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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1787

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1787 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 22-95 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-95 new)

7 Sec. 22-95. Rural Education Advisory Council.

8 (a) The Rural Education Advisory Council is created as a  
9 statewide advisory council to exchange thoughtful dialogue  
10 concerning the needs, challenges, and opportunities of rural  
11 schools districts and to provide policy recommendations to the  
12 State. The Council shall perform all of the following  
13 functions:

14 (1) Convey and impart the perspective of rural  
15 communities and provide context during policy discussions  
16 on various statewide issues with the State Superintendent

1 of Education.

2 (2) Present to the State Superintendent of Education  
3 the opportunity to speak directly with representatives of  
4 rural communities on various policy and legal issues, to  
5 present feedback on critical issues facing rural  
6 communities, to generate ideas, and to communicate  
7 information to the State Superintendent.

8 (3) Provide feedback about this State's  
9 pre-kindergarten through grade 12 practices and policies  
10 so that the application of policies in rural areas may be  
11 more fully understood.

12 (b) The Council shall consist of all of the following  
13 members:

14 (1) The State Superintendent of Education or his or  
15 her designee.

16 (2) One representative of an association representing  
17 rural and small schools, appointed by the State  
18 Superintendent of Education.

19 (3) Five superintendents of rural school districts who  
20 represent 3 super-regions of this State and who are  
21 recommended by an association representing rural and small  
22 schools, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
23 Education.

24 (4) One principal from a rural school district  
25 recommended by a statewide organization representing  
26 school principals, appointed by the State Superintendent

1       of Education.

2       (5) One representative from a rural school district  
3       recommended by a statewide organization representing  
4       school boards, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
5       Education.

6       (6) One representative of a statewide organization  
7       representing district superintendents, appointed by the  
8       State Superintendent of Education.

9       (7) One representative of a statewide organization  
10       representing regional superintendents of schools,  
11       appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

12       (8) One student who is at least 15 years old, who is a  
13       member of the State Board of Education's Student Advisory  
14       Council, and who is from a rural school district,  
15       appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

16       Council members must reflect, as much as possible, the  
17       racial and ethnic diversity of this State.

18       Council members shall serve without compensation but shall  
19       be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from  
20       funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for that  
21       purpose, subject to the rules of the appropriate travel  
22       control board.

23       (c) The Council shall meet initially at the call of the  
24       State Superintendent of Education, shall select one member as  
25       chairperson at its initial meeting, and shall thereafter meet  
26       at the call of the chairperson.

1           (d) The State Board of Education shall provide  
2 administrative and other support to the Council as needed.

3           (e) The Council is dissolved and this Section is repealed  
4 on December 31, 2031."