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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1957

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1957, AS AMENDED,
3 with reference to page and line numbers of Senate Amendment No.
4 1, on page 1, lines 4 and 5, by changing "Section 34-210" to
5 "Sections 34-210, 34-225, and 34-230"; and

6 on page 1, line 13, by changing "January 1, 2014" to "October
7 1, 2013"; and

8 on page 3, line 4, by changing "July 1, 2013" to "May 1, 2013";
9 and

10 on page 4, by inserting after line 13 the following:

11 "(105 ILCS 5/34-225)

12 Sec. 34-225. School transition plans.

13 (a) If the Board approves a school action, the chief
14 executive officer or his or her designee shall work

1 collaboratively with local school educators and families of
2 students attending a school that is the subject of a school
3 action to ensure successful integration of affected students
4 into new learning environments.

5 (b) The chief executive officer or his or her designee
6 shall prepare and implement a school transition plan to support
7 students attending a school that is the subject of a school
8 action that accomplishes the goals of this Section. The chief
9 executive must identify and commit specific resources for
10 implementation of the school transition plan for a minimum of
11 the full first academic year after the board approves a school
12 action.

13 (c) The school transition plan shall include the following:

14 (1) services to support the academic, social, and
15 emotional needs of students; supports for students with
16 disabilities, homeless students, and English language
17 learners; and support to address security and safety
18 issues;

19 (2) options to enroll in higher performing schools;

20 (3) informational briefings regarding the choice of
21 schools that include all pertinent information to enable
22 the parent or guardian and child to make an informed
23 choice, including the option to visit the schools of choice
24 prior to making a decision; and

25 (4) the provision of appropriate transportation where
26 practicable.

1 (d) When implementing a school action, the Board must make
2 reasonable and demonstrated efforts to ensure that:

3 (1) Affected students receive a comparable level of
4 social support services provided by Chicago Public Schools
5 that were available at the previous school, provided that
6 the need for such social support services continue to
7 exist; and

8 (2) Class sizes of any receiving school do not exceed
9 those established under the Chicago Public Schools policy
10 regarding class size, subject to principal discretion.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-473, eff. 1-1-12; 97-474, eff. 8-22-11;
12 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

13 (105 ILCS 5/34-230)

14 Sec. 34-230. School action public meetings and hearings.

15 (a) By October ~~November~~ 1 of each year, the chief executive
16 officer shall prepare and publish guidelines for school
17 actions. The guidelines shall outline the academic and
18 non-academic criteria for a school action. These guidelines
19 shall be created with the involvement of local school councils,
20 parents, educators, and community organizations. These
21 guidelines, and each subsequent revision, shall be subject to a
22 public comment period of at least 21 days before their
23 approval.

24 (b) The chief executive officer shall announce all proposed
25 school actions to be taken at the close of the current academic

1 year consistent with the guidelines by December 1 of each year.

2 (c) On or before December 1 of each year, the chief
3 executive officer shall publish notice of the proposed school
4 actions.

5 (1) Notice of the proposal for a school action shall
6 include a written statement of the basis for the school
7 action, an explanation of how the school action meets the
8 criteria set forth in the guidelines, and a draft School
9 Transition Plan identifying the items required in Section
10 34-225 of this Code for all schools affected by the school
11 action. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of
12 the hearing or meeting.

13 (2) The chief executive officer or his or her designee
14 shall provide notice to the principal, staff, local school
15 council, and parents or guardians of any school that is
16 subject to the proposed school action.

17 (3) The chief executive officer shall provide written
18 notice of any proposed school action to the State Senator,
19 State Representative, and alderman for the school or
20 schools that are subject to the proposed school action.

21 (4) The chief executive officer shall publish notice of
22 proposed school actions on the district's Internet
23 website.

24 (5) The chief executive officer shall provide notice of
25 proposed school actions at least 30 calendar days in
26 advance of a public hearing or meeting. The notice shall

1 state the date, time, and place of the hearing or meeting.
2 No Board decision regarding a proposed school action may
3 take place less than 60 days after the announcement of the
4 proposed school action.

5 (d) The chief executive officer shall publish a brief
6 summary of the proposed school actions and the date, time, and
7 place of the hearings or meetings in a newspaper of general
8 circulation.

9 (e) The chief executive officer shall designate at least 3
10 opportunities to elicit public comment at a hearing or meeting
11 on a proposed school action and shall do the following:

12 (1) Convene at least one public hearing at the
13 centrally located office of the Board.

14 (2) Convene at least 2 additional public hearings or
15 meetings at a location convenient to the school community
16 subject to the proposed school action.

17 (f) Public hearings shall be conducted by a qualified
18 independent hearing officer chosen from a list of independent
19 hearing officers. The general counsel shall compile and publish
20 a list of independent hearing officers by November 1 of each
21 school year. The independent hearing officer shall have the
22 following qualifications:

23 (1) he or she must be a licensed attorney eligible to
24 practice law in Illinois;

25 (2) he or she must not be an employee of the Board; and

26 (3) he or she must not have represented the Board, its

1 employees or any labor organization representing its
2 employees, any local school council, or any charter or
3 contract school in any capacity within the last year.

4 ~~(4)~~ The independent hearing officer shall issue a written
5 report that summarizes the hearing and determines whether the
6 chief executive officer complied with the requirements of this
7 Section and the guidelines.

8 ~~(5)~~ The chief executive officer shall publish the report on
9 the district's Internet website within 5 calendar days after
10 receiving the report and at least 15 days prior to any Board
11 action being taken.

12 (g) Public meetings shall be conducted by a representative
13 of the chief executive officer. A summary of the public meeting
14 shall be published on the district's Internet website within 5
15 calendar days after the meeting.

16 (h) If the chief executive officer proposes a school action
17 without following the mandates set forth in this Section, the
18 proposed school action shall not be approved by the Board
19 during the school year in which the school action was proposed.

20 (Source: P.A. 97-473, eff. 1-1-12; 97-474, eff. 8-22-11;
21 97-813, eff. 7-13-12; revised 10-17-12.)".