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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 817

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 817 by replacing

3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing

Sections 10-22.25b and 34-2.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.25b) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.25b)

Sec. 10-22.25b. School uniforms. The school board may adopt a school uniform or dress code policy that governs all or certain individual attendance centers and that is necessary to maintain the orderly process of a school function or prevent endangerment of student health or safety. A school uniform or dress code policy adopted by a school board: (i) shall not be applied in such manner as to discipline or deny attendance to a transfer student or any other student for noncompliance with that policy during such period of time as is reasonably necessary to enable the student to acquire a school uniform or

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otherwise comply with the dress code policy that is in effect at the attendance center or in the district into which the student's enrollment is transferred; and (ii) shall include criteria and procedures under which the school board will accommodate the needs of or otherwise provide appropriate resources to assist a student from an indigent family in complying with an applicable school uniform or dress code policy; and (iii) shall not include or apply to hairstyles, including hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. A student whose parents or legal quardians object on religious grounds to the student's compliance with an applicable school uniform or dress code policy shall not be required to comply with that policy if the student's parents or legal guardians present to the school board a signed statement of objection detailing the grounds for the objection.

Doard has violated clause (iii) of this Section, the State
Board shall withhold from the school district the amount, if
any, of State funding under Section 18-8.15 that exceeds the
amount of State funding the school district received under
Section 18-8.15 for the previous school year. To determine the
excess amount of State funding to withhold, the State Board
shall calculate the amount of State funding under Section
18-8.15 that the school district would otherwise receive under

- 1 Section 18-8.15 and subtract that amount from the amount the
- school district received under Section 18-8.15 for the 2
- previous school year. This excess amount shall be set aside in 3
- 4 a separate fund administered by the State Board. The State
- 5 Board shall disburse the withheld funding to the school
- district once the school district is in compliance with clause 6
- 7 (iii) of this Section.
- 8 The State Board shall publish on its Internet website a
- 9 list of all school districts that are in violation of clause
- 10 (iii) of this Section. The State Board shall remove a school
- 11 district from the list once the school district is no longer in
- violation of clause (iii) of this Section. 12
- 13 This Section applies to school boards of all districts,
- 14 including special charter districts and districts organized
- 15 under Article 34.
- (Source: P.A. 89-610, eff. 8-6-96.) 16
- 17 (105 ILCS 5/34-2.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-2.3)
- Sec. 34-2.3. Local school councils Powers and duties. 18
- 19 Each local school council shall have and exercise, consistent
- with the provisions of this Article and the powers and duties 20
- 21 of the board of education, the following powers and duties:
- 22 1. (A) To annually evaluate the performance of the
- principal of the attendance center using a Board approved 23
- 24 principal evaluation form, which shall include the evaluation
- 25 of (i) student academic improvement, as defined by the school

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1 improvement plan, (ii) student absenteeism rates at the 2 school, (iii) instructional leadership, (iv) the effective implementation of programs, policies, or strategies to improve 3 4 student academic achievement, (v) school management, and (vi) 5 any other factors deemed relevant by the local school council, 6 including, without limitation, the principal's communication skills and ability to create and maintain a student-centered 7 environment, to 8 develop opportunities 9 professional development, and to encourage parental 10 involvement and community partnerships to achieve school 11 improvement;

- (B) to determine in the manner provided by subsection (c) of Section 34-2.2 and subdivision 1.5 of this Section whether the performance contract of the principal shall be renewed; and
- (C) to directly select, in the manner provided by subsection (c) of Section 34-2.2, a new principal (including a new principal to fill a vacancy) -- without submitting any list of candidates for that position to the general superintendent as provided in paragraph 2 of this Section -- to serve under a 4 year performance contract; provided that (i) the determination of whether the principal's performance contract is to be renewed, based upon the evaluation required by subdivision 1.5 of this Section, shall be made no later than 150 days prior to the expiration of the current performance-based contract of the principal, (ii) in cases

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where such performance contract is not renewed -- a direct selection of a new principal -- to serve under a 4 year performance contract shall be made by the local school council no later than 45 days prior to the expiration of the current performance contract of the principal, and (iii) a selection by the local school council of a new principal to fill a vacancy under a 4 year performance contract shall be made within 90 days after the date such vacancy occurs. A Council shall be required, if requested by the principal, to provide in writing the reasons for the council's not renewing the principal's contract.

1.5. The local school council's determination of whether to renew the principal's contract shall be based on an evaluation to assess the educational and administrative progress made at the school during the principal's current performance-based contract. The local school council shall base its evaluation on (i) student academic improvement, as defined by the school improvement plan, (ii) absenteeism rates at the school, (iii) instructional leadership, (iv) the effective implementation of programs, policies, or strategies to improve student academic achievement, (v) school management, and (vi) any other factors deemed relevant by the local school council, including, without limitation, the principal's communication skills and ability to create and maintain a student-centered learning environment, to develop opportunities for professional

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development, and to encourage parental involvement community partnerships to achieve school improvement. If a local school council fails to renew the performance contract of a principal rated by the general superintendent, or his or her designee, in the previous years' evaluations as meeting or exceeding expectations, the principal, within 15 days after the local school council's decision not to renew the contract, may request a review of the local school council's principal non-retention decision by a hearing officer appointed by the American Arbitration Association. A local school council member or members or the general superintendent may support the principal's request for review. During the period of the hearing officer's review of the local school council's decision on whether or not to retain the principal, the local school council shall maintain all authority to search for and contract with a person to serve as interim or acting principal, or as the principal of the attendance center under a 4-year performance contract, provided that any performance contract entered into by the local school council shall be voidable or modified in accordance with the decision of the hearing officer. The principal may request review only once while at that attendance center. If a local school council renews the contract of a principal who failed to obtain a rating of "meets" or "exceeds expectations" in the general superintendent's evaluation for the previous year, the general superintendent, within 15 days after the local

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council's decision to renew the contract, may request a review of the local school council's principal retention decision by a hearing officer appointed by the American Arbitration Association. The general superintendent may request a review only once for that principal at that attendance center. All requests to review the retention or non-retention of a principal shall be submitted to the general superintendent, who shall, in turn, forward such requests, within 14 days of receipt, to the American Arbitration Association. The general superintendent shall send a contemporaneous copy of the request that was forwarded to the American Arbitration Association to the principal and to each local school council member and shall inform the local school council of its rights and responsibilities under the arbitration process, including the local school council's right to representation and the manner and process by which the Board shall pay the costs of the council's representation. If the local school council retains the principal and the general superintendent requests a review of the retention decision, the local school council and the general superintendent shall be considered parties to the arbitration, a hearing officer shall be chosen between those 2 parties pursuant to procedures promulgated by the State Board of Education, and the principal may retain counsel and participate in the arbitration. If the local school council does not retain the principal and the principal requests a review of the retention decision, the local school

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council and the principal shall be considered parties to the arbitration and a hearing officer shall be chosen between those 2 parties pursuant to procedures promulgated by the State Board of Education. The hearing shall begin (i) within 45 days after the initial request for review is submitted by the principal to the general superintendent or (ii) if the request for review is made by the general superintendent, within 45 days after that request is mailed to the American Arbitration Association. The hearing officer shall render a decision within 45 days after the hearing begins and within 90 days after the initial request for review. The Board shall contract with the American Arbitration Association for all of the hearing officer's reasonable and necessary costs. In addition, the Board shall reasonable costs incurred by a local school council for representation before a hearing officer.

1.10. The hearing officer shall conduct a hearing, which shall include (i) a review of the principal's performance, evaluations, and other evidence of the principal's service at the school, (ii) reasons provided by the local school council for its decision, and (iii) documentation evidencing views of interested persons, including, without limitation, students, parents, local school council members, school faculty and staff, the principal, the general superintendent or his or her designee, and members of the community. The burden of proof in establishing that the local school council's decision was

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arbitrary and capricious shall be on the party requesting the arbitration, and this party shall sustain the burden by a preponderance of the evidence. The hearing officer shall set the local school council decision aside if that decision, in light of the record developed at the hearing, is arbitrary and capricious. The decision of the hearing officer may not be appealed to the Board or the State Board of Education. If the hearing officer decides that the principal shall be retained, the retention period shall not exceed 2 years.

2. In the event (i) the local school council does not renew the performance contract of the principal, or the principal fails to receive a satisfactory rating as provided in subsection (h) of Section 34-8.3, or the principal is removed for cause during the term of his or her performance contract in the manner provided by Section 34-85, or a vacancy in the position of principal otherwise occurs prior to the expiration of the term of a principal's performance contract, and (ii) the local school council fails to directly select a new principal to serve under a 4 year performance contract, the local school council in such event shall submit to the general superintendent a list of 3 candidates -- listed in the local school council's order of preference -- for the position of principal, one of which shall be selected by the general superintendent to serve as principal of the attendance center. If the general superintendent fails or refuses to select one of the candidates on the list to serve as principal within 30

1 days after being furnished with the candidate list, the general superintendent shall select and place a principal on 2 an interim basis (i) for a period not to exceed one year or 3 4 (ii) until the local school council selects a new principal 5 with 7 affirmative votes as provided in subsection (c) of Section 34-2.2, whichever occurs first. If the local school 6 council fails or refuses to select and appoint a new 7 8 principal, as specified by subsection (c) of Section 34-2.2, 9 the general superintendent may select and appoint a new 10 principal on an interim basis for an additional year or until a 11 new contract principal is selected by the local school council. There shall be no discrimination on the basis of 12 13 race, sex, creed, color or disability unrelated to ability to 14 perform in connection with the submission of candidates for, 15 and the selection of a candidate to serve as principal of an 16 attendance center. No person shall be directly selected, listed as a candidate for, or selected to serve as principal of 17 18 an attendance center (i) if such person has been removed for 19 cause from employment by the Board or (ii) if such person does 20 not hold a valid administrative certificate issued or 2.1 exchanged under Article 21 and endorsed as required by that Article for the position of principal. A principal whose 22 23 performance contract is not renewed as provided under 24 subsection (c) of Section 34-2.2 may nevertheless, 25 otherwise qualified and certified as herein provided and if he 26 or she has received a satisfactory rating as provided in

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subsection (h) of Section 34-8.3, be included by a local school council as one of the 3 candidates listed in order of preference on any candidate list from which one person is to be selected to serve as principal of the attendance center under a new performance contract. The initial candidate list required to be submitted by a local school council to the general superintendent in cases where the local school council does not renew the performance contract of its principal and does not directly select a new principal to serve under a 4 year performance contract shall be submitted not later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the current performance contract. In cases where the local school council fails or refuses to submit the candidate list to the superintendent no later than 30 days prior to the expiration incumbent principal's contract, the superintendent may appoint a principal on an interim basis for a period not to exceed one year, during which time the local school council shall be able to select a new principal with 7 affirmative votes as provided in subsection (c) of Section 34-2.2. In cases where a principal is removed for cause or a vacancy otherwise occurs in the position of principal and the vacancy is not filled by direct selection by the local school council, the candidate list shall be submitted by the local school council to the general superintendent within 90 days after the date such removal or vacancy occurs. In cases where the local school council fails or refuses to submit the

- 1 candidate list to the general superintendent within 90 days
- after the date of the vacancy, the general superintendent may 2
- 3 appoint a principal on an interim basis for a period of one
- 4 year, during which time the local school council shall be able
- 5 to select a new principal with 7 affirmative votes as provided
- in subsection (c) of Section 34-2.2. 6
- 2.5. Whenever a vacancy in the office of a principal 7
- 8 occurs for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled in the
- manner provided by this Section by the selection of a new 9
- 10 principal to serve under a 4 year performance contract.
- 11 3. To establish additional criteria to be included as part
- of the performance contract of its principal, provided that 12
- 13 such additional criteria shall not discriminate on the basis
- 14 of race, sex, creed, color or disability unrelated to ability
- 15 to perform, and shall not be inconsistent with the uniform 4
- 16 year performance contract for principals developed by the
- board as provided in Section 34-8.1 of the School Code or with 17
- other provisions of this Article governing the authority and 18
- 19 responsibility of principals.
- 20 4. To approve the expenditure plan prepared by the
- principal with respect to all funds allocated and distributed 2.1
- 22 to the attendance center by the Board. The expenditure plan
- 23 shall be administered by the principal. Notwithstanding any
- 24 other provision of this Act or any other law, any expenditure
- 25 plan approved and administered under this Section 34-2.3 shall
- 26 be consistent with and subject to the terms of any contract for

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1 services with a third party entered into by the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees or the board under this Act. 2

Via a supermajority vote of 7 members of the local school council or 8 members of a high school local school council, the Council may transfer allocations pursuant to Section 34-2.3 within funds; provided that such a transfer is consistent with applicable law and collective bargaining agreements.

Beginning in fiscal year 1991 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Board may reserve up to 1% of its total fiscal year budget for distribution on a prioritized basis to schools throughout the school system in order to assure adequate programs to meet the needs of special student populations as determined by the Board. This distribution shall take into account the needs catalogued in the Systemwide Plan and the various local school improvement plans of the local school councils. Information about these centrally funded programs shall be distributed to the local school councils so that their subsequent planning and programming will account for these provisions.

Beginning in fiscal year 1991 and in each fiscal year thereafter, from other amounts available in the applicable fiscal year budget, the board shall allocate a lump sum amount to each local school based upon such formula as the board shall determine taking into account the special needs of the student body. The local school principal shall develop an expenditure plan in consultation with the local school council, the

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1 professional personnel leadership committee and with all other school personnel, which reflects the priorities and activities 2 3 as described in the school's local school improvement plan and 4 is consistent with applicable law and collective bargaining 5 agreements and with board policies and standards; however, the local school council shall have the right to request waivers 6 of board policy from the board of education and waivers of 7 8 employee collective bargaining agreements pursuant to Section 9 34-8.1a.

The expenditure plan developed by the principal with respect to amounts available from the fund for prioritized special needs programs and the allocated lump sum amount must be approved by the local school council.

lump sum allocation shall take into account the following principles:

a. Teachers: Each school shall be allocated funds equal to the amount appropriated in the previous school year for compensation for teachers (regular grades kindergarten through 12th grade) plus whatever increases in compensation have been negotiated contractually or through longevity as provided in the negotiated agreement. Adjustments shall be made due to layoff or reduction in lack of funds or work, change force, in requirements, enrollment changes, or contracts with third parties for the performance of services or to rectify any inconsistencies with system-wide allocation formulas or

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1 for other legitimate reasons.

- personnel: Funds for b. Other other teacher certificated and uncertificated personnel paid through non-categorical funds shall be provided according to system-wide formulas based on student enrollment and the special needs of the school as determined by the Board.
- c. Non-compensation items: Appropriations for all non-compensation items shall be based on system-wide formulas based on student enrollment and on the special needs of the school or factors related to the physical plant, including but not limited to textbooks, electronic textbooks and the technological equipment necessary to gain access to and use electronic textbooks, supplies, electricity, equipment, and routine maintenance.
- d. Funds for categorical programs: Schools shall receive personnel and funds based on, and shall use such personnel and funds in accordance with State and Federal requirements applicable to each categorical program provided to meet the special needs of the student body (including but not limited to, Federal Chapter I, Bilingual, and Special Education).
- d.1. Funds for State Title I: Each school shall receive funds based on State and Board requirements applicable to each State Title I pupil provided to meet the special needs of the student body. Each school shall receive the proportion of funds as provided in Section

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1 18-8 or 18-8.15 to which they are entitled. These funds shall be spent only with the budgetary approval of the Local School Council as provided in Section 34-2.3. 3

- e. The Local School Council shall have the right to request the principal to close positions and open new ones consistent with the provisions of the local school improvement plan provided that these decisions consistent with applicable law and collective bargaining agreements. If a position is closed, pursuant to this paragraph, the local school shall have for its use the system-wide average compensation for the closed position.
- f. Operating within existing laws and collective bargaining agreements, the local school council shall have the right to direct the principal to shift expenditures within funds.
  - q. (Blank).

Any funds unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall be available to the board of education for use as part of its budget for the following fiscal year.

- 5. To make recommendations to the principal concerning textbook selection and concerning curriculum developed pursuant to the school improvement plan which is consistent with systemwide curriculum objectives in accordance with Sections 34-8 and 34-18 of the School Code and in conformity with the collective bargaining agreement.
  - 6. To advise the principal concerning the attendance and

- 1 disciplinary policies for the attendance center, subject to
- the provisions of this Article and Article 26, and consistent 2
- 3 with the uniform system of discipline established by the board
- 4 pursuant to Section 34-19.
- 5 7. To approve a school improvement plan developed as
- provided in Section 34-2.4. The process and schedule for plan 6
- development shall be publicized to the entire 7
- 8 community, and the community shall be afforded the opportunity
- 9 to make recommendations concerning the plan. At least twice a
- 10 year the principal and local school council shall report
- 11 publicly on progress and problems with respect to plan
- implementation. 12
- 13 8. To evaluate the allocation of teaching resources and
- other certificated and uncertificated staff to the attendance 14
- 15 center to determine whether such allocation is consistent with
- 16 and in furtherance of instructional objectives and school
- programs reflective of the school improvement plan adopted for 17
- the attendance center; and to make recommendations to the 18
- 19 board, the general superintendent and the principal concerning
- 20 any reallocation of teaching resources or other staff whenever
- 2.1 the council determines that any such reallocation
- 22 appropriate because the qualifications of any existing staff
- 23 at the attendance center do not adequately match or support
- 24 instructional objectives or school programs which reflect the
- 25 school improvement plan.
- 26 9. To make recommendations to the principal and the

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1 superintendent concerning their general respective appointments, after August 31, 1989, and in the manner 2 provided by Section 34-8 and Section 34-8.1, of persons to 3 4 fill any vacant, additional or newly created positions for 5 teachers at the attendance center or at attendance centers 6 which include the attendance center served by the local school 7 council.

10. To request of the Board the manner in which training and assistance shall be provided to the local school council. Pursuant to Board guidelines a local school council is authorized to direct the Board of Education to contract with personnel or not-for-profit organizations not associated with the school district to train or assist council members. If training or assistance is provided by contract with personnel or organizations not associated with the school district, the period of training or assistance shall not exceed 30 hours during a given school year; person shall not be employed on a continuous basis longer than said period and shall not have been employed by the Chicago Board of Education within the preceding six months. Council members shall receive training in at least the following areas:

- 1. school budgets;
- 2. educational theory pertinent to the attendance center's particular needs, including the development of school improvement plan and the principal's performance contract; and

- 1 3. personnel selection.
- Council members shall, to the greatest extent possible, 2
- 3 complete such training within 90 days of election.
- 4 11. In accordance with systemwide guidelines contained in
- 5 the System-Wide Educational Reform Goals and Objectives Plan,
- criteria for evaluation of performance shall be established 6
- for local school councils and local school council members. If 7
- 8 local school council persists in noncompliance with
- 9 systemwide requirements, the Board may impose sanctions and
- 10 take necessary corrective action, consistent with Section
- 34-8.3. 11
- 12. Each local school council shall comply with the Open 12
- 13 Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Each local
- school council shall issue and transmit to its school 14
- 15 community a detailed annual report accounting for its
- 16 activities programmatically and financially. Each local school
- council shall convene at least 2 well-publicized meetings 17
- annually with its entire school community. These meetings 18
- shall include presentation of the proposed local school 19
- 20 improvement plan, of the proposed school expenditure plan, and
- 2.1 the annual report, and shall provide an opportunity for public
- 22 comment.
- 13. Each local school council is encouraged to involve 23
- 24 additional non-voting members of the school community in
- 25 facilitating the council's exercise of its responsibilities.
- 26 14. The local school council may adopt a school uniform or

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dress code policy that governs the attendance center and that is necessary to maintain the orderly process of a school function or prevent endangerment of student health or safety, consistent with the policies and rules of the Board of Education. A school uniform or dress code policy adopted by a local school council: (i) shall not be applied in such manner as to discipline or deny attendance to a transfer student or any other student for noncompliance with that policy during such period of time as is reasonably necessary to enable the student to acquire a school uniform or otherwise comply with the dress code policy that is in effect at the attendance center into which the student's enrollment is transferred; and (ii) shall include criteria and procedures under which the local school council will accommodate the needs of otherwise provide appropriate resources to assist a student from an indigent family in complying with an applicable school uniform or dress code policy; and (iii) shall not include or apply to hairstyles, including hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. A student whose parents or legal guardians object on religious grounds to the student's compliance with an applicable school uniform or dress code policy shall not be required to comply with that policy if the student's parents or legal guardians present to the local school council a signed statement of objection detailing the grounds for the

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1 objection. If the board determines that a local school council has violated clause (iii) of this paragraph 14, the board 2 shall withhold from the attendance center the amount, if any, 3 4 of State funding under Section 18-8.15 that exceeds the amount 5 of State funding the attendance center received under Section 6 18-8.15 for the previous school year. To determine the excess amount of State funding to withhold, the board shall calculate 7 the amount of State funding under Section 18-8.15 that the 8 9 attendance center would otherwise receive under Section 10 18-8.15 and subtract that amount from the amount the 11 attendance center received under Section 18-8.15 for the previous school year. This excess amount shall be set aside in 12 13 a separate fund administered by the board. The board shall 14 disburse the withheld funding to the attendance center once 15 the attendance center is in compliance with clause (iii) of 16 this paragraph 14. The board shall forward to the State Board of Education a list of all attendance centers that are in 17 violation of clause (iii) of this paragraph 14. The State 18 19 Board shall publish the list on its Internet website. Once the 20 attendance center is no longer in violation of clause (iii) of this paragraph 14, the board shall forward the name of the 21 22 attendance center to the State Board, and the State Board 23 shall remove the attendance center from the list published on 24 its Internet website.

15. All decisions made and actions taken by the local school council in the exercise of its powers and duties shall

- comply with State and federal laws, all applicable collective 1
- 2 bargaining agreements, court orders and rules properly
- 3 promulgated by the Board.
- 4 15a. To grant, in accordance with board rules
- 5 policies, the use of assembly halls and classrooms when not
- 6 otherwise needed, including lighting, heat, and attendants,
- for public lectures, concerts, and other educational and 7
- social activities. 8
- 9 15b. To approve, in accordance with board rules and
- 10 policies, receipts and expenditures for all internal accounts
- 11 of the attendance center, and to approve all fund-raising
- activities by nonschool organizations that use the school 12
- 13 building.
- 14 16. (Blank).
- 15 17. Names and addresses of local school council members
- 16 shall be a matter of public record.
- (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.) 17
- 18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 19 becoming law.".