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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3678

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3678 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 2-3.25a and 2-3.25d as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25a) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25a)
7 Sec. 2-3.25a. "School district" defined; additional
8 standards.

9 (a) For the purposes of this Section and Sections 3.25b,
10 3.25c, 3.25d, 3.25e, and 3.25f of this Code, "school district"
11 includes other public entities responsible for administering
12 public schools, such as cooperatives, joint agreements,
13 charter schools, special charter districts, regional offices
14 of education, local agencies, and the Department of Human
15 Services.

16 (b) In addition to the standards established pursuant to
17 Section 2-3.25, the State Board of Education shall develop
18 recognition standards for student performance and school
19 improvement in all public schools operated by school districts.
20 The indicators to determine adequate yearly progress shall be
21 limited to the State assessment of student performance in
22 reading and mathematics, student attendance rates at the
23 elementary school level, graduation rates at the high school
24 level, and participation rates on student assessments. Unless

1 the federal government formally disapproves of such policy
2 through the submission and review process for the Illinois
3 Accountability Workbook, the indicators to determine adequate
4 yearly progress for children with disabilities shall be based
5 on their individualized education plans. The standards shall be
6 designed to permit the measurement of student performance and
7 school improvement by schools and school districts compared to
8 student performance and school improvement for the preceding
9 academic years.

10 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)

12 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic early warning and watch status.

13 (a) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, unless the
14 federal government formally disapproves of such policy through
15 the submission and review process for the Illinois
16 Accountability Workbook, those ~~Those~~ schools that do not meet
17 adequate yearly progress criteria, ~~as specified by the State~~
18 ~~Board of Education,~~ for 2 consecutive annual calculations in
19 the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their
20 participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate, shall
21 be placed on academic early warning status for the next school
22 year. Schools on academic early warning status that do not meet
23 adequate yearly progress criteria for a third annual
24 calculation in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in
25 their participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate
26 shall remain on academic early warning status. Schools on
27 academic early warning status that do not meet adequate yearly
28 progress criteria for a fourth annual calculation in the same
29 subgroup and in the same subject or in their participation
30 rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall be placed on
31 initial academic watch status. Schools on academic watch status
32 that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a fifth
33 or subsequent annual calculation in the same subgroup and in

1 the same subject or in their participation rate, attendance
2 rate, or graduation rate shall remain on academic watch status.

3 Schools on academic early warning or academic watch status that
4 meet adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual
5 calculation ~~shall be acknowledged for making improvement and~~
6 ~~shall maintain their current statuses for the next school year.~~
7 ~~Schools on academic early warning or academic watch status that~~
8 ~~meet adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual~~
9 ~~calculations~~ shall be considered as having met expectations and
10 shall be removed from any status designation.

11 The school district of a school placed on either academic
12 early warning status or academic watch status may appeal the
13 status to the State Board of Education in accordance with
14 Section 2-3.25m of this Code.

15 A school district that has one or more schools on academic
16 early warning or academic watch status shall prepare a revised
17 School Improvement Plan or amendments thereto setting forth the
18 district's expectations for removing each school from academic
19 early warning or academic watch status and for improving
20 student performance in the affected school or schools.
21 Districts operating under Article 34 of this Code may prepare
22 the School Improvement Plan required under Section 34-2.4 of
23 this Code.

24 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that is
25 initially placed on academic early warning status or that
26 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
27 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
28 school's local school council in a district operating under
29 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
30 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code).

31 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school placed on
32 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation
33 must be approved by the school board (and by the school's local
34 school council in a district operating under Article 34 of this

1 Code, unless the school is on probation pursuant to subsection
2 (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and the State
3 Superintendent of Education.

4 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that
5 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
6 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
7 school's local school council in a district operating under
8 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
9 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and
10 the State Superintendent of Education. In addition, the
11 district must develop a school restructuring plan for the
12 school that must be approved by the school board (and by the
13 school's local school council in a district operating under
14 Article 34 of this Code) and subsequently approved by the State
15 Superintendent of Education.

16 A school on academic watch status that does not meet
17 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
18 calculation shall implement its approved school restructuring
19 plan beginning with the next school year, subject to the State
20 interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this Code.

21 (b) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, unless the
22 federal government formally disapproves of such policy through
23 the submission and review process for the Illinois
24 Accountability Workbook, those ~~These~~ school districts that do
25 not meet adequate yearly progress criteria, ~~as specified by the~~
26 ~~State Board of Education,~~ for 2 consecutive annual calculations
27 in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their
28 participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate, shall
29 be placed on academic early warning status for the next school
30 year. Districts on academic early warning status that do not
31 meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a third annual
32 calculation in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in
33 their participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate
34 shall remain on academic early warning status. Districts on

1 academic early warning status that do not meet adequate yearly
2 progress criteria for a fourth annual calculation in the same
3 subgroup and in the same subject or in their participation
4 rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall be placed on
5 initial academic watch status. Districts on academic watch
6 status that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a
7 fifth or subsequent annual calculation in the same subgroup and
8 in the same subject or in their participation rate, attendance
9 rate, or graduation rate shall remain on academic watch status.

10 Districts on academic early warning or academic watch status
11 that meet adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual
12 calculation ~~shall be acknowledged for making improvement and~~
13 ~~shall maintain their current statuses for the next school year.~~
14 ~~Districts on academic early warning or academic watch status~~
15 ~~that meet adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive~~
16 ~~annual calculations~~ shall be considered as having met
17 expectations and shall be removed from any status designation.

18 A district placed on either academic early warning status
19 or academic watch status may appeal the status to the State
20 Board of Education in accordance with Section 2-3.25m of this
21 Code.

22 Districts on academic early warning or academic watch
23 status shall prepare a District Improvement Plan or amendments
24 thereto setting forth the district's expectations for removing
25 the district from academic early warning or academic watch
26 status and for improving student performance in the district.

27 The District Improvement Plan for a district that is
28 initially placed on academic early warning status must be
29 approved by the school board.

30 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
31 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
32 calculation must be approved by the school board.

33 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district on
34 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation

1 must be approved by the school board and the State
2 Superintendent of Education.

3 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
4 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
5 calculation must be approved by the school board and the State
6 Superintendent of Education. In addition, the district must
7 develop a district restructuring plan that must be approved by
8 the school board and the State Superintendent of Education.

9 A district on academic watch status that does not meet
10 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
11 calculation shall implement its approved district
12 restructuring plan beginning with the next school year, subject
13 to the State interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this
14 Code.

15 (c) All revised School and District Improvement Plans shall
16 be developed in collaboration with staff in the affected school
17 or school district. All revised School and District Improvement
18 Plans shall be developed, submitted, and approved pursuant to
19 rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The revised
20 Improvement Plan shall address measurable outcomes for
21 improving student performance so that such performance meets
22 adequate yearly progress criteria as specified by the State
23 Board of Education.

24 (d) All federal requirements apply to schools and school
25 districts utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the
26 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

27 (e) The State Board of Education, from any moneys it may
28 have available for this purpose, must implement and administer
29 a grant program that provides 2-year grants to school districts
30 on the academic watch list and other school districts that have
31 the lowest achieving students, as determined by the State Board
32 of Education, to be used to improve student achievement. In
33 order to receive a grant under this program, a school district
34 must establish an accountability program. The accountability

1 program must involve the use of statewide testing standards and
2 local evaluation measures. A grant shall be automatically
3 renewed when achievement goals are met. The Board may adopt any
4 rules necessary to implement and administer this grant program.
5 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03; 93-890, eff. 8-9-04.)

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