

1 AN ACT regarding education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.121a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.121a new)

7 Sec. 2-3.121a. Digital Classroom Grant Program. The
8 Digital Classroom Grant Program is created as a pilot project
9 to attract high-tech teachers to schools that cannot afford
10 them. Subject to a specific appropriation, the State Board
11 of Education shall implement and administer the Program. For
12 the 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 school years, the State Board
13 of Education shall offer matching grants to public elementary
14 and secondary schools, based on need, to provide enhanced
15 teacher salaries and benefits to attract and retain
16 instructors in computer programming, computer maintenance,
17 and Internet use and development. A matching grant awarded
18 under the Program shall be in an amount equal to at least 50%
19 but not more than 90% of the amount to be matched, based on
20 need, but shall not exceed \$10,000 per school year. The
21 costs for the Program shall not exceed \$1,000,000 per school
22 year. The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules
23 necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this
24 Section.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
26 July 1, 2001.