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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 4028

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 4028 on page 1,  
3 line 5, after "Section 3" by inserting "and adding Section  
4 5.5"; and

5 on page 2, by replacing lines 8 and 9 with "promote health,  
6 well-being, and human dignity and must include how to find a  
7 mental health provider and how to access the mental health  
8 system."; and

9 on page 5, immediately below line 18, by inserting:

10 "Section 10. The Critical Health Problems and  
11 Comprehensive Health Education Act is amended by adding  
12 Section 5.5 as follows:

13 (105 ILCS 110/5.5 new)

14 Sec. 5.5. Student Mental Health Council; reporting.

1       (a) In this Section, "Council" means the Student Mental  
2 Health Council.

3       (b) The Student Mental Health Council is created.

4       (c) The Student Mental Health Council shall:

5           (1) Conduct meetings at least once a quarter.

6           (2) Identify barriers to youth feeling supported by  
7 and empowered by their mental health.

8           (3) Evaluate available resources and services at  
9 schools for students.

10          (4) Destigmatize getting help when needed for our  
11 young people.

12          (5) Evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on students mental  
13 health.

14          (6) Advise and make recommendations to the General  
15 Assembly and the Governor regarding:

16           (A) the dissemination of information to schools,  
17 including agency websites, informational materials,  
18 and outreach personnel;

19           (B) available services to students and any gaps;  
20 and

21           (C) how to improve state policy concerning student  
22 mental health.

23       (d) The Council shall be composed of the following:

24           (1) The State Board of Education Chair or his or her  
25 designee;

26           (2) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate

1 President;

2 (3) One member of the House appointed by the Speaker  
3 of the House;

4 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
5 Leader of the Senate;

6 (5) One member of the House appointed the Minority  
7 Leader of the House;

8 (6) The State Board of Education Director or his or  
9 her designee;

10 (7) three members who are executive directors or chief  
11 executive officers, or their designees, of minority and  
12 women led organizations that are doing mental health  
13 focused work for youth;

14 (8) Three people who are recent graduates of public  
15 high schools;

16 (9) Three people who are recent graduates of public  
17 universities; and

18 (10) The following members shall be appointed by the  
19 State Board of Education:

20 (A) One current public high school student who  
21 lives in Cook County;

22 (B) One current public high school student who  
23 lives in central Illinois;

24 (C) One current public high school student who  
25 lives in southern Illinois;

26 (D) One current public high school student who

1           lives in northern Illinois; and

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3           (E) One current public high school student who  
4           lives in western Illinois.

5           (e) The Illinois State Board of Education shall house the  
6           Council and provide administrative, personnel, and technical  
7           support services.

8           (f) Only current public high school students, recent  
9           graduates of public schools, recent graduates of public  
10           universities, and executive directors or chief executive  
11           officers, or their designees, shall be compensated for their  
12           services. These members shall be paid \$5,000 per year, to be  
13           paid monthly.

14           (g) The Council may form subcommittees that meet more than  
15           once per quarter.

16           (h) The initial Council meeting shall be convened no later  
17           than January 1, 2023.

18           (i) The Council shall meet with State Board of Education  
19           personnel quarterly.

20           (j) The Council shall prepare and deliver an annual report  
21           to the General Assembly and the Governor's Office by December  
22           31 of each year.

23           (k) The annual report shall be considered by the General  
24           Assembly and the Governor's Office.

25           (l) The Council is dissolved, and this Section is  
26           repealed, on January 1, 2026."