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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 654

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 654 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 27-6.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6.3 new)

7 Sec. 27-6.3. Play time required in elementary school.

8 (a) All public schools shall provide daily time for  
9 supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all students  
10 in kindergarten through grade 5. Play time must allow  
11 unstructured play, and may include organized games, but shall  
12 not include the use of computers, tablets, phones, or videos.  
13 Schools are encouraged to provide play time outdoors, but it  
14 may be held indoors. If play time is held indoors, schools are  
15 encouraged to provide it in a space that promotes physical  
16 activity. Time spent dressing or undressing for outdoor play

1 time shall not count towards the daily time for play.

2 (b) Play time shall not count as a course of physical  
3 education that fulfills the requirements of Section 27-6, nor  
4 shall time spent in a course of physical education count  
5 towards the daily time for play.

6 (c) Play time shall be considered clock hours for the  
7 purposes of Section 10-19.05. For any school day 5 clock hours  
8 or longer in length, the total time allotted for play for  
9 students in kindergarten through grade 5 must be at least 30  
10 minutes. For any school day less than 5 clock hours in length,  
11 the total time allotted for play each school day must be at  
12 least one-tenth of a day of attendance for the student  
13 pursuant to Section 10-19.05. Play time may be divided into  
14 play periods of at least 15 consecutive minutes in length.

15 (d) For students with disabilities, play time shall comply  
16 with a student's applicable individualized education program  
17 (IEP) or federal Section 504 plan.

18 (e) All public schools shall prohibit the withholding of  
19 play time as a disciplinary or punitive action, except when a  
20 student's participation in play time poses an immediate threat  
21 to the safety of the student or others. School officials shall  
22 make all reasonable efforts to resolve such threats and  
23 minimize the use of exclusion from play to the greatest extent  
24 practicable and in accordance with subsection (d).

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

1 2021."