

1 recommendations to the State Superintendent and the General
2 Assembly concerning the tests. On the effective date of this
3 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the State
4 Testing Review Committee is dissolved.

5 (b) The General Assembly finds and declares all of the
6 following:

7 (1) In order to ensure that the Illinois Learning
8 Standards are being met in Illinois' public schools, a
9 new State assessment system should be explored.

10 (2) The new State assessment system must meet the
11 needs of and have significance for Illinois' teachers and
12 students.

13 (3) The new State assessment system should be
14 meaningful to higher education and employers.

15 (4) The new State assessment system must be cost
16 efficient.

17 (5) The new State assessment system must ultimately
18 result in less overall standardized testing.

19 (6) Teachers must have a thorough knowledge base of
20 the Illinois Learning Standards and the use of local and
21 State assessments to improve student learning.

22 (7) A series of State-sponsored, locally
23 administered diagnostic assessments need to be available
24 to school districts as well as their staffs.

25 (8) The new State assessment must be aligned to the
26 Illinois Learning Standards.

27 (9) The new State assessment system must be well
28 constructed, must be grade level appropriate with
29 effective testing procedures, and must be able to be used
30 by school districts as well as their staffs.

31 (10) The new State assessment system must be kept
32 in place for at least 5 years following its
33 implementation.

34 (11) The State Assessment System Review Committee

1 must explore the potential of annual State assessment
2 aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards.

3 (c) The State Assessment System Review Committee is
4 created, which shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) One parent, appointed by the Illinois PTA
6 Congress of Parents and Teachers.

7 (2) One person appointed by the Governor.

8 (3) One representative of the business community,
9 appointed by the Illinois Business Education Coalition.

10 (4) One representative from a regional office of
11 education, appointed by the Illinois Association of
12 Regional Superintendents of Schools.

13 (5) One school board member, appointed by the
14 Illinois Association of School Boards.

15 (6) Four school administrators, with one
16 administrator appointed by the Chicago Board of
17 Education, one principal appointed by the Illinois
18 Principals Association, one administrator appointed by
19 the Large Unit District Association, and one
20 administrator appointed by the Illinois Association of
21 School Administrators.

22 (7) Four teachers, with 2 appointed by the Illinois
23 Education Association and 2 appointed by the Illinois
24 Federation of Teachers.

25 (8) Two representatives of higher education, one
26 who is an expert in the field of assessment and one from
27 admissions, appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of
28 Higher Education.

29 (9) The State Superintendent of Education or his or
30 her designee.

31 (d) Members of the State Assessment System Review
32 Committee shall be initially appointed by October 1, 2001.
33 Members shall serve 2-year terms. A chairperson of the
34 Committee shall be selected by the appointed members from

1 among its membership. The chairperson shall serve a 2-year
2 term. The Committee shall meet at the call of the
3 chairperson, who shall develop the agenda for the meetings
4 with the advice of the members.

5 (e) The State Assessment System Review Committee shall
6 explore a State assessment system consistent with the General
7 Assembly's findings and declarations under subsection (b) of
8 this Section and the requirements of subsection (a-5) of
9 Section 2-3.64 of this Code. The Committee shall be provided
10 staff from the State Board of Education and outside sources
11 with expertise in assessment, and such staff shall be
12 directed by the chairperson of the Committee. Funding for
13 the staffing shall be included in the State Board of
14 Education's assessment budget. The Committee shall report
15 its recommendations for the State assessment system to the
16 Governor, General Assembly, and State Board of Education on
17 or before January 1, 2003. Following its initial report, the
18 Committee shall periodically meet to review the
19 implementation of the State assessment system and ensure that
20 the State assessment system meets the requirements of this
21 Section. Following its initial report, the Committee shall
22 issue an additional report to the Governor, General Assembly,
23 and State Board of Education regarding the implementation of
24 the State assessment system on or before January 1 of each
25 even-numbered year.

26 (Source: P.A. 89-184, eff. 7-19-95; 90-789, eff. 8-14-98.)

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