



Illinois State Board of Education

100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

HOUSE PLAN CHECKLIST

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

FISCAL SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

105 ILCS 45/1-17		Details	Comments
LEA made attempt to provide such assistance through a homeless assistance agency that is part of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act's Continuum of Care (COC) for the area in which the LEA is located.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Name of COC: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attempt successful <input type="checkbox"/> Attempt unsuccessful	
"At Risk of becoming homeless": Living situations will, within 8 weeks, cease to be <i>fixed/regular/adequate</i> and will result in the child becoming homeless within the definition of Section 1-5 of the Act and the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Eviction <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks one of the fundamental utilities: water, electricity, heat	<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation has been provided <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation has not been provided	
Written statement from parent, guardian/caregiver or person enrolling child or unaccompanied youth.	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial document that indicates loss of income that will prevent maintenance to permanent living situation	<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation has been provided <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation has not been provided	
The plan supports "best interest of child and school district being the determiner."	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in best interest of child <input type="checkbox"/> No, not in best interest of child	<input type="checkbox"/> Written explanation as to why it is in the child's best interest <input type="checkbox"/> Written explanation as to why it is in the LEA's best interest	
Documented evidence provided by parent, guardian/caregiver, or person who enrolled child or unaccompanied youth.	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian/Caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Person who enrolled child <input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied youth		
Living situations will cease to be <i>fixed/regular/adequate</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Eviction <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks one of the fundamental utilities: water, electricity, heat		
Written statement from parent, guardian/caregiver, or person enrolling child or unaccompanied youth.	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial document that indicates loss of income that will prevent maintenance to permanent living situation.	<input type="checkbox"/> On file with LEA <input type="checkbox"/> Not on file with LEA	
The plan supports "best interest of child and school district being the determiner."	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

I certify that a plan has been developed and agreed upon between the LEA and the parent/caregiver/person enrolling the child/unaccompanied youth.

School District Administration

Date

School District Homeless Liaison

Date

Parent/Caregiver/Person who enrolled unaccompanied youth

Date

(105 ILCS 45/1-17 new)

Sec. 1-17. Homeless prevention.

- (a) If a child is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless, the school district may:
- (1) provide rental or mortgage assistance in such amount as will allow the child and his or her parent, his or her guardian, or the person who enrolled the child to remain permanently in their current living situation or obtain a new living situation;
 - (2) provide financial assistance with respect to unpaid bills, loans, or other financial debts that results in housing being considered inadequate pursuant to Section 1-5 of this Act and the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; or
 - (3) provide assistance under both items (1) and (2) of this subsection (a).
- (b) In order to provide homeless prevention assistance under subsection (a) of this Section, a school district shall first make an attempt to provide such assistance through a homeless assistance agency that is part of the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act's continuum of care for the area in which the school district is located. If the attempts to secure assistance through the applicable continuum of care are unsuccessful, subject to the limitations specified in Section 29-5 of the School Code, transportation funds under Section 29-5 of the School Code may be used for those purposes.
- (c) Prior to providing homeless prevention assistance pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section, a housing plan must first be approved in writing by the school district and the parent, guardian, or person who enrolled the child.
- (d) For purposes of this Section:
"At risk of becoming homeless" means that documented evidence has been provided by the parent, guardian, or person who enrolled the child that shows that a living situation will, within 8 weeks, cease to become fixed, regular, and adequate and will result in the child becoming homeless within the definition of Section 1-5 of this Act and the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The documented evidence shall include, but need not be limited to: foreclosure notices, eviction notices, notices indicating that utilities will be shut off or discontinued, or written statements from the parent, guardian, or person who enrolled the child, supplemented by financial documentation, that indicate a loss of income that will prevent the maintenance of a permanent living situation.

"Person who enrolled the child" also means an unaccompanied youth.

(105 ILCS 45/1-18 new)

Sec. 1-18. Legislative intent. It is not the intent of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly to require school districts, parents, guardians, or persons who enroll children to enter into housing assistance or homeless prevention plans. It is the intent of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly to permit school districts, parents, guardians, or persons who enroll children to voluntarily enter into housing assistance or homeless prevention plans when both parties agree that those arrangements will be in the best of interest of the child and district.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8/25/2017