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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2426

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2426 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 1D-1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1D-1)

7 Sec. 1D-1. Block grant funding.

8 (a) For fiscal year 1996 and each fiscal year thereafter,
9 the State Board of Education shall award to a school district
10 having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants a general
11 education block grant and an educational services block grant,
12 determined as provided in this Section, in lieu of distributing
13 to the district separate State funding for the programs
14 described in subsections (b) and (c). The provisions of this
15 Section, however, do not apply to any federal funds that the
16 district is entitled to receive. In accordance with Section

1 2-3.32, all block grants are subject to an audit. Therefore,
2 block grant receipts and block grant expenditures shall be
3 recorded to the appropriate fund code for the designated block
4 grant.

5 (b) The general education block grant shall include the
6 following programs: REI Initiative, Summer Bridges, Preschool
7 Education At Risk, K-6 Comprehensive Arts, School Improvement
8 Support, Urban Education, Scientific Literacy, Substance Abuse
9 Prevention, Second Language Planning, Staff Development,
10 Outcomes and Assessment, K-6 Reading Improvement, 7-12
11 Continued Reading Improvement, Truants' Optional Education,
12 Hispanic Programs, Agriculture Education, Parental Training
13 Education, Prevention Initiative, Report Cards, and Criminal
14 Background Investigations. Notwithstanding any other provision
15 of law, all amounts paid under the general education block
16 grant from State appropriations to a school district in a city
17 having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants shall be
18 appropriated and expended by the board of that district for any
19 of the programs included in the block grant or any of the
20 board's lawful purposes. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2018, at
21 least 25% of any additional Preschool Education, Parental
22 Training, and Prevention Initiative program funding over and
23 above the previous fiscal year's allocation shall be used to
24 fund programs for children ages 0-3. Beginning in Fiscal Year
25 2018, funding for Preschool Education, Parental Training, and
26 Prevention Initiative programs above the allocation for these

1 programs in Fiscal Year 2017 must be used solely as a
2 supplement for these programs and may not supplant funds
3 received from other sources.

4 (c) The educational services block grant shall include the
5 following programs: Regular and Vocational Transportation,
6 State Lunch and Free Breakfast Program, Special Education
7 (Personnel, Transportation, Orphanage, Private Tuition),
8 funding for children requiring special education services,
9 Summer School, Educational Service Centers, and
10 Administrator's Academy. This subsection (c) does not relieve
11 the district of its obligation to provide the services required
12 under a program that is included within the educational
13 services block grant. It is the intention of the General
14 Assembly in enacting the provisions of this subsection (c) to
15 relieve the district of the administrative burdens that impede
16 efficiency and accompany single-program funding. The General
17 Assembly encourages the board to pursue mandate waivers
18 pursuant to Section 2-3.25g.

19 The funding program included in the educational services
20 block grant for funding for children requiring special
21 education services in each fiscal year shall be treated in that
22 fiscal year as a payment to the school district in respect of
23 services provided or costs incurred in the prior fiscal year,
24 calculated in each case as provided in this Section. Nothing in
25 this Section shall change the nature of payments for any
26 program that, apart from this Section, would be or, prior to

1 adoption or amendment of this Section, was on the basis of a
2 payment in a fiscal year in respect of services provided or
3 costs incurred in the prior fiscal year, calculated in each
4 case as provided in this Section.

5 (d) For fiscal year 1996 and each fiscal year thereafter,
6 the amount of the district's block grants shall be determined
7 as follows: (i) with respect to each program that is included
8 within each block grant, the district shall receive an amount
9 equal to the same percentage of the current fiscal year
10 appropriation made for that program as the percentage of the
11 appropriation received by the district from the 1995 fiscal
12 year appropriation made for that program, and (ii) the total
13 amount that is due the district under the block grant shall be
14 the aggregate of the amounts that the district is entitled to
15 receive for the fiscal year with respect to each program that
16 is included within the block grant that the State Board of
17 Education shall award the district under this Section for that
18 fiscal year. In the case of the Summer Bridges program, the
19 amount of the district's block grant shall be equal to 44% of
20 the amount of the current fiscal year appropriation made for
21 that program.

22 (e) The district is not required to file any application or
23 other claim in order to receive the block grants to which it is
24 entitled under this Section. The State Board of Education shall
25 make payments to the district of amounts due under the
26 district's block grants on a schedule determined by the State

1 Board of Education.

2 (f) A school district to which this Section applies shall
3 report to the State Board of Education on its use of the block
4 grants in such form and detail as the State Board of Education
5 may specify. In addition, the report must include the following
6 description for the district, which must also be reported to
7 the General Assembly: block grant allocation and expenditures
8 by program; population and service levels by program; and
9 administrative expenditures by program. The State Board of
10 Education shall ensure that the reporting requirements for the
11 district are the same as for all other school districts in this
12 State.

13 (g) This paragraph provides for the treatment of block
14 grants under Article 1C for purposes of calculating the amount
15 of block grants for a district under this Section. Those block
16 grants under Article 1C are, for this purpose, treated as
17 included in the amount of appropriation for the various
18 programs set forth in paragraph (b) above. The appropriation in
19 each current fiscal year for each block grant under Article 1C
20 shall be treated for these purposes as appropriations for the
21 individual program included in that block grant. The proportion
22 of each block grant so allocated to each such program included
23 in it shall be the proportion which the appropriation for that
24 program was of all appropriations for such purposes now in that
25 block grant, in fiscal 1995.

26 Payments to the school district under this Section with

1 respect to each program for which payments to school districts
2 generally, as of the date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd
3 General Assembly, are on a reimbursement basis shall continue
4 to be made to the district on a reimbursement basis, pursuant
5 to the provisions of this Code governing those programs.

6 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any school
7 district receiving a block grant under this Section may
8 classify all or a portion of the funds that it receives in a
9 particular fiscal year from any block grant authorized under
10 this Code or from general State aid pursuant to Section 18-8.05
11 of this Code (other than supplemental general State aid) as
12 funds received in connection with any funding program for which
13 it is entitled to receive funds from the State in that fiscal
14 year (including, without limitation, any funding program
15 referred to in subsection (c) of this Section), regardless of
16 the source or timing of the receipt. The district may not
17 classify more funds as funds received in connection with the
18 funding program than the district is entitled to receive in
19 that fiscal year for that program. Any classification by a
20 district must be made by a resolution of its board of
21 education. The resolution must identify the amount of any block
22 grant or general State aid to be classified under this
23 subsection (h) and must specify the funding program to which
24 the funds are to be treated as received in connection
25 therewith. This resolution is controlling as to the
26 classification of funds referenced therein. A certified copy of

1 the resolution must be sent to the State Superintendent of
2 Education. The resolution shall still take effect even though a
3 copy of the resolution has not been sent to the State
4 Superintendent of Education in a timely manner. No
5 classification under this subsection (h) by a district shall
6 affect the total amount or timing of money the district is
7 entitled to receive under this Code. No classification under
8 this subsection (h) by a district shall in any way relieve the
9 district from or affect any requirements that otherwise would
10 apply with respect to the block grant as provided in this
11 Section, including any accounting of funds by source, reporting
12 expenditures by original source and purpose, reporting
13 requirements, or requirements of provision of services.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-238, eff. 8-2-11; 97-324, eff. 8-12-11;
15 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

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