

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 changing Section 14C-12 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/14C-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 14C-12)

Sec. 14C-12. Account of expenditures; Cost report; Reimbursement. Each school district shall keep an accurate, detailed and separate account of all monies paid out by it for the programs in transitional bilingual education required or permitted by this Article, including transportation costs, and shall annually report thereon for the school year ending June 30 indicating the average per pupil expenditure. Each school district shall be reimbursed for the amount by which such costs exceed the average per pupil expenditure by such school district for the education of children of comparable age who are not in any special education program.

Applications for preapproval for reimbursement for costs of transitional bilingual education programs must be submitted to the State Superintendent of Education at least 60 days before a transitional bilingual education program is started, unless a justifiable exception is granted by the State Superintendent of Education. Applications shall set forth a plan for transitional bilingual education established and maintained in accordance with this Article.

Reimbursement claims for transitional bilingual education programs shall be made as follows:

Each school district shall claim reimbursement on a current basis for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year and file a final adjusted claim for the school year ended June 30 preceding computed in accordance with rules prescribed by the State Superintendent's Office. ~~School districts shall file~~

~~estimated claims with the State Superintendent by October 20,~~
~~January 20, and April 20 and file final adjusted claims by July~~
~~20.~~ The State Superintendent of Education before approving any
such claims shall determine their accuracy and whether they are
based upon services and facilities provided under approved
programs. Upon approval he shall transmit ~~by November 15,~~
~~February 15, May 15, and August 20~~ to the Comptroller the
vouchers showing the amounts due for school district
reimbursement claims. Upon receipt of the ~~July~~ final adjusted
claims the State Superintendent of Education shall make a final
determination of the accuracy of such claims. If the money
appropriated by the General Assembly for such purpose for any
year is insufficient, it shall be apportioned on the basis of
the claims approved.

Failure on the part of the school district to prepare and
certify the final adjusted claims due under this Section may ~~en~~
~~or before July 20 of any year, and its failure thereafter to~~
~~prepare and certify such report to the regional superintendent~~
~~of schools within 10 days after receipt of notice of such~~
~~delinquency sent to it by the State Superintendent of Education~~
~~by registered mail, shall~~ constitute a forfeiture by the school
district of its right to be reimbursed by the State under this
Section.

(Source: P.A. 90-463, eff. 8-17-97; 91-764, eff. 6-9-00.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2005.