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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2540

AMENDMENT NO. . Amend House Bill 2540 on page 10, by replacing lines 11 through 21 with the following: "withdrawal in writing. If the petition for withdrawal is not approved and the petitioning member district is a part of a Class II county school unit outside of a city of 500,000 or more inhabitants, the petitioning member district may appeal the disapproval decision to the trustees of schools of the township that has jurisdiction and authority over the withdrawing district. If a withdrawing district is not under the jurisdiction and authority of the trustees of schools of a township, a hearing panel shall be established by the chief administrative officer of the intermediate service center having jurisdiction over the withdrawing district. The hearing panel shall be made up of 3 persons who have a demonstrated interest and background in education. Each hearing panel member must reside within an educational service region of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants but not within the withdrawing district and

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may not be a current school board member or employee of the withdrawing district or hold any county office. None of the hearing panel members may reside within the same school district. The hearing panel shall serve without remuneration; however, the necessary <u>expenses</u>, <u>including travel</u>, <u>attendant</u> upon any meeting or hearing in relation to these proceedings must be paid. If the trustees of schools of the township having jurisdiction and authority over the withdrawing district or the hearing panel established by the chief administrative officer of the intermediate service center having jurisdiction over the withdrawing district approves the petition for withdrawal, then the petitioning member district shall be withdrawn from the joint agreement effective the following July 1 and shall notify the State Board of Education of the approved withdrawal in writing.".