General Assembly 20 accompany 21 encourages the board to pursue mandate waivers pursuant to 22 Section 2-3.25g.

23 The funding program included in the educational services block grant for funding for children requiring special 24 25 education services in each fiscal year shall be treated in 26 that fiscal year as a payment to the school district in respect of services provided or costs incurred in the prior 27 fiscal year, calculated in each case as provided in this 28 29 Section. Nothing in this Section shall change the nature of 30 payments for any program that, apart from this Section, would 31 be or, prior to adoption or amendment of this Section, was on 32 the basis of a payment in a fiscal year in respect of 33 services provided or costs incurred in the prior fiscal year, 34 calculated in each case as provided in this Section.

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1 (d) For fiscal year 1996 and each fiscal year 2 thereafter, the amount of the district's block grants shall be determined as follows: (i) with respect to each program 3 4 is included within each block grant, the district shall that 5 receive an amount equal to the same percentage of the current б fiscal year appropriation made for that program as the 7 percentage of the appropriation received by the district from 8 the 1995 fiscal year appropriation made for that program, and 9 (ii) the total amount that is due the district under the block grant shall be the aggregate of the amounts that 10 the 11 district is entitled to receive for the fiscal year with respect to each program that is included within the block 12 grant that the State Board of Education shall award the 13 district under this Section for that fiscal year. 14 Tn the 15 case of the Summer Bridges program, the amount of the 16 district's block grant shall be equal to 44% of the amount of the current fiscal year appropriation made for that program. 17

18 (e) The district is not required to file any application 19 or other claim in order to receive the block grants to which 20 it is entitled under this Section. The State Board of 21 Education shall make payments to the district of amounts due 22 under the district's block grants on a schedule determined by 23 the State Board of Education.

(f) A school district to which this Section applies
shall report to the State Board of Education on its use of
the block grants in such form and detail as the State Board
of Education may specify.

This paragraph provides for the treatment of block 28 (g) 29 grants under Article 1C for purposes of calculating the 30 amount of block grants for a district under this Section. Those block grants under Article <u>1C</u> IE are, for this purpose, 31 32 treated as included in the amount of appropriation for the 33 various programs set forth in paragraph (b) above. The appropriation in each current fiscal year for each block 34

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1 grant under Article 1C shall be treated for these purposes as 2 appropriations for the individual program included in that block grant. The proportion of each block grant so allocated 3 4 to each such program included in it shall be the proportion 5 which the appropriation for that program was of all б appropriations for such purposes now in that block grant, in 7 fiscal 1995.

8 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98;
9 91-711, eff. 7-1-00; revised 12-04-01.)

10 (105 ILCS 5/14-7.02) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-7.02)

Sec. 14-7.02. Children attending private schools, public out-of-state schools, public school residential facilities or private special education facilities. The General Assembly recognizes that non-public schools or special education facilities provide an important service in the educational system in Illinois.

17 If because of his or her disability the special education program of a district is unable to meet the needs of a child 18 and the child attends a non-public school or 19 special 20 education facility, a public out-of-state school or a special 21 education facility owned and operated by a county government 22 unit that provides special educational services required by the child and is in compliance with the appropriate rules and 23 24 regulations of the State Superintendent of Education, the school district in which the child is a resident shall pay 25 the actual cost of tuition for special education and related 26 services provided during the regular school term and during 27 28 the summer school term if the child's educational needs so 29 require, excluding room, board and transportation costs charged the child by that non-public school or special 30 31 education facility, public out-of-state school or county special education facility, or \$4,500 per year, whichever is 32 33 less, and shall provide him any necessary transportation.

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1 "Nonpublic special education facility" shall include a
2 residential facility, within or without the State of
3 Illinois, which provides special education and related
4 services to meet the needs of the child by utilizing private
5 schools or public schools, whether located on the site or off
6 the site of the residential facility.

7 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and 8 regulations for determining when placement in a private special education facility is appropriate. Such rules and 9 regulations shall take into account the various types of 10 11 services needed by a child and the availability of such services to the particular child in the public school. In 12 13 developing these rules and regulations the State Board of shall consult with the Advisory Council 14 Education on 15 Education of Children with Disabilities and hold public 16 hearings to secure recommendations from parents, school personnel, and others concerned about this matter. 17

18 The State Board of Education shall also promulgate rules 19 and regulations for transportation to and from a residential 20 school. Transportation-to-and-from-home-to-a-residential 21 school-more-than-once-each-school-term-shall-be-subject-to 22 prior-approval-by-the-State-Superintendent-in-accordance-with 23 the-rules-and-regulations-of-the-State-Board.

24 A--school--district--making--tuition-payments-pursuant-to 25 this-Section-is-eligible-for-reimbursement-from-the-State-for 26 the-amount-of-such-payments-actually-made-in-excess-of-the 27 district-per-capita-tuition-charge-for-students-not-receiving 28 special--education--services---Such--reimbursement--shall--be 29 approved---in--accordance--with--Section--14-12-01--and--each 30 district-shall-file-its-claims,-computed-in--accordance--with 31 rules--prescribed--by--the-State-Board-of-Education,-on-forms 32 prescribed-by-the-State-Superintendent--of--Education----Data 33 used--as--a--basis--of--reimbursement-claims-shall-be-for-the 34 preceding-regular-school-term-and-summer-school--term----Each

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1 school--district-shall-transmit-its-claims-to-the-State-Board 2 of-Education-on-or-before-August--15----The--State--Board--of 3 Education,--before-approving-any-such-claims,-shall-determine 4 their-accuracy-and-whether-they-are-based-upon--services--and 5 facilities--provided--under-approved-programs---Upon-approval 6 the-State-Board-shall-eause-vouchers-to-be--prepared--showing 7 the--amount-due-for-payment-of-reimbursement-claims-to-school 8 districts,-for-transmittal-to-the-State--Comptroller--on--the 9 30th-day-of-September,-December,-and-March,-respectively,-and 10 the--final--voucher,--no--later--than--June--20.-If-the-money 11 appropriated-by-the-General-Assembly-for-such-purpose-for-any 12 year-is-insufficient,-it-shall-be-apportioned-on-the-basis-of 13 the-elaims-approved.

No child shall be placed in a special education program 14 15 pursuant to this Section if the tuition cost for special 16 education and related services increases more than 10 percent over the tuition cost for the previous school year or exceeds 17 \$4,500 per year unless such costs have been approved by the 18 19 Illinois Purchased Care Review Board. The Illinois Purchased Care Review Board shall consist of the following 20 21 persons, or their designees: the Directors of Children and 22 Family Services, Public Health, Public Aid, and the Bureau of 23 the Budget; the Secretary of Human Services; the State Superintendent of Education; and such other persons as the 24 25 Governor may designate. The Review Board shall establish rules and regulations for its determination of allowable 26 costs and payments made by local school districts for special 27 room and board, and other related 28 education, services 29 provided by non-public schools or special education 30 facilities and shall establish uniform standards and criteria which it shall follow. 31

The Review Board shall establish uniform definitions and criteria for accounting separately by special education, room and board and other related services costs. The Board shall

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1 also establish guidelines for the coordination of services 2 and financial assistance provided by all State agencies to assure that no otherwise qualified disabled child receiving 3 4 under Article 14 shall be excluded from services participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected 5 to discrimination under any program or activity provided by 6 7 any State agency.

8 The Review Board shall review the costs for special 9 education and related services provided by non-public schools 10 or special education facilities and shall approve or 11 disapprove such facilities in accordance with the rules and 12 regulations established by it with respect to allowable 13 costs.

14 The State Board of Education shall provide administrative 15 and staff support for the Review Board as deemed reasonable 16 by the State Superintendent of Education. This support shall 17 not include travel expenses or other compensation for any 18 Review Board member other than the State Superintendent of 19 Education.

The Review Board shall seek the advice of the Advisory Council on Education of Children with Disabilities on the rules and regulations to be promulgated by it relative to providing special education services.

24 If a child has been placed in a program in which the 25 actual per pupil costs of tuition for special education and related services based on program enrollment, excluding room, 26 board and transportation costs, exceed \$4,500 and such costs 27 have been approved by the Review Board, the district shall 28 29 pay such total costs which exceed \$4,500. A-district--making 30 such--tuition--payments--in-excess-of-\$4,500-pursuant-to-this 31 Section-shall-be-responsible--for--an--amount--in--excess--of \$4,500--equal--to--the-district-per-capita-tuition-charge-and 32 33 shall-be-eligible-for-reimbursement-from-the--State--for--the 34 amount--of--such--payments--actually--made--in--excess-of-the

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1 districts--per--capita--tuition--charge--for---students---not 2 receiving-special-education-services.

If a child has been placed in an approved individual 3 4 program and the tuition costs including room and board costs have been approved by the Review Board, then such room and 5 6 board costs shall be paid by the appropriate State agency subject to the provisions of Section 14-8.01 of this Act. 7 8 Room and board costs not provided by a State agency other 9 than the State Board of Education shall be provided by the State Board of Education on a current basis. In no event, 10 11 however, shall the State's liability for funding of these 12 tuition costs begin until after the legal obligations of third party payors have been subtracted from such costs. 13 Τf the money appropriated by the General Assembly for such 14 purpose for any year is insufficient, it shall be apportioned 15 16 on the basis of the claims approved. Each district shall submit estimated claims to the State Superintendent of 17 18 Education. Upon approval of such claims, the State 19 Superintendent of Education shall direct the State 20 Comptroller to make payments on a monthly basis. The 21 frequency for submitting estimated claims and the method of 22 determining payment shall be prescribed in rules and 23 regulations adopted by the State Board of Education. Such current state reimbursement shall be reduced by an amount 24 25 equal to the proceeds which the child or child's parents are eligible to receive under any public or private insurance or 26 27 assistance program. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as relieving an insurer or similar third party from 28 29 an otherwise valid obligation to provide or to pay for 30 services provided to a disabled child.

31 If--it-otherwise-qualifies,-a-school-district-is-eligible
32 for-the-transportation-reimbursement-under--Section--14-13.01
33 and--for--the--reimbursement--of--tuition-payments-under-this
34 Section-whether-the-non-public-school--or--special--education

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1 facility,---public--out-of-state--school--or--county--special 2 education-facility,-attended-by-a-child-who-resides--in--that 3 district-and-requires-special-educational-services7-is-within 4 or--outside-of-the-State-of-Illinois---However,-a-district-is 5 not-eligible-to-elaim-transportation-reimbursement-under-this 6 Section--unless--the--district---certifies---to---the---State 7 Superintendent--of--Education--that-the-district-is-unable-to 8 provide-special-educational-services-required--by--the--child 9 for-the-current-school-year.

Nothing-in-this-Section-authorizes-the-reimbursement-of-a 10 11 school--district--for--the-amount-paid-for-tuition-of-a-child 12 attending-a-non-public-school-or-special-education--facility, 13 public---out-of-state--school--or--county--special--education 14 facility-unless-the-school-district-certifies--to--the--State 15 Superintendent---of--Education--that--the--special--education 16 program-of-that-district-is-unable-to-meet-the-needs-of--that 17 ehild--because-of-his-disability-and-the-State-Superintendent 18 of-Education-finds-that-the-school-district-is-in-substantial 19 compliance-with-Section-14-4-01-

20 Any educational or related services provided, pursuant to 21 this Section in a non-public school or special education 22 facility or a special education facility owned and operated 23 by a county government unit shall be at no cost to the parent or guardian of the child. However, current law and practices 24 25 relative to contributions by parents or guardians for costs 26 other than educational or related services are not affected by this amendatory Act of 1978. 27

28 Reimbursement---for---children--attending--public--school 29 residential-facilities-shall-be-made-in-accordance--with--the 30 provisions-of-this-Section.

31 (Source: P.A. 91-764, eff. 6-9-00.)

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(105 ILCS 5/14-7.02b new)

33 <u>Sec. 14-7.02b. Funding for children requiring special</u>

1 education services. Payments to school districts and joint 2 agreements for children requiring special education services documented in their individualized education program 3 4 regardless of the program from which these services are received, excluding children claimed under Section 14-7.03 of 5 6 this Code, shall be made in accordance with this Section. Funds received under this Section may be used only for the 7 8 provision of special educational facilities and services as 9 defined in Section 14-1.08 of this Code.

10 The appropriation for fiscal year 2003 and thereafter 11 shall be based upon the IDEA child count of all students in 12 the State, excluding students claimed under Section 14-7.03 13 of this Code, on December 1 of the fiscal year 2 years 14 preceding, multiplied by 21% of the general State aid 15 foundation level of support established for that fiscal year 16 under Section 18-8.05 of this Code.

Beginning with fiscal year 2003 and thereafter, 17 individual school districts shall not receive payments 18 totaling less than they received under the funding authorized 19 under Sections 14-7.02 and 14-7.02a of this Code during 20 fiscal year 2002, pursuant to the provisions of those 21 22 Sections as they were in effect before the effective date of 23 this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly. This base 24 level funding shall be computed first.

25 An amount equal to 85% of the funds remaining in the appropriation after subtracting the base level funding shall 26 27 be allocated to school districts based upon the district's average daily attendance reported for purposes of Section 28 29 18-8.05 of this Code for the preceding school year. Fifteen percent of the funds remaining in the appropriation after 30 subtracting the base level funding shall be allocated to 31 school districts based upon the district's low income 32 eligible pupil count used in the calculation of general State 33 aid under Section 18-8.05 of this Code for the same fiscal 34

1 year. Eighty percent of the funds computed and allocated to 2 districts under this Section shall be distributed and paid to school districts who are members of recognized joint 3 4 agreements for special education. The remaining 20% shall be paid to the joint agreement for special education to which 5 the district is a member. Districts that are not members of 6 recognized joint agreements for special education shall 7 receive 100% of the funds computed and allocated under this 8 9 Section.

10 The 20% of the funds paid to the recognized joint 11 agreements for special education and 20% of the funds 12 received by districts that are not members of joint agreements for special education must be set aside in a High 13 Cost Fund for the payment of services, in whole or in part, 14 15 for individual students with disabilities whose program costs 16 exceed 3 times the district's per capita tuition rate as calculated under Section 10-20.12a of this Code. The 17 management and distribution of funds from the High Cost Fund 18 shall be in accordance with rules promulgated by the State 19 Board of Education. 20

21 The State Board of Education shall prepare vouchers equal 22 to one-fourth the amount allocated to districts and their joint agreements, for transmittal to the State Comptroller on 23 the 30th day of September, December, and March, respectively, 24 25 and the final voucher, no later than June 20. The Comptroller shall make payments pursuant to this Section to school 26 districts and their joint agreements as soon as possible 27 after receipt of vouchers. If the money appropriated from the 28 General Assembly for such purposes for any year is 29 30 insufficient, it shall be apportioned on the basis of the 31 payments due to school districts and their joint agreements. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to decrease or 32

33 increase the percentage of all special education funds that 34 are allocated annually under Article 1D of this Code or to -12-

alter the requirement that a school district provide special
 education services.
 Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
 Assembly shall eliminate any reimbursement obligation owed as
 of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd
 General Assembly to a school district with in excess of
 500,000 inhabitants.

8 (105 ILCS 5/14-8.01) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-8.01)

9 Sec. 14-8.01. Supervision of special education buildings 10 and facilities. All special educational facilities, building 11 programs, housing, and all educational programs for the types 12 of disabled children defined in Section 14-1.02 shall be 13 under the supervision of and subject to the approval of the 14 State Board of Education.

15 All special education facilities, building programs, and 16 housing shall comply with the building code authorized by 17 Section 2-3.12.

18 All educational programs for children with disabilities as defined in Section 14-1.02 administered by any State 19 20 agency shall be under the general supervision of the State 21 Board of Education. Such supervision shall be limited to 22 that such educational programs meet standards insuring jointly developed and agreed to by both the State Board of 23 24 Education and the operating State agency, including standards 25 for educational personnel.

Any State agency providing special educational programs for children with disabilities as defined in Section 14-1.02 shall promulgate rules and regulations, in consultation with the State Board of Education and pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act as now or hereafter amended, to insure that all such programs comply with this Section and Section 14-8.02.

No otherwise qualified disabled child receiving special

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education and related services under Article 14 shall solely by reason of his or her disability be excluded from the participation in or be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity provided by a State agency.

State agencies providing special education and related 6 7 services, including room and board, either directly or 8 through grants or purchases of services shall continue to 9 provide these services according to current law and practice. Room and board costs not provided by a State agency other 10 11 than the State Board of Education shall be provided by the State Board of Education to the extent of available funds. 12 An amount equal to one-half of the State education agency's 13 IDEA PART B federal monies, or so much thereof as 14 share of 15 may actually be needed, shall annually be appropriated to pay 16 for the additional costs of providing for room and board for those children placed pursuant to Section 14-7.02 of this 17 Code Act and, after all such room and board costs are paid, 18 19 for similar expenditures for children served pursuant to Section 14-7.02 θr --14-7- $\theta 2a$ of this <u>Code</u> Aet, based in 20 21 community based programs that serve as alternatives to 22 residential placements.

23 Beginning with Fiscal Year 1997 and continuing through Fiscal Year 2000, 100% of the former Chapter I, Section 24 25 89-313 federal funds shall be allocated by the State Board of Education in the same manner as IDEA, PART B "flow through" 26 funding to local school districts, joint agreements, 27 and cooperatives for the maintenance of 28 special education 29 instructional and related support services to students with 30 disabilities. However, beginning with Fiscal Year 1998, the total IDEA Part B discretionary funds available to the State 31 32 Board of Education shall not exceed the maximum permissible under federal law or 20% of the total federal funds available 33 34 to the State, whichever is less. In no case shall the

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1 aggregate IDEA Part B discretionary funds received by the 2 State Board of Education exceed the amount of IDEA Part B discretionary funds available to the State Board of Education 3 4 for Fiscal Year 1997, excluding any carryover funds from 5 prior fiscal years, increased by 3% for Fiscal Year 1998 and additional 3% for each fiscal year 6 increased by an 7 thereafter. After all room and board payments and similar expenditures are made by the State Board of Education as 8 9 required by this Section, the State Board of Education may use the remaining funds for administration and for providing 10 11 discretionary activities. However, the State Board of Education may use no more than 25% of its available IDEA Part 12 B discretionary funds for administrative services. 13

14 Special education and related services included in the 15 child's individualized educational program which are not 16 provided by another State agency shall be included in the 17 special education and related services provided by the State 18 Board of Education and the local school district.

19 The State Board of Education with the advice of the Advisory Council shall prescribe the standards and make the 20 21 necessary rules and regulations for special education programs administered by local school boards, including but 22 23 limited to establishment of classes, not. training requirements of teachers and other professional personnel, 24 25 eligibility and admission of pupils, the curriculum, class size limitation, building programs, housing, transportation, 26 equipment and instructional supplies, 27 special and the applications for claims for reimbursement. The State Board of 28 29 Education shall promulgate rules and regulations for annual 30 evaluations of the effectiveness of all special education programs and annual evaluation by the local school district 31 of the individualized educational program for each child for 32 whom it provides special education services. 33

34 A school district is responsible for the provision of

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educational services for all school age children residing within its boundaries excluding any student placed under the provisions of Section 14-7.02 or any disabled student whose parent or guardian lives outside of the State of Illinois as described in Section 14-1.11.

6 (Source: P.A. 89-397, eff. 8-20-95; 89-622, eff. 8-9-96; 7 90-547, eff. 12-1-97.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/18-4.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 18-4.3)

9 Sec. 18-4.3. Summer school grants. Grants shall be 10 determined for pupil attendance in summer schools conducted 11 under Sections 10-22.33A and 34-18 and approved under Section 12 2-3.25 in the following manner.

The amount of grant for each accredited summer school 13 attendance pupil shall be obtained by dividing the total 14 15 amount of apportionments determined under Section 18-8.05 by the actual number of pupils in average daily attendance used 16 17 for such apportionments. The number of credited summer 18 school attendance pupils shall be determined (a) by counting clock hours of class instruction by pupils enrolled in grades 19 20 1 through 12 in approved courses conducted at least 60 clock 21 hours in summer sessions; (b) by dividing such total of clock 22 hours of class instruction by 4 to produce days of credited pupil attendance; (c) by dividing such days of credited pupil 23 24 attendance by the actual number of days in the regular term as used in computation in the general apportionment in 25 Section 18-8.05; and (d) by multiplying by 1.25. 26

The amount of the grant for a summer school program approved by the State Superintendent of Education for children with disabilities, as defined in Sections 14-1.02 through 14-1.07, shall be determined in the manner contained above except that average daily membership shall be utilized in lieu of average daily attendance.

33 In the case of an apportionment based on summer school

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1 attendance or membership pupils, the claim therefor shall be 2 presented as a separate claim for the particular school year which such summer school session ends. On or before 3 in 4 November 1 of each year the superintendent of each eligible school district shall certify to the State Superintendent of 5 6 Education the claim of the district for the summer session 7 just ended. Failure on the part of the school board to so certify shall constitute a forfeiture of its right to such 8 9 The State Superintendent of Education shall payment. transmit to the Comptroller no later than December 15th of 10 11 each year vouchers for payment of amounts due school districts for summer school. The State Superintendent of 12 Education shall direct the Comptroller to draw his warrants 13 for payments thereof by the 30th day of December. If 14 the money appropriated by the General Assembly for such purpose 15 16 for any year is insufficient, it shall be apportioned on the basis of claims approved. 17

However, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, for each fiscal year the money appropriated by the General Assembly for the purposes of this Section shall only be used for grants for approved summer school programs for those children with disabilities served pursuant to <u>Section</u> Sections 14-7.02 and 14-7.02 a of <u>this</u> the School Code. (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-764, eff. 6-9-00.)

25 (105 ILCS 5/14-7.02a rep.)

26 Section 10. The School Code is amended by repealing 27 Section 14-7.02a.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect uponbecoming law.

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