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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3798

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3798 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.196 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.196. Grants for stipends for school social work
8 internships.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "school social work intern"
10 means an individual who is enrolled in a program approved by
11 the State Board of Education for the preparation of school
12 social workers to qualify for a professional educator license
13 under Article 21B with an endorsement in the area of school
14 social work and who is required to complete a school social
15 work internship in a school setting as part of the
16 individual's educator preparation program.

1 (b) Subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2024-2025
2 school year, the State Board of Education shall award
3 competitive grants on an annual basis to school districts and
4 other educational units that have school social work interns
5 to assist those school districts and other educational units
6 in the funding of school social work internships approved by
7 the interns' educator preparation programs by providing
8 stipends. The stipend amount shall equal at least \$15,000 per
9 year for each intern at a rate of at least \$25 per hour.

10 (c) The State Board of Education shall annually
11 disseminate to school districts and other educational units
12 that have school social work interns a request for
13 applications for grants under this Section. Grant applications
14 shall be accepted on an annual basis. The State Board of
15 Education shall establish procedures for submitting requests
16 for stipends and issuing funds to approved applicants.

17 (d) If the appropriation for grants under this Section for
18 a given fiscal year is less than the amount required to fund
19 all applications for grants, the State Board of Education
20 shall give priority to school districts that have been
21 designated as Tier 1 or Tier 2 pursuant to paragraph (3) of
22 subsection (g) of Section 18-8.15 of this Code and that have
23 applied for grant funds.

24 (e) For any school year in which grants are awarded under
25 this Section, the State Board of Education shall produce a
26 report on the awarding of grants, in cooperation with the

1 school districts and educational units that are awarded
2 grants. The report shall include a list of the recipients of
3 the grant awards, the amount of grant funds awarded to each
4 recipient, and the total amount awarded. The report shall be
5 posted on the State Board of Education's Internet website each
6 year in which grants are awarded.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.".