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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1216

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1216, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
6 11E-190 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/11E-190 new)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 31, 2013)

9 Sec. 11E-190. School District Realignment and
10 Consolidation Commission.

11 (a) The School District Realignment and Consolidation
12 Commission is established. The Commission shall consist of the
13 following voting members:

14 (1) the Lieutenant Governor or his or her appointee,
15 who shall serve as the Chairperson;

16 (2) one member appointed by the State Board of

1 Education;

2 (3) a member of the General Assembly appointed by the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

4 (4) a member of the General Assembly appointed by the
5 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

6 (5) a member of the General Assembly appointed by the
7 President of the Senate;

8 (6) a member of the General Assembly appointed by the
9 Minority Leader of the Senate;

10 (7) a representative of a statewide professional
11 teachers' organization appointed by the head of that
12 organization;

13 (8) a representative of a different statewide
14 professional teachers' organization appointed by the head
15 of that organization;

16 (9) a representative of a statewide organization that
17 represents school boards appointed by the head of that
18 organization;

19 (10) a representative of a statewide organization
20 representing principals appointed by the head of that
21 organization;

22 (11) a representative of an organization representing
23 professional teachers in a city having a population
24 exceeding 500,000 appointed by the head of that
25 organization;

26 (12) a representative of an association representing

1 school business officials appointed by the head of that
2 association;

3 (13) a representative of an association representing
4 school administrators appointed by the head of that
5 association;

6 (14) a representative from an organization
7 representing large unit school districts appointed by the
8 head of that organization;

9 (15) a representative from the Chicago Board of
10 Education appointed by the Chicago Board of Education;

11 (16) a representative from an organization
12 representing administrators of special education appointed
13 by the head of that organization;

14 (17) a representative from a statewide parent
15 organization appointed by the head of that organization;
16 and

17 (18) a representative from an organization
18 representing high school districts appointed by the head of
19 that organization.

20 Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be
21 reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from
22 funds appropriated for that purpose. Members shall be
23 reimbursed for their travel expenses from appropriations to the
24 State Board of Education available for that purpose and subject
25 to the rules of the appropriate travel control board.

26 The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson,

1 with the initial meeting of the Commission being held as soon
2 as possible after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
3 the 97th General Assembly, and shall hold public hearings
4 throughout this State.

5 The State Board of Education shall provide assistance and
6 necessary staff support services to the Commission.

7 (b) The purpose of the Commission is to make
8 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the
9 number of school districts in this State, the optimal amount of
10 enrollment for a school district, and where consolidation and
11 realignment would be beneficial. The Commission's
12 recommendations must focus on all of the following areas:

13 (1) Reducing the money spent on duplication of efforts.

14 (2) Improving the education of students by having less
15 obstacles between qualified teachers and their students.

16 (3) Lowering the property tax burden.

17 (4) Providing recommendations as to what the net cost
18 savings of realignment is to this State.

19 (5) Providing input to school districts on
20 reorganization.

21 (c) On or before July 1, 2012, the Commission must vote on
22 its recommendations and file a report with the Governor and the
23 General Assembly. If the Commission adopts the report by an
24 affirmative vote of at least 11 of its members, then the
25 General Assembly must, within 14 days after the report is filed
26 by the Commission, vote on whether to accept the report by the

1 adoption of a resolution by a record vote of a majority of the
2 members elected in each house. If the General Assembly is not
3 in session on the day that the report is filed, then the
4 General Assembly must vote on whether to accept the report
5 within 14 days after the General Assembly convenes for the
6 first time after the report is filed. The Commission is
7 dissolved on the day after the report is filed with both the
8 Governor and the General Assembly.

9 (d) This Section is repealed on January 31, 2013.

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