1	92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2	FIRST CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
3	ON SENATE BILL 1983
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- To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
- 8 We, the conference committee appointed to consider the
- 9 differences between the houses in relation to House
- 10 Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1983, recommend the
- 11 following:
- 12 (1) that the Senate concur in House Amendments Nos. 1
- 13 and 2; and
- 14 (2) that Senate Bill 1983, AS AMENDED, be further
- 15 amended as follows:
- in Section 5, in the introductory clause, by replacing "and
- 17 14C-4" with "14C-4, and 18-8.05"; and
- in Section 5, immediately below the end of Sec. 14C-4, by
- 19 inserting the following:
- 20 "(105 ILCS 5/18-8.05)
- 21 Sec. 18-8.05. Basis for apportionment of general State
- 22 financial aid and supplemental general State aid to the
- common schools for the 1998-1999 and subsequent school years.
- 24 (A) General Provisions.
- 25 (1) The provisions of this Section apply to the
- 1998-1999 and subsequent school years. The system of general
- 27 State financial aid provided for in this Section is designed
- 28 to assure that, through a combination of State financial aid
- 29 and required local resources, the financial support provided
- 30 each pupil in Average Daily Attendance equals or exceeds a
- 31 prescribed per pupil Foundation Level. This formula approach
- 32 imputes a level of per pupil Available Local Resources and

general State financial aid that, when added to Available
Local Resources, equals or exceeds the Foundation Level. The
amount of per pupil general State financial aid for school
districts, in general, varies in inverse relation to

provides for the basis to calculate a per pupil level of

- 6 Available Local Resources. Per pupil amounts are based upon
- 7 each school district's Average Daily Attendance as that term
- 8 is defined in this Section.

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- (2) In addition to general State financial aid, school districts with specified levels or concentrations of pupils from low income households are eligible to receive supplemental general State financial aid grants as provided pursuant to subsection (H). The supplemental State aid grants provided for school districts under subsection (H) shall be appropriated for distribution to school districts as part of the same line item in which the general State financial aid of school districts is appropriated under this Section.
 - (3) To receive financial assistance under this Section, school districts are required to file claims with the State Board of Education, subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) Any school district which fails for any given school year to maintain school as required by law, or to maintain a recognized school is not eligible to file for such school year any claim upon the Common School Fund. In case of nonrecognition of one or more attendance school district otherwise operating centers in а recognized schools, the claim of the district shall reduced in the proportion which the Average Daily Attendance in the attendance center or centers bear to the Average Daily Attendance in the school district. A "recognized school" means any public school which meets the standards as established for recognition by the State A school district or attendance Board of Education. center not having recognition status at the end of school term is entitled to receive State aid payments due

- upon a legal claim which was filed while it was recognized.
- 3 (b) School district claims filed under this Section 4 are subject to Sections 18-9, 18-10, and 18-12, except as 5 otherwise provided in this Section.
 - (c) If a school district operates a full year school under Section 10-19.1, the general State aid to the school district shall be determined by the State Board of Education in accordance with this Section as near as may be applicable.
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- 12 (4) Except as provided in subsections (H) and (L), the 13 board of any district receiving any of the grants provided 14 for in this Section may apply those funds to any fund so 15 received for which that board is authorized to make 16 expenditures by law.
- School districts are not required to exert a minimum

 Operating Tax Rate in order to qualify for assistance under
 this Section.
- 20 (5) As used in this Section the following terms, when capitalized, shall have the meaning ascribed herein:
 - (a) "Average Daily Attendance": A count of pupil attendance in school, averaged as provided for in subsection (C) and utilized in deriving per pupil financial support levels.
 - (b) "Available Local Resources": A computation of local financial support, calculated on the basis of Average Daily Attendance and derived as provided pursuant to subsection (D).
- 30 (c) "Corporate Personal Property Replacement
 31 Taxes": Funds paid to local school districts pursuant to
 32 "An Act in relation to the abolition of ad valorem
 33 personal property tax and the replacement of revenues
 34 lost thereby, and amending and repealing certain Acts and
 35 parts of Acts in connection therewith", certified August

- 1 14, 1979, as amended (Public Act 81-1st S.S.-1).
- 2 (d) "Foundation Level": A prescribed level of per
- 3 pupil financial support as provided for in subsection
- 4 (B).
- 5 (e) "Operating Tax Rate": All school district
- 6 property taxes extended for all purposes, except Bond and
- 7 Interest, Summer School, Rent, Capital Improvement, and
- 8 Vocational Education Building purposes.
- 9 (B) Foundation Level.
- 10 (1) The Foundation Level is a figure established by the
- 11 State representing the minimum level of per pupil financial
- 12 support that should be available to provide for the basic
- 13 education of each pupil in Average Daily Attendance. As set
- 14 forth in this Section, each school district is assumed to
- 15 exert a sufficient local taxing effort such that, in
- 16 combination with the aggregate of general State financial aid
- 17 provided the district, an aggregate of State and local
- 18 resources are available to meet the basic education needs of
- 19 pupils in the district.
- 20 (2) For the 1998-1999 school year, the Foundation Level
- of support is \$4,225. For the 1999-2000 school year, the
- 22 Foundation Level of support is \$4,325. For the 2000-2001
- 23 school year, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,425.
- 24 (3) For the 2001-2002 school year and each school year
- 25 thereafter, the Foundation Level of support is \$4,560 or such
- 26 greater amount as may be established by law by the General
- 27 Assembly.
- 28 (C) Average Daily Attendance.
- 29 (1) For purposes of calculating general State aid
- 30 pursuant to subsection (E), an Average Daily Attendance
- 31 figure shall be utilized. The Average Daily Attendance
- 32 figure for formula calculation purposes shall be the monthly
- 33 average of the actual number of pupils in attendance of each
- 34 school district, as further averaged for the best 3 months of

- 1 pupil attendance for each school district. In compiling the
- 2 figures for the number of pupils in attendance, school
- 3 districts and the State Board of Education shall, for
- 4 purposes of general State aid funding, conform attendance
- figures to the requirements of subsection (F).
- 6 (2) The Average Daily Attendance figures utilized in
- 7 subsection (E) shall be the requisite attendance data for the
- 8 school year immediately preceding the school year for which
- 9 general State aid is being calculated or the average of the
- 10 attendance data for the 3 preceding school years, whichever
- 11 is greater. The Average Daily Attendance figures utilized in
- 12 subsection (H) shall be the requisite attendance data for the
- school year immediately preceding the school year for which
- 14 general State aid is being calculated.
- 15 (D) Available Local Resources.
- 16 (1) For purposes of calculating general State aid
- 17 pursuant to subsection (E), a representation of Available
- 18 Local Resources per pupil, as that term is defined and
- 19 determined in this subsection, shall be utilized. Available
- 20 Local Resources per pupil shall include a calculated dollar
- 21 amount representing local school district revenues from local
- 22 property taxes and from Corporate Personal Property
- 23 Replacement Taxes, expressed on the basis of pupils in
- 24 Average Daily Attendance.
- 25 (2) In determining a school district's revenue from
- 26 local property taxes, the State Board of Education shall
- 27 utilize the equalized assessed valuation of all taxable
- 28 property of each school district as of September 30 of the
- 29 previous year. The equalized assessed valuation utilized
- 30 shall be obtained and determined as provided in subsection
- 31 (G).
- 32 (3) For school districts maintaining grades kindergarten
- 33 through 12, local property tax revenues per pupil shall be
- 34 calculated as the product of the applicable equalized

- assessed valuation for the district multiplied by 3.00%, and
- 2 divided by the district's Average Daily Attendance figure.
- 3 For school districts maintaining grades kindergarten through
- 4 8, local property tax revenues per pupil shall be calculated
- 5 as the product of the applicable equalized assessed valuation
- for the district multiplied by 2.30%, and divided by the
- 7 district's Average Daily Attendance figure. For school
- 8 districts maintaining grades 9 through 12, local property tax
- 9 revenues per pupil shall be the applicable equalized assessed
- valuation of the district multiplied by 1.05%, and divided by
- 11 the district's Average Daily Attendance figure.
- 12 (4) The Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes
- paid to each school district during the calendar year 2 years
- 14 before the calendar year in which a school year begins,
- 15 divided by the Average Daily Attendance figure for that
- 16 district, shall be added to the local property tax revenues
- 17 per pupil as derived by the application of the immediately
- 18 preceding paragraph (3). The sum of these per pupil figures
- 19 for each school district shall constitute Available Local
- 20 Resources as that term is utilized in subsection (E) in the
- 21 calculation of general State aid.
- 22 (E) Computation of General State Aid.
- 23 (1) For each school year, the amount of general State
- 24 aid allotted to a school district shall be computed by the
- 25 State Board of Education as provided in this subsection.
- 26 (2) For any school district for which Available Local
- 27 Resources per pupil is less than the product of 0.93 times
- 28 the Foundation Level, general State aid for that district
- 29 shall be calculated as an amount equal to the Foundation
- 30 Level minus Available Local Resources, multiplied by the
- 31 Average Daily Attendance of the school district.
- 32 (3) For any school district for which Available Local
- 33 Resources per pupil is equal to or greater than the product
- of 0.93 times the Foundation Level and less than the product

- of 1.75 times the Foundation Level, the general State aid per
- 2 pupil shall be a decimal proportion of the Foundation Level
- 3 derived using a linear algorithm. Under this linear
- 4 algorithm, the calculated general State aid per pupil shall
- 5 decline in direct linear fashion from 0.07 times the
- 6 Foundation Level for a school district with Available Local
- 7 Resources equal to the product of 0.93 times the Foundation
- 8 Level, to 0.05 times the Foundation Level for a school
- 9 district with Available Local Resources equal to the product
- 10 of 1.75 times the Foundation Level. The allocation of
- 11 general State aid for school districts subject to this
- 12 paragraph 3 shall be the calculated general State aid per
- 13 pupil figure multiplied by the Average Daily Attendance of
- 14 the school district.
- 15 (4) For any school district for which Available Local
- 16 Resources per pupil equals or exceeds the product of 1.75
- 17 times the Foundation Level, the general State aid for the
- 18 school district shall be calculated as the product of \$218
- 19 multiplied by the Average Daily Attendance of the school
- 20 district.

- 21 (5) The amount of general State aid allocated to a
- 22 school district for the 1999-2000 school year meeting the
- 23 requirements set forth in paragraph (4) of subsection (G)
- 24 shall be increased by an amount equal to the general State
- 25 aid that would have been received by the district for the
- 26 1998-1999 school year by utilizing the Extension Limitation
- of subsection (G) less the general State aid allotted for the

Equalized Assessed Valuation as calculated in paragraph (4)

- 29 1998-1999 school year. This amount shall be deemed a one
- time increase, and shall not affect any future general State
- 31 aid allocations.
- 32 (F) Compilation of Average Daily Attendance.
- 33 (1) Each school district shall, by July 1 of each year,
- 34 submit to the State Board of Education, on forms prescribed

- 1 by the State Board of Education, attendance figures for the
- 2 school year that began in the preceding calendar year. The
- 3 attendance information so transmitted shall identify the
- 4 average daily attendance figures for each month of the school
- 5 year, except that any days of attendance in August shall be
- 6 added to the month of September and any days of attendance in
- 7 June shall be added to the month of May.
- 8 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, days of
- 9 attendance by pupils shall be counted only for sessions of
- 10 not less than 5 clock hours of school work per day under
- 11 direct supervision of: (i) teachers, or (ii) non-teaching
- 12 personnel or volunteer personnel when engaging in
- 13 non-teaching duties and supervising in those instances
- 14 specified in subsection (a) of Section 10-22.34 and paragraph
- 15 10 of Section 34-18, with pupils of legal school age and in
- 16 kindergarten and grades 1 through 12.
- Days of attendance by tuition pupils shall be accredited
- only to the districts that pay the tuition to a recognized
- 19 school.
- 20 (2) Days of attendance by pupils of less than 5 clock
- 21 hours of school shall be subject to the following provisions
- in the compilation of Average Daily Attendance.
- 23 (a) Pupils regularly enrolled in a public school
- for only a part of the school day may be counted on the
- 25 basis of 1/6 day for every class hour of instruction of
- 40 minutes or more attended pursuant to such enrollment,
- 27 unless a pupil is enrolled in a block-schedule format of
- 28 80 minutes or more of instruction, in which case the
- 29 pupil may be counted on the basis of the proportion of
- 30 minutes of school work completed each day to the minimum
- number of minutes that school work is required to be held
- 32 that day.
- 33 (b) Days of attendance may be less than 5 clock
- hours on the opening and closing of the school term, and
- upon the first day of pupil attendance, if preceded by a

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day or days utilized as an institute or teachers' workshop.

- (c) A session of 4 or more clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance upon certification by the regional superintendent, and approved by the State Superintendent of Education to the extent that the district has been forced to use daily multiple sessions.
- (d) A session of 3 or more clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance (1) when the remainder of the school day or at least 2 hours in the evening of that is utilized for an in-service training program for teachers, up to a maximum of 5 days per school year of which a maximum of 4 days of such 5 days may be used for parent-teacher conferences, provided a district an in-service training program for teachers which has been approved by the State Superintendent of Education; or, in lieu of 4 such days, 2 full days may be used, in which event each such day may be counted as a day of attendance; and (2) when days in addition to those provided in item (1) are scheduled by a school pursuant to its school improvement plan adopted under Article 34 or its revised or amended school improvement plan adopted under Article 2, provided that (i) such sessions of 3 or more clock hours are scheduled to occur at regular intervals, (ii) the remainder of the school days in which such sessions occur are utilized for in-service training or other staff development activities for programs teachers, and (iii) a sufficient number of minutes of school work under the direct supervision of teachers are added to the school days between such regularly scheduled sessions to accumulate not less than the number of minutes by which such sessions of 3 or more clock hours fall short of 5 clock hours. Any full days used for the purposes of this paragraph shall not be considered for computing average daily attendance. Days scheduled for

in-service training programs, staff development activities, or parent-teacher conferences may be scheduled separately for different grade levels and different attendance centers of the district.

- (e) A session of not less than one clock hour of teaching hospitalized or homebound pupils on-site or by telephone to the classroom may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance, however these pupils must receive 4 or more clock hours of instruction to be counted for a full day of attendance.
- (f) A session of at least 4 clock hours may be counted as a day of attendance for first grade pupils, and pupils in full day kindergartens, and a session of 2 or more hours may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance by pupils in kindergartens which provide only 1/2 day of attendance.
- (g) For children with disabilities who are below the age of 6 years and who cannot attend 2 or more clock hours because of their disability or immaturity, a session of not less than one clock hour may be counted as 1/2 day of attendance; however for such children whose educational needs so require a session of 4 or more clock hours may be counted as a full day of attendance.
- (h) A recognized kindergarten which provides for only 1/2 day of attendance by each pupil shall not have more than 1/2 day of attendance counted in any one day. However, kindergartens may count 2 1/2 days of attendance in any 5 consecutive school days. When a pupil attends such a kindergarten for 2 half days on any one school day, the pupil shall have the following day as a day absent from school, unless the school district obtains permission in writing from the State Superintendent of Education. Attendance at kindergartens which provide for a full day of attendance by each pupil shall be counted the same as attendance by first grade pupils. Only the

first year of attendance in one kindergarten shall be counted, except in case of children who entered the kindergarten in their fifth year whose educational development requires a second year of kindergarten as determined under the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

(G) Equalized Assessed Valuation Data.

For purposes of the calculation of Available Local Resources required pursuant to subsection (D), the State Board of Education shall secure from the Department of Revenue the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property of every school district, together with (i) the applicable tax rate used in extending taxes for the funds of the district as of September 30 of the previous year and (ii) the limiting rate for all school districts subject to property tax extension limitations as imposed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

This equalized assessed valuation, as adjusted further by the requirements of this subsection, shall be utilized in the calculation of Available Local Resources.

- (2) The equalized assessed valuation in paragraph (1) shall be adjusted, as applicable, in the following manner:
 - (a) For the purposes of calculating State aid under this Section, with respect to any part of a school district within a redevelopment project area in respect to which a municipality has adopted tax increment allocation financing pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, Sections 11-74.4-1 through 11-74.4-11 of the Illinois Municipal Code or the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law, Sections 11-74.6-1 through 11-74.6-50 of the Illinois Municipal Code, no part of the current equalized assessed valuation of real property located in any such project area which is attributable to an increase above the total initial equalized assessed

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valuation of such property shall be used as part of the equalized assessed valuation of the district, until such time as all redevelopment project costs have been paid, as provided in Section 11-74.4-8 of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act or in Section 11-74.6-35 of the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law. For the purpose of the equalized assessed valuation of the district, the total initial equalized assessed valuation or the current equalized assessed valuation, whichever is lower, shall be used until such time as all redevelopment project costs have been paid.

- (b) The real property equalized assessed valuation a school district shall be adjusted by subtracting from the real property value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the district an amount computed by dividing the amount of any abatement of taxes under Section 18-170 of the Property Tax Code by 3.00% for a district maintaining grades kindergarten through by 2.30% for а district maintaining kindergarten through 8, or by 1.05% for a district maintaining grades 9 through 12 and adjusted by an amount computed by dividing the amount of any abatement of taxes under subsection (a) of Section 18-165 of the Property Tax Code by the same percentage rates for district type as specified in this subparagraph (b).
- (3) For the 1999-2000 school year and each school year thereafter, if a school district meets all of the criteria of this subsection (G)(3), the school district's Available Local Resources shall be calculated under subsection (D) using the district's Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation as calculated under this subsection (G)(3).
- For purposes of this subsection (G)(3) the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- 34 "Budget Year": The school year for which general 35 State aid is calculated and awarded under subsection (E).

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"Base Tax Year": The property tax levy year used to calculate the Budget Year allocation of general State aid.

"Preceding Tax Year": The property tax levy year immediately preceding the Base Tax Year.

"Base Tax Year's Tax Extension": The product of the equalized assessed valuation utilized by the County Clerk in the Base Tax Year multiplied by the limiting rate as calculated by the County Clerk and defined in the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

"Preceding Tax Year's Tax Extension": The product of the equalized assessed valuation utilized by the County Clerk in the Preceding Tax Year multiplied by the Operating Tax Rate as defined in subsection (A).

"Extension Limitation Ratio": A numerical ratio, certified by the County Clerk, in which the numerator is the Base Tax Year's Tax Extension and the denominator is the Preceding Tax Year's Tax Extension.

"Operating Tax Rate": The operating tax rate as defined in subsection (A).

If a school district is subject to property tax extension limitations as imposed under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, the State Board of Education shall calculate the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of that district. For the 1999-2000 school year, the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated by the State Board of Education shall be equal to the product of the district's 1996 Equalized Assessed Valuation and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. For the 2000-2001 school year and each school year thereafter, the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school district as calculated by the State Board of Education shall be equal to the product of the Equalized Assessed Valuation last used in the calculation of general State aid and the district's Extension Limitation Ratio. If the

- 1 Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation of a school
- 2 district as calculated under this subsection (G)(3) is less
- 3 than the district's equalized assessed valuation as
- 4 calculated pursuant to subsections (G)(1) and (G)(2), then
- 5 for purposes of calculating the district's general State aid
- 6 for the Budget Year pursuant to subsection (E), that
- 7 Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation shall be
- 8 utilized to calculate the district's Available Local
- 9 Resources under subsection (D).
- 10 (4) For the purposes of calculating general State aid
- 11 for the 1999-2000 school year only, if a school district
- 12 experienced a triennial reassessment on the equalized
- 13 assessed valuation used in calculating its general State
- 14 financial aid apportionment for the 1998-1999 school year,
- 15 the State Board of Education shall calculate the Extension
- 16 Limitation Equalized Assessed Valuation that would have been
- used to calculate the district's 1998-1999 general State aid.
- 18 This amount shall equal the product of the equalized assessed
- 19 valuation used to calculate general State aid for the
- 20 1997-1998 school year and the district's Extension Limitation
- 21 Ratio. If the Extension Limitation Equalized Assessed
- 22 Valuation of the school district as calculated under this
- 23 paragraph (4) is less than the district's equalized assessed
- valuation utilized in calculating the district's 1998-1999
- 25 general State aid allocation, then for purposes of
- 26 calculating the district's general State aid pursuant to
- 27 paragraph (5) of subsection (E), that Extension Limitation
- 28 Equalized Assessed Valuation shall be utilized to calculate
- 29 the district's Available Local Resources.
- 30 (5) For school districts having a majority of their
- 31 equalized assessed valuation in any county except Cook,
- 32 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will, if the amount of
- 33 general State aid allocated to the school district for the
- 34 1999-2000 school year under the provisions of subsection (E),
- 35 (H), and (J) of this Section is less than the amount of

- 1 general State aid allocated to the district for the 1998-1999
- 2. school year under these subsections, then the general State
- aid of the district for the 1999-2000 school year only shall 3
- 4 increased by the difference between these amounts.
- total payments made under this paragraph (5) shall not exceed 5
- \$14,000,000. Claims shall be prorated if they 6 exceed
- \$14,000,000. 7

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- Supplemental General State Aid. 8
- 9 In addition to the general State aid a school district is allotted pursuant to subsection (E), qualifying 10 11 school districts shall receive a grant, paid in conjunction with a district's payments of general State aid, 12 supplemental general State aid based upon the concentration 13 level of children from low-income households within 14 15 school district. Supplemental State aid grants provided for 16 school districts under this subsection shall be appropriated for distribution to school districts as part of the same line 17 item in which the general State financial aid of school 18 19 districts is appropriated under this Section. For purposes of this subsection, the term "Low-Income Concentration Level" 20 21 shall be the low-income eligible pupil count from the most recently available federal census divided by the Average 22 23 Daily Attendance of the school district. If, however, (i) the percentage decrease from the 2 most recent federal censuses 24 25 in the low-income eligible pupil count of a high school district with fewer than 400 students exceeds by 75% or more 26 the percentage change in the total low-income eligible pupil 27 of contiguous elementary school districts, whose 28 29 boundaries are coterminous with the high school district, 30 (ii) a high school district within 2 counties and serving 5 elementary school districts, whose boundaries are coterminous 31
 - the 2 most recent federal censuses in the low-income eligible pupil count and there is a percentage increase in the total

with the high school district, has a percentage decrease from

- 1 low-income eligible pupil count of a majority of the 2 elementary school districts in excess of 50% from the 2 most 3 recent federal censuses, then the high school district's low-income eligible pupil count from the earlier federal 4 census shall be the number used as the low-income eligible 5 pupil count for the high school district, for purposes of 6 this subsection (H). The changes made to this paragraph (1) 7 8 by Public Act 92-28 this-amendatory-Act-of-the--92nd--General Assembly shall apply to supplemental general State aid grants 9 paid in fiscal year 1999 and in each fiscal year thereafter 10 and to any State aid payments made in fiscal year 1994 11 through fiscal year 1998 pursuant to subsection 1(n) of 12 13 Section 18-8 of this Code (which was repealed on July 1, 1998), and any high school district that is affected by 14 15 Public Act 92-28 this-amendatory--Act--of--the--92nd--General Assembly is entitled to a recomputation of its supplemental 16 general State aid grant or State aid paid in any of those 17 fiscal years. This recomputation shall not be affected by 18 19 any other funding. 20
- 20 (2) Supplemental general State aid pursuant to this 21 subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 22 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 school years only:

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- (a) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 20% and less than 35%, the grant for any school year shall be \$800 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
- (b) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 35% and less than 50%, the grant for the 1998-1999 school year shall be \$1,100 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
- (c) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 50% and less than 60%, the grant for the 1998-99 school year shall be \$1,500 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (d) For any school district with a Low Income

Concentration Level of 60% or more, the grant for the 1998-99 school year shall be \$1,900 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.

- (e) For the 1999-2000 school year, the per pupil amount specified in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) immediately above shall be increased to \$1,243, \$1,600, and \$2,000, respectively.
- (f) For the 2000-2001 school year, the per pupil amounts specified in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d) immediately above shall be \$1,273, \$1,640, and \$2,050, respectively.
- 12 (2.5) Supplemental general State aid pursuant to this 13 subsection (H) shall be provided as follows for the 2002-2003 14 2001-2002 school year and each school year thereafter:
 - (a) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of less than 10%, the grant for each school year shall be \$355 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (b) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 10% and less than 20%, the grant for each school year shall be \$675 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (c) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 20% and less than 35%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,330 \$1,190 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (d) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 35% and less than 50%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,362 \$1,362 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (e) For any school district with a Low Income Concentration Level of at least 50% and less than 60%, the grant for each school year shall be \$1,680 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.
 - (f) For any school district with a Low Income

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Concentration Level of 60% or more, the grant for each school year shall be \$2,080 multiplied by the low income eligible pupil count.

- (3) School districts with an Average Daily Attendance of more than 1,000 and less than 50,000 that qualify for supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection shall submit a plan to the State Board of Education prior to October 30 of each year for the use of the funds resulting from this grant of supplemental general State aid for the improvement of instruction in which priority is given to meeting the education needs of disadvantaged children. Such plan shall be submitted in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.
- (4) School districts with an Average Daily Attendance of 50,000 or more that qualify for supplemental general State aid pursuant to this subsection shall be required to distribute from funds available pursuant to this Section, no less than \$261,000,000 in accordance with the following requirements:
 - (a) The required amounts shall be distributed to the attendance centers within the district in proportion to the number of pupils enrolled at each attendance center who are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches or breakfasts under the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and under the National School Lunch Act during the immediately preceding school year.
 - (b) The distribution of these portions of supplemental and general State aid among attendance centers according to these requirements shall not be compensated for or contravened by adjustments of the total of other funds appropriated to any attendance centers, and the Board of Education shall utilize funding from one or several sources in order to fully implement this provision annually prior to the opening of school.
 - (c) Each attendance center shall be provided by the

school district a distribution of noncategorical funds and other categorical funds to which an attendance center is entitled under law in order that the general State aid and supplemental general State aid provided by application of this subsection supplements rather than supplants the noncategorical funds and other categorical funds provided by the school district to the attendance centers.

- (d) Any funds made available under this subsection that by reason of the provisions of this subsection are not required to be allocated and provided to attendance centers may be used and appropriated by the board of the district for any lawful school purpose.
- (e) Funds received by an attendance center pursuant to this subsection shall be used by the attendance center at the discretion of the principal and local school council for programs to improve educational opportunities at qualifying schools through the following programs and services: early childhood education, reduced class size or improved adult to student classroom ratio, enrichment programs, remedial assistance, attendance improvement, and other educationally beneficial expenditures which supplement the regular and basic programs as determined by the State Board of Education. Funds provided shall not be expended for any political or lobbying purposes as defined by board rule.
- (f) Each district subject to the provisions of this subdivision (H)(4) shall submit an acceptable plan to meet the educational needs of disadvantaged children, in compliance with the requirements of this paragraph, to the State Board of Education prior to July 15 of each year. This plan shall be consistent with the decisions of local school councils concerning the school expenditure plans developed in accordance with part 4 of Section 34-2.3. The State Board shall approve or reject the plan

within 60 days after its submission. If the plan is rejected, the district shall give written notice of intent to modify the plan within 15 days of the notification of rejection and then submit a modified plan within 30 days after the date of the written notice of intent to modify. Districts may amend approved plans pursuant to rules promulgated by the State Board of Education.

Upon notification by the State Board of Education that the district has not submitted a plan prior to July 15 or a modified plan within the time period specified herein, the State aid funds affected by that plan or modified plan shall be withheld by the State Board of Education until a plan or modified plan is submitted.

If the district fails to distribute State aid to attendance centers in accordance with an approved plan, the plan for the following year shall allocate funds, in addition to the funds otherwise required by this subsection, to those attendance centers which were underfunded during the previous year in amounts equal to such underfunding.

For purposes of determining compliance with this subsection in relation to the requirements of attendance center funding, each district subject to the provisions of this subsection shall submit as a separate document by December 1 of each year a report of expenditure data for the prior year in addition to any modification of its current plan. If it is determined that there has been a failure to comply with the expenditure provisions of this subsection regarding contravention or supplanting, the State Superintendent of Education shall, within 60 days of receipt of the report, notify the district and any affected local school council. The district shall within 45 days of receipt of that notification inform the State Superintendent of Education of the remedial or corrective

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action to be taken, whether by amendment of the current plan, if feasible, or by adjustment in the plan for the following year. Failure to provide the expenditure report or the notification of remedial or corrective action in a timely manner shall result in a withholding of the affected funds.

The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection. No funds shall be released under this subdivision (H)(4) to any district that has not submitted a plan that has been approved by the State Board of Education.

- (I) General State Aid for Newly Configured School Districts.
 - (1) For a new school district formed by combining property included totally within 2 or more previously existing school districts, for its first year of existence the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be computed for the new district and for the previously existing districts for which property is totally included within the new district. If the computation on the basis of the previously existing districts is greater, a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made for the first 4 years of existence of the new district.
- (2) For a school district which annexes all of the territory of one or more entire other school districts, for the first year during which the change of boundaries attributable to such annexation becomes effective for all purposes as determined under Section 7-9 or 7A-8, the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be computed for the annexing district as constituted after the annexation and for the annexing and each annexed district as constituted prior to the annexation; and if the computation on the basis of the annexing and

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annexed districts as constituted prior to the annexation is greater, a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made for the first 4 years of existence of the annexing school district as constituted upon such annexation.

For 2 or more school districts which annex all the territory of one or more entire other school districts, and for 2 or more community unit districts which result upon the division (pursuant to petition under Section 11A-2) of one or more other unit school districts into 2 or more parts and which together include all of the parts into which such other unit school district or districts are so divided, first year during which the change of boundaries attributable to such annexation or division becomes effective for all purposes as determined under Section 7-9 or as the case may be, the general State aid and supplemental general State aid calculated under this Section shall be annexing or resulting district as computed for each constituted after the annexation or division and for annexing and annexed district, or for each resulting and divided district, as constituted prior to the annexation division; and if the aggregate of the general State aid and supplemental general State aid as so computed for t.he annexing or resulting districts as constituted after the annexation or division is less than the aggregate of the general State aid and supplemental general State aid as computed for the annexing and annexed districts, or for the resulting and divided districts, as constituted prior to annexation or division, then a supplementary payment equal to the difference shall be made and allocated between or among the annexing or resulting districts, as constituted upon such annexation or division, for the first 4 years of their The total difference payment shall be allocated existence. between or among the annexing or resulting districts in same ratio as the pupil enrollment from that portion of the annexed or divided district or districts which is annexed to

1 or included in each such annexing or resulting district bears 2. to the total pupil enrollment from the entire annexed or divided district or districts, as such pupil enrollment is 3 4 determined for the school year last ending prior to the date when the change of boundaries attributable to the annexation 5 or division becomes effective for all purposes. The amount 6 of the total difference payment and the amount thereof to be 7 8 allocated to the annexing or resulting districts shall be computed by the State Board of Education on the basis of 9 pupil enrollment and other data which shall be certified to 10 the State Board of Education, on forms which it shall provide 11 12 for that purpose, by the regional superintendent of schools 13 for each educational service region in which the annexing and

16 (3.5) Claims for financial assistance under this 17 subsection (I) shall not be recomputed except as expressly 18 provided under this Section.

annexed districts, or resulting and divided districts are

- (4) Any supplementary payment made under this subsection (I) shall be treated as separate from all other payments made pursuant to this Section.
- 22 (J) Supplementary Grants in Aid.

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23 Notwithstanding any other provisions Section, the amount of the aggregate general State aid in 24 25 combination with supplemental general State aid under this Section for which each school district is eligible shall be 26 no less than the amount of the aggregate general State aid 27 entitlement that was received by the district under Section 28 18-8 (exclusive of amounts received under subsections 29 30 and 5(p-5) of that Section) for the 1997-98 school year, pursuant to the provisions of that Section as it was then in 31 32 effect. Ιf a school district qualifies to receive a 33 supplementary payment made under this subsection (J), the 34 amount of the aggregate general State aid in combination with

- 1 supplemental general State aid under this Section which that
- 2 district is eligible to receive for each school year shall be
- 3 no less than the amount of the aggregate general State aid
- 4 entitlement that was received by the district under Section
- 5 18-8 (exclusive of amounts received under subsections 5(p)
- 6 and 5(p-5) of that Section) for the 1997-1998 school year,
- 7 pursuant to the provisions of that Section as it was then in
- 8 effect.
- 9 (2) If, as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection
- 10 (J), a school district is to receive aggregate general State
- 11 aid in combination with supplemental general State aid under
- 12 this Section for the 1998-99 school year and any subsequent
- 13 school year that in any such school year is less than the
- 14 amount of the aggregate general State aid entitlement that
- 15 the district received for the 1997-98 school year, the school
- 16 district shall also receive, from a separate appropriation
- 17 made for purposes of this subsection (J), a supplementary
- 18 payment that is equal to the amount of the difference in the
- 19 aggregate State aid figures as described in paragraph (1).
- 20 (3) (Blank).
- 21 (K) Grants to Laboratory and Alternative Schools.
- In calculating the amount to be paid to the governing
- 23 board of a public university that operates a laboratory
- 24 school under this Section or to any alternative school that
- 25 is operated by a regional superintendent of schools, the
- 26 State Board of Education shall require by rule such reporting
- 27 requirements as it deems necessary.
- 28 As used in this Section, "laboratory school" means a
- 29 public school which is created and operated by a public
- 30 university and approved by the State Board of Education. The
- 31 governing board of a public university which receives funds
- 32 from the State Board under this subsection (K) may not
- 33 increase the number of students enrolled in its laboratory
- 34 school from a single district, if that district is already

- 1 sending 50 or more students, except under a mutual agreement
- 2 between the school board of a student's district of residence
- 3 and the university which operates the laboratory school. A
- 4 laboratory school may not have more than 1,000 students,
- 5 excluding students with disabilities in a special education
- 6 program.
- 7 As used in this Section, "alternative school" means a
- 8 public school which is created and operated by a Regional
- 9 Superintendent of Schools and approved by the State Board of
- 10 Education. Such alternative schools may offer courses of
- 11 instruction for which credit is given in regular school
- 12 programs, courses to prepare students for the high school
- 13 equivalency testing program or vocational and occupational
- 14 training. A regional superintendent of schools may contract
- with a school district or a public community college district
- 16 to operate an alternative school. An alternative school
- 17 serving more than one educational service region may be
- 18 established by the regional superintendents of schools of the
- 19 affected educational service regions. An alternative school
- 20 serving more than one educational service region may be
- 21 operated under such terms as the regional superintendents of
- 22 schools of those educational service regions may agree.
- 23 Each laboratory and alternative school shall file, on
- 24 forms provided by the State Superintendent of Education, an
- 25 annual State aid claim which states the Average Daily
- 26 Attendance of the school's students by month. The best 3
- 27 months' Average Daily Attendance shall be computed for each
- 28 school. The general State aid entitlement shall be computed
- 29 by multiplying the applicable Average Daily Attendance by the
- 30 Foundation Level as determined under this Section.
- 31 (L) Payments, Additional Grants in Aid and Other
- 32 Requirements.
- 33 (1) For a school district operating under the financial
- 34 supervision of an Authority created under Article 34A, the

- 1 general State aid otherwise payable to that district under
- 2 this Section, but not the supplemental general State aid,
- 3 shall be reduced by an amount equal to the budget for the
- 4 operations of the Authority as certified by the Authority to
- 5 the State Board of Education, and an amount equal to such
- 6 reduction shall be paid to the Authority created for such
- 7 district for its operating expenses in the manner provided in
- 8 Section 18-11. The remainder of general State school aid for
- 9 any such district shall be paid in accordance with Article
- 10 34A when that Article provides for a disposition other than
- 11 that provided by this Article.
- 12 (2) (Blank).
- 13 (3) Summer school. Summer school payments shall be made
- 14 as provided in Section 18-4.3.
- 15 (M) Education Funding Advisory Board.
- 16 The Education Funding Advisory Board, hereinafter in this
- 17 subsection (M) referred to as the "Board", is hereby created.
- 18 The Board shall consist of 5 members who are appointed by the
- 19 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- 20 The members appointed shall include representatives of
- 21 education, business, and the general public. One of the
- 22 members so appointed shall be designated by the Governor at
- 23 the time the appointment is made as the chairperson of the
- 24 Board. The initial members of the Board may be appointed any
- 25 time after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997.
- 26 The regular term of each member of the Board shall be for 4
- 27 years from the third Monday of January of the year in which
- 28 the term of the member's appointment is to commence, except
- 29 that of the 5 initial members appointed to serve on the
- 30 Board, the member who is appointed as the chairperson shall
- 31 serve for a term that commences on the date of his or her
- 32 appointment and expires on the third Monday of January, 2002,
- 33 and the remaining 4 members, by lots drawn at the first
- 34 meeting of the Board that is held after all 5 members are

1 appointed, shall determine 2 of their number to serve for 2. terms that commence on the date of their respective appointments and expire on the third Monday of January, 2001, 3 4 and 2 of their number to serve for terms that commence on the 5 date of their respective appointments and expire on the third Monday of January, 2000. All members appointed to serve on 6 the Board shall serve until their respective successors are 7 8 appointed and confirmed. Vacancies shall be filled in the 9 same manner as original appointments. If a vacancy in membership occurs at a time when the Senate is not in 10 session, the Governor shall make a temporary appointment 11 until the next meeting of the Senate, when he or she shall 12 13 appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a person to fill that membership for the unexpired term. 14 15 the Senate is not in session when the initial appointments 16 are made, those appointments shall be made as in the case of 17 vacancies.

The Education Funding Advisory Board shall be deemed established, and the initial members appointed by the Governor to serve as members of the Board shall take office, on the date that the Governor makes his or her appointment of the fifth initial member of the Board, whether those initial members are then serving pursuant to appointment and confirmation or pursuant to temporary appointments that are made by the Governor as in the case of vacancies.

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The State Board of Education shall provide such staff assistance to the Education Funding Advisory Board as is reasonably required for the proper performance by the Board of its responsibilities.

For school years after the 2000-2001 school year, the Education Funding Advisory Board, in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall make recommendations as provided in this subsection (M) to the General Assembly for the foundation level under subdivision (B)(3) of this Section and for the supplemental general State aid grant level under

- 1 subsection (H) of this Section for districts with high
- 2 concentrations of children from poverty. The recommended
- 3 foundation level shall be determined based on a methodology
- 4 which incorporates the basic education expenditures of
- 5 low-spending schools exhibiting high academic performance.
- 6 The Education Funding Advisory Board shall make such
- 7 recommendations to the General Assembly on January 1 of odd
- 8 numbered years, beginning January 1, 2001.
- 9 (N) (Blank).
- 10 (O) References.
- 11 (1) References in other laws to the various subdivisions
- of Section 18-8 as that Section existed before its repeal and
- 13 replacement by this Section 18-8.05 shall be deemed to refer
- 14 to the corresponding provisions of this Section 18-8.05, to
- 15 the extent that those references remain applicable.
- 16 (2) References in other laws to State Chapter 1 funds
- 17 shall be deemed to refer to the supplemental general State
- 18 aid provided under subsection (H) of this Section.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 91-24, eff. 7-1-99; 91-93, eff. 7-9-99; 91-96,
- 20 eff. 7-9-99; 91-111, eff. 7-14-99; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99;
- 21 91-533, eff. 8-13-99; 92-7, eff. 6-29-01; 92-16, eff.
- 22 6-28-01; 92-28, eff. 7-1-01; 92-29, eff. 7-1-01; 92-269, eff.
- 23 8-7-01; revised 8-7-01.)".
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