

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 529

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 529 on page 1,  
3 immediately below line 1, by inserting the following:

4 "WHEREAS, Over \$1,000,000,000 annually is transferred out  
5 of Illinois by retirees to Southern-tier states; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois is second only to New York in net loss  
7 of people migrating to other states, averaging a net loss in  
8 excess of 20,000 people per year; and

9 WHEREAS, It takes 3.7 factory jobs to equal the economic  
10 impact of one active adult retirement household; and

11 WHEREAS, Retirees have money, spend it, and don't burden  
12 municipal services; and

13 WHEREAS, Active adult retirement communities are a magnet  
14 for new business development; and

15 WHEREAS, Retaining retirees in Illinois means more  
16 business, and more business means more jobs and more tax  
17 dollars; and

18 WHEREAS, A typical active adult retiree household will  
19 spend in excess of \$2,000 per year in sales tax, income tax,  
20 car registration fees, highway tolls, and, in some instances,

1 business license fees; property taxes are another major  
2 expenditure; in addition to that, taxes will be paid by the  
3 people newly employed; and

4 WHEREAS, Active adult planned unit development  
5 communities' restrictions prohibit full-time residency by  
6 anyone under age 19; and

7 WHEREAS, To level the playing field between Illinois and  
8 the Southern-tier states, this legislation proposes a  
9 refundable tax credit; the credit would apply only to those  
10 living in active adult planned unit development communities  
11 and would be equal to 50% of the amount the property owner in  
12 an active adult community is paying to the schools through  
13 property taxes; and

14 WHEREAS, The tax credit proposed by this legislation  
15 would have the following benefits:

16 (1) Schools will not be penalized because they will  
17 get the amount of their levy anyway;

18 (2) The State is not mortgaging new income flows,  
19 but is providing the credit out of funds it already has  
20 and will continue to receive; and

21 (3) Illinois money stays in Illinois; therefore";  
22 and

23 on page 7, line 13, after "203" by inserting "and adding  
24 Section 208.2"; and

25 on page 43, immediately below line 4, by inserting the  
26 following:

27 "(35 ILCS 5/208.2 new)

28 Sec. 208.2. Retirement Community Economic Development  
29 Incentive Credit.

30 (a) Beginning with taxable years ending on or after  
31 December 31, 2003, every individual taxpayer who owns

1 property in an active adult planned unit development  
2 community is entitled to a credit against the tax imposed by  
3 subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 in an amount equal to  
4 50% of the real property taxes extended on behalf of the  
5 school district and paid by the taxpayer during the taxable  
6 year on the principal residence of the taxpayer.

7 (b) If a credit allowed under this Section exceeds the  
8 tax liability of the taxpayer, the taxpayer shall receive a  
9 refund for the amount of the excess.

10 (c) The Department shall adopt rules defining "active  
11 adult planned unit development community".

12 (d) This Section is exempt from the provisions of  
13 Section 250."