

AN ACT concerning schools.

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

Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
2-3.61a as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/2-3.61a new)

Sec. 2-3.61a. 21st Century Community Learning Center
Grant Program.

(a) The State Board of Education shall be the designated
agency responsible for the administration of programs under
Part I of Subchapter X of Chapter 70 of the federal
Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(b) The State Board of Education shall establish and
implement a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant
Program, in accordance with federal guidelines, to provide
grants to support academically focused after-school programs
for students who attend high-poverty, low-performing schools.
These grants shall be used to help those students who attend
high-poverty, low-performing schools meet State and local
performance standards in core academic subjects and to offer
families of participating students opportunities for improved
literacy and related educational development.

The State Board of Education shall award grants to
applicants that are of sufficient size and scope to support
high-quality, effective after-school programs, to ensure
reasonable success of achieving the goals identified in the
grant application, and to offer those activities that are
necessary to achieve these goals.

(c) Using State funds, subject to appropriation, and any
federal funds received for this purpose, the State Board of
Education may establish any other grant programs that are

necessary to establish high-quality, academically based, after-school programs that include family-centered education activities.

(d) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary to implement this Section.

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