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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4768

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4768 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 10-16.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-16.5)

7 Sec. 10-16.5. Oath of office. Each school board member,  
8 before taking his or her seat on the board, shall take an oath  
9 of office, administered as determined by the board, in  
10 substantially the following form:

11 I, (name of member or successful candidate), do  
12 solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge  
13 the duties of the office of member of the Board of  
14 Education (or Board of School Directors, as the case may  
15 be) of (name of school district), in accordance with the  
16 Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the

1 State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois,  
2 to the best of my ability.

3 I further swear (or affirm) that:

4 I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a  
5 faithful protector of the school district's assets;

6 I shall encourage and respect the free expression of  
7 opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a  
8 hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of  
9 students and employees;

10 I shall recognize that a board member has no legal  
11 authority as an individual and that decisions can be made  
12 only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; ~~and~~

13 I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while  
14 retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions  
15 through ethical and constructive channels; ~~and~~

16 As part of the Board of Education (or Board of School  
17 Directors, as the case may be), I shall accept the  
18 responsibility that I am both morally and legally  
19 responsible for my role in the equitable and quality  
20 education of every student in the school district;

21 I shall foster with the board extensive participation  
22 of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set  
23 the course for (name of school district);

24 I shall assist in establishing a structure and an  
25 environment designed to ensure all students have the  
26 opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a

1 sound organizational framework;

2 I shall strive to ensure a continuous assessment of  
3 student achievement and all conditions affecting the  
4 education of our children, in compliance with State law;

5 I shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of  
6 students and our community's school (or schools) to advance  
7 the vision for (name of school district); and

8 I shall strive to work together with the district  
9 superintendent to lead the school district toward  
10 fulfilling the vision the board has created, fostering  
11 excellence for every student in the areas of academic  
12 skills, knowledge, citizenship, and personal development.

13 (Source: P.A. 96-998, eff. 7-2-10.)".