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- 1) <u>Heading of the Part</u>: Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision
- 2) <u>Code Citation</u>: 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1
- 3) <u>Section Number</u>: <u>Adopted Action</u>: 1.241 New Section
- 4) <u>Statutory Authority</u>: Implementing Sections 2-3.25, 2-3.25g, 2-3.44, 2-3.96, 2-3.159, 10-17a, 10-20.14, 10-21.4a, 10-22.43a, 21B-5, 21B-20, 22-30, 22-60, 24-24, 26-13, 27-3.5, 27-6, 27-12.1, 27-13.1, 27-20.3, 27-20.4, 27-20.5, 27-22, 27-23.3, and 27-23.8 and authorized by Section 2-3.6 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5].
- 5) <u>Effective Date of Rule</u>: February 5, 2024
- 6) <u>Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date</u>? No
- 7) Does this rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 8) <u>A copy of the Adopted Rule, including any material incorporated by reference, is on file in the Agency's principal office and is available for public inspection.</u>
- 9) <u>Notice of Proposal Published in the *Illinois Register*: 47 Ill. Reg. 12978; September 8, 2023</u>
- 10) Has JCAR issued a Statement of Objection to this rulemaking? No
- 11) <u>Differences between Proposal and Final Version</u>: Some grammatical changes and the substantive changes include:
 - In subsection (b), "et seq" is changed to "through 11435".
 - The first sentence in subsection (c) is changed to "if collaboration with the local homelessness liaison does not resolve an issue described under subsection (b)(1), the school district must initiate a dispute resolution under this Section and send a letter to the student or the student's parent or guardian indicating the school district position on the dispute".
 - Subsections (c)(1)-(4) are italicized and, in (c)(3), "other" is added before "advocacy".

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- Subsection (d) is changed to "No later than 10 school days after receiving the notification required under subsection (c), the regional superintendent of schools must appoint an ombudsperson who is fair and impartial and familiar with the educational rights and needs of homeless children to provide resource information and resolve the disputes at schools within the region relating to the rights of homeless children under the Education for Homeless Children Act and this Part. If possible, the ombudsperson shall convene a meeting of all parties and attempt to resolve the dispute within 5 school days after receiving notice of the dispute. [105 ILCS 45/1-25(a)]".
- In subsection (d)(5), after "State Board of Education", "(available at www.isbe.net)" is added.
- In subsection (e), "or regular mail" is changed to "to homeless@isbe.net or regular mail to 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777".
- In subsection (e)(2), after "determination", "based on the appealed decision's compliance with relevant law" is added.
- 12) <u>Have all the changes agreed upon by the Agency and JCAR been made as indicated in the agreements issued by JCAR</u>? Yes
- 13) <u>Will this rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect</u>? No
- 14) <u>Are there any rulemakings pending on this Part</u>? Yes

Section Numbers:	Proposed Actions:	Illinois Register Citations:
1.285	Amendment	47 Ill. Reg. 16165; November 17, 2023
1.720	Amendment	47 Ill. Reg. 16165; November 17, 2023
1.730	Amendment	47 Ill. Reg. 16165; November 17, 2023
1.737	Amendment	47 Ill. Reg. 16165; November 17, 2023
1.738	New Section	47 Ill. Reg. 16165; November 17, 2023
1.745	Amendment	47 Ill. Reg. 16165; November 17, 2023
1.790	Amendment	47 Ill. Reg. 16165; November 17, 2023
1.792	Amendment	47 Ill. Reg. 16165; November 17, 2023
1.100	Amendment	47 Ill. Reg. 18199; December 15, 2023

15) <u>Summary and Purpose of Rulemaking</u>: This proposed rulemaking creates a new Section

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within 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1 to establish a dispute resolution procedure for disputes involving a student's homeless status or homeless-related claim, as determined under the Education for Homeless Children Act [105 ILCS 45] and the federal McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children Act [45 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.]. The rules contain requirements for the school district, ombudsperson, and State Coordinator.

16) Information and questions regarding this adopted rule shall be directed to:

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AUTHORITY: Implementing Sections 2-3.25, 2-3.25g, 2-3.44, 2-3.96, 2-3.159, 10-17a, 10-20.14, 10-21.4a, 10-22.43a, 21B-5, 21B-20, 22-30, 22-60, 24-24, 26-13, 27-3.5, 27-6, 27-12.1, 27-13.1, 27-20.3, 27-20.4, 27-20.5, 27-22, 27-23.3, and 27-23.8 of the School Code, Section 1-25 of the Education for Homeless Children Act [105 ILCS 45], and the federal McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children Act [45 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.], and authorized by Section 2-3.6 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5].

SOURCE: Adopted September 21, 1977; codified at 7 Ill. Reg. 16022; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 8608, effective May 28, 1985; amended at 9 Ill. Reg. 17766, effective November 5, 1985; emergency amendment at 10 Ill. Reg. 14314, effective August 18, 1986, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 3073, effective February 2, 1987; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 4800, effective February 26, 1988; amended at 14 Ill. Reg. 12457, effective July 24, 1990; amended at

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15 Ill. Reg. 2692, effective February 1, 1991; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 18010, effective November 17, 1992; expedited correction at 17 Ill. Reg. 3553, effective November 17, 1992; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 1171, effective January 10, 1994; emergency amendment at 19 Ill. Reg. 5137, effective March 17, 1995, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 6530, effective May 1, 1995; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 11813, effective August 4, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 6255, effective April 17, 1996; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 15290, effective November 18, 1996; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 22233, effective December 8, 1998; emergency amendment at 24 Ill. Reg. 6111, effective March 21, 2000, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 12985, effective August 14, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 8159, effective June 21, 2001; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 16073, effective November 28, 2001; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 1157, effective January 16, 2002; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 16160, effective October 21, 2002; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 8486, effective June 1, 2004; emergency amendment at 28 Ill. Reg. 13637, effective September 27, 2004, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 1891, effective January 24, 2005; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 11811, effective July 13, 2005; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 12351, effective July 28, 2005; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 15789, effective October 3, 2005; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 19891, effective November 23, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 8480, effective April 21, 2006; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 16338, effective September 26, 2006; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 17416, effective October 23, 2006; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 5116, effective March 16, 2007; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 7135, effective April 25, 2007; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 9897, effective June 26, 2007; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 10229, effective June 30, 2008; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 5448, effective March 24, 2009; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 15193, effective October 20, 2009; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 2959, effective February 18, 2010; emergency amendment at 34 Ill. Reg. 9533, effective June 24, 2010, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 17411, effective October 28, 2010; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 1056, effective January 3, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 2230, effective January 20, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 12328, effective July 6, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 16743, effective September 29, 2011; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 5580, effective March 20, 2012; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 8303, effective May 21, 2012; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 6127, effective February 27, 2014; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 11203, effective May 6, 2014; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 2773, effective February 9, 2015; emergency amendment at 39 Ill. Reg. 12369, effective August 20, 2015, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 13411, effective September 24, 2015; amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 1900, effective January 6, 2016; amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 2990, effective January 27, 2016; amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 4929, effective March 2, 2016; amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 12276, effective August 9, 2016; emergency amendment at 40 Ill. Reg. 15957, effective November 18, 2016, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 126, effective December 27, 2016; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 4430, effective April 5, 2017; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 6924, effective June 2, 2017; emergency amendment at 41 Ill. Reg. 8932, effective June 28, 2017, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 14044, effective November 3, 2017; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 11512, effective June 8, 2018; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 3792, effective February 28, 2019; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 10213, effective August

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30, 2019; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 10718, effective September 11, 2019; amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 13324, effective October 29, 2019; emergency amendment at 43 Ill. Reg. 14305, effective November 20, 2019, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment to emergency rule at 43 Ill. Reg. 14941, effective December 4, 2019, for the remainder of the 150 days; emergency amendment to amended emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. 4085, effective February 25, 2020, for the remainder of the 150 days; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 1929, effective January 13, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 6377, effective April 9, 2020; emergency amendment at 44 Ill. Reg. 7971, effective April 27, 2020, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired September 23, 2020; emergency amendment at 44 Ill. Reg. 8382, effective May 1, 2020, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired September 27, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 9961, effective May 21, 2020; emergency amendment at 44 Ill. Reg. 13498, effective July 31, 2020, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired December 27, 2020; emergency amendment at 44 Ill. Reg. 16860, effective September 29, 2020, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment to emergency rule at 44 Ill. Reg. 17816, effective October 23, 2020, for the remainder of the 150 days; emergency rule as amended expired February 25, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 867, effective January 4, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 1644, effective January 22, 2021; emergency amendment at 45 Ill. Reg. 4543, effective March 24, 2021, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired August 20, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 5362, effective April 12, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 5744, effective April 21, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 8280, effective June 24, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 9446, effective July 7, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 9760, effective July 22, 2021; emergency amendment at 45 Ill. Reg. 11212, effective August 26, 2021, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired January 22, 2022; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 13180, effective October 8, 2021; emergency amendment at 45 Ill. Reg. 14211, effective October 28, 2021, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment to emergency rule at 45 Ill. Reg. 15344, effective November 22, 2021, for the remainder of the 150 days; emergency rule as amended expired March 26, 2022; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 14769, effective November 10, 2021; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 15997, effective December 1, 2021; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 6272, effective April 11, 2022; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 12736, effective July 13, 2022; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 17093, effective October 3, 2022; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 18472, effective November 7, 2022; amended at 47 Ill. Reg. 18457, effective November 28, 2023; amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 2411, effective February 5, 2024.

SUBPART B: SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Section 1.241 Dispute Resolution for Students Experiencing Homelessness

- a) In this Section:
 - 1) "School district" means any public school district in this State.

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- 2) "State Coordinator" means the Coordinator of Education of Homeless Children and Youth established by 42 U.S.C. 11432(d)(3).
- b) This Section establishes the dispute resolution procedure for disputes involving a student's homeless status or homelessness-related claim, as determined under the Education for Homeless Children Act [105 ILCS 45] and the federal McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children Act (45 U.S.C. 11431 through 11435).
 - 1) Any issue related to the homelessness or the homeless-related claim of a student or the student's parent or guardian is eligible for dispute resolution under this Section. These issues include, but are not limited to, impacts or alleged impacts of homelessness on eligibility, registration, enrollment, transportation, access to curricular and extracurricular programs, and fee waivers. The school district's local homelessness liaison must attempt to resolve any disagreement between the student or the student's parent or guardian and the school district before the district initiates a dispute resolution under this Section.
 - 2) School districts must structure dispute resolutions as informally as possible to give students or students' parents or guardians any necessary assistance navigating the process.
 - 3) A school district shall not delay enrollment, transportation, or other services before or during dispute resolution. The school district must continue to provide those services until the conclusion of the dispute resolution process, including any appeals.
- <u>c)</u> If collaboration with the local homelessness liaison does not resolve an issue described under subsection (b)(1), the school district must initiate a dispute resolution under this Section and send a letter to the student or the student's parent or guardian indicating the school district position on the dispute. The district must also send this letter to the regional superintendent of schools and the State Coordinator. The letter must include information on:
 - <u>1)</u> *the availability of an ombudsperson;*
 - 2) <u>sources of low cost or free legal assistance;</u>

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- 3) other advocacy services in the community [105 ILCS 45/1-25]; and
- <u>4)</u> <u>the dispute resolution procedure.</u>
- d) No later than 10 school days after receiving the notification required under subsection (c), the regional superintendent of schools must appoint an ombudsperson who is fair and impartial and familiar with the educational rights and needs of homeless children to provide resource information and resolve the disputes at schools within the region relating to the rights of homeless children under the Education for Homeless Children Act and this Part. If possible, the ombudsperson shall convene a meeting of all parties and attempt to resolve the dispute within 5 school days after receiving notice of the dispute. [105 ILCS 45/1-25(a)]
 - 1) The ombudsperson must set clear rules and timelines for the dispute resolution process and inform each party of their respective expectations for the duration of the dispute resolution.
 - 2) The ombudsperson must provide copies of documents that will be used by the other party before the meeting, if possible.
 - <u>3) The ombudsperson must allow:</u>
 - A) <u>a complete presentation of relevant facts by all parties; and</u>
 - B) assistance for the student or the student's parent or guardian from a legal representative knowledgeable of federal and State laws concerning homeless students' educational rights.
 - 4) The ombudsperson may:
 - <u>A)</u> require each party to make an opening statement;
 - <u>B)</u> limit the amount of time each party may use to present information;
 - <u>C)</u> pose questions to each party;

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- D) limit any redundant testimony or testimony that is not directly related to homelessness claims; or
- <u>E)</u> make allowances for the student or the student's parent or guardian (e.g., in how evidence or arguments are presented).
- 5) No later than ten school days after the conclusion of the dispute resolution meeting, if possible, the ombudsperson must make a written determination on a form supplied by the State Board of Education (available at www.isbe.net). At a minimum, the form will include the following:
 - <u>A)</u> The name of the school district and school, names of the student and the student's parent or guardian, and the nature of the dispute.
 - <u>B)</u> <u>A complete list of all individuals attending the meeting and their professional titles.</u>
 - <u>C)</u> <u>Timeline of procedural events, including the date the school</u> <u>district initiated the dispute resolution procedure, the date of the</u> <u>meeting, and the date of the ombudsperson's final determination.</u>
 - D) The arguments and positions of each party, including the evidence, testimony, and documentation presented at the meeting.
 - <u>E)</u> <u>The ombudsperson's analysis of the arguments.</u>
 - F) If the ombudsperson does not agree with or support an argument made by one of the parties, an analysis of the ombudsperson's reasoning.
 - <u>G</u>) For disputes relating to enrollment eligibility and in which the school district is asserting the student is not homeless, an analysis of the current living situation of the student and if the living situation is fixed, regular, and adequate.
 - <u>H)</u> The ombudsperson's final determination, explicitly noted, as to whether the student is homeless or not homeless.

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- <u>I)</u> Notice of the parties' right to appeal the final determination to the State Coordinator under subsection (e).
- <u>No later than five school days after receiving the ombudsperson's determination</u> <u>under subsection (d), each party of the dispute resolution meeting may appeal the</u> <u>decision by submitting a written request, via email to homeless@isbe.net or</u> <u>regular mail to 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777, to the State</u> <u>Coordinator that includes any documentation relating to the dispute resolution</u> <u>meeting and final determination.</u>
 - 1) After receiving a request for an appeal, the State Coordinator must obtain from the ombudsperson all documents, notes, transcripts, and any other materials used by the parties to present their respective cases. The State Coordinator may also request additional information that the State Coordinator deems relevant in determining the appeal.
 - <u>No later than 15 school days after receiving a request for an appeal, the</u> <u>State Coordinator must make a final determination based on the appealed</u> <u>decision's compliance with relevant law and notify, via email or, if</u> <u>requested by either party, via certified mail, both parties of its decision.</u> <u>The State Coordinator may extend this timeline by an additional five</u> <u>school days, if necessary, and must notify each party of this extension.</u>
- <u>f</u>) If the State Superintendent of Education or designee determines that a school district's actions giving rise to a dispute under this Section are inconsistent with applicable law, the State Superintendent may require the school district to take any action necessary to comply with applicable law. If the school district does not comply with this requirement, the State Superintendent will place the school district's recognition status on probation in accordance with 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1.20(b).

(Source: Added at 48 Ill. Reg. 2411, effective February 5, 2024)