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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 459

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 459, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 School District Debt Control and Taxpayer Protection Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Capital appreciation bond" means debt issued without
9 annual or semiannual payments of principal, interest, or both.

10 "Entire debt service" means principal, interest, and
11 issuance costs of all debt and bonds.

12 "Equalized assessed value" means the assessed value as
13 equalized by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

14 "Tax anticipation warrants" means tax anticipation
15 warrants drawn and issued under the School Code.

1 Section 10. Refinancing debt. Notwithstanding any other
2 law to the contrary, a school district may not refinance debt
3 past the repayment period of the debt when issued.

4 Section 15. Debt serviced more than 20 years.
5 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a school district may
6 not issue debt to be serviced over a period greater than 20
7 years.

8 Section 20. Equalized assessed value. Notwithstanding any
9 other law to the contrary, for the purpose of calculating the
10 debt limit of a school district in relation to its equalized
11 assessed value, debt shall include all debt issued and its
12 associated interest and issuance costs.

13 Section 25. Debt limitation. Notwithstanding any other law
14 to the contrary, no school district may become indebted in any
15 manner or for any purpose in an amount, including the entire
16 debt service, in the aggregate exceeding 13.8% for a unit
17 district or 6.9% for an elementary or high school district of
18 the value of the taxable property therein to be ascertained by
19 the last assessment for State and county taxes or, if greater,
20 the sum that is produced by multiplying the school district's
21 2016 equalized assessed value by the debt limitation percentage
22 in effect on the effective date of this Act, previous to the
23 incurring of such indebtedness.

1 Section 30. New debt prohibited.

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary and on
3 and after the effective date of this Act, a school district
4 that exceeds the debt limitation of Section 25 of this Act may
5 not incur any new debt, including, but not limited to, tax
6 anticipation warrants, until the school district's aggregate
7 debt limitation is below the debt limitation of Section 25.

8 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school district may
9 issue new debt on or after the effective date of this Act if a
10 referendum allowing new debt to be issued was passed before the
11 effective date of this Act.

12 Section 35. Capital appreciation bonds. Notwithstanding
13 any other law to the contrary and on and after the effective
14 date of this Act, no school district may issue capital
15 appreciation bonds.

16 Section 40. Additional debt. Nothing in this Act shall
17 authorize any school district to issue additional debt above
18 and beyond what is otherwise authorized by law.

19 Section 45. Bond referendum information. Notwithstanding
20 any other law to the contrary, the referendum question allowing
21 a school district to issue bonds must include the following:

22 (1) a description of the project for which the bonds

1 will be issued;

2 (2) an estimate of the number of years during which the
3 bonds will be outstanding; and

4 (3) an estimate of the total debt service to be paid on
5 the bonds, including principal, interest, and costs of
6 issuing the bonds.

7 Section 50. Bond issuance information. If a school district
8 presents information to the public about a bond issuance, then
9 that information must include an estimate of the average annual
10 property tax needed to pay the principal of and interest on the
11 bonds extendable against property containing a median-priced
12 home in the school district's boundaries at a fair market
13 value.

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