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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5689

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5689, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
6 22-75 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/22-75 new)

8 Sec. 22-75. The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force.

9 (a) There is hereby created the Eradicate Domestic Violence
10 Task Force. The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force shall
11 develop a statewide effective and feasible prevention course
12 for high school students designed to prevent interpersonal,
13 adolescent violence based on the Step Back Program for boys and
14 girls. The State Board of Education shall provide
15 administrative staff and support to the task force.

16 (b) The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force shall do the

1 following:

2 (1) Conduct meetings to evaluate the effectiveness and
3 feasibility of statewide implementation of the curricula
4 of the Step Back Program at Oak Park and River Forest High
5 School, located in Cook County, Illinois, for the
6 prevention of domestic violence.

7 (2) Invite the testimony of and confer with experts on
8 relevant topics as needed.

9 (3) Propose content for integration into school
10 curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence.

11 (4) Propose the curricula content that should be
12 mandatory versus voluntary to best provide the desired
13 result of eradication of domestic violence.

14 (5) Propose a method of training facilitators on the
15 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence.

16 (6) Propose partnerships with anti-violence agencies
17 to assist with the facilitator roles and the nature of the
18 partnerships.

19 (7) Evaluate the approximate cost per school or school
20 district to implement and maintain school curricula aimed
21 at preventing domestic violence.

22 (8) Propose a funding source or sources to support
23 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence and
24 agencies that provide training to the facilitators, such as
25 a fee to be charged in domestic violence, sexual assault,
26 and related cases to be collected by the clerk of the court

1 for deposit into a special fund in the State treasury and
2 to be used to fund a proposed eradicate domestic violence
3 program in the schools of this State.

4 (9) Propose an evaluation structure to ensure that the
5 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence is
6 effectively taught by trained facilitators.

7 (10) Propose a method of evaluation for the purpose of
8 modifying the content of the curriculum over time,
9 including whether studies of the program should be
10 conducted by the University of Illinois' Interpersonal
11 Violence Prevention Information Center.

12 (11) Recommend legislation developed by the task
13 force, such as amending to Sections 27-5 through 27-13.3
14 and 27-23.4 of this Code, and legislation to create a fee
15 to be charged in domestic violence, sexual assault, and
16 related cases to be collected by the clerk of court for
17 deposit into a special fund in the State treasury and to be
18 used to fund a proposed eradicate domestic violence program
19 in the schools of this State.

20 (12) Produce a report of the task force's findings on
21 best practices and policies, which shall include a plan
22 with a phased and prioritized implementation timetable for
23 implementation of school curricula aimed at preventing
24 domestic violence in schools. The task force shall submit a
25 report to the General Assembly on or before April 1, 2013
26 on its findings, recommendations, and implementation plan.

1 Any task force reports must be published on the State Board
2 of Education's Internet website on the date the report is
3 delivered to the General Assembly.

4 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
5 House of Representatives shall each appoint one co-chairperson
6 of the Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force. The Minority
7 Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of
8 Representatives shall each appoint one member to the task
9 force. In addition, the task force shall be comprised of the
10 following members appointed by the State Board of Education and
11 shall be representative of the geographic, racial, and ethnic
12 diversity of this State:

13 (1) Four representatives involved with a program for
14 high school students at a high school that is located in a
15 municipality with a population of 2,000,000 or more and the
16 program is a daily, 6-week to 9-week, 45-session,
17 gender-specific, primary prevention course designed to
18 raise awareness of topics such as dating and domestic
19 violence, any systematic conduct that causes measurable
20 physical harm or emotional distress, sexual assault,
21 digital abuse, self-defense, and suicide.

22 (2) A representative of an interpersonal violence
23 prevention program within a State university.

24 (3) A representative of a statewide nonprofit,
25 nongovernmental, domestic violence organization.

26 (4) A representative of a different nonprofit,

1 nongovernmental domestic violence organization that is
2 located in a municipality with a population of 2,000,000 or
3 more.

4 (5) A representative of a statewide nonprofit,
5 nongovernmental, sexual assault organization.

6 (6) A representative of a different nonprofit,
7 nongovernmental, sexual assault organization based in a
8 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more.

9 (7) The State Superintendent of Education or his or her
10 designee.

11 (8) The Chief Executive Officer of City of Chicago
12 School District 299 or his or her designee or the President
13 of the Chicago Board of Education or his or her designee.

14 (9) A representative of the Department of Human
15 Services.

16 (10) A representative of a statewide, nonprofit
17 professional organization representing law enforcement
18 executives.

19 (11) A representative of the Chicago Police
20 Department, Youth Services Division.

21 (12) The Clerk of the Circuit Court for the First
22 Judicial District or his or her designee.

23 (d) The following underlying purposes should be liberally
24 construed by the task force convened under this Section:

25 (1) Recognize that, according to the Centers for
26 Disease Control and Prevention, National Intimate Partner

1 and Sexual Violence Survey, December 2010 Summary Report,
2 on average 24 people per minute are victims of rape,
3 physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in
4 the United States, equaling more than 12 million women and
5 men.

6 (2) Recognize that abused children and children
7 exposed to domestic violence in their homes may have short
8 and long-term physical, emotional, and learning problems,
9 including increased aggression, decreased responsiveness
10 to adults, failure to thrive, posttraumatic stress
11 disorder, depression, anxiety, hyper vigilance and
12 hyperactivity, eating and sleeping problems, and
13 developmental delays, according to the Journal of
14 Interpersonal Violence and the Futures Without Violence
15 organization.

16 (3) Recognize that the Illinois Violence Prevention
17 Authority has found that children exposed to violence in
18 the media may become numb to the horror of violence, may
19 gradually accept violence as a way to solve problems, may
20 imitate the violence they see, and may identify with
21 certain characters, victims, or victimizers.

22 (4) Recognize that crimes and the incarceration of
23 youth are often associated with a history of child abuse
24 and exposure to domestic violence, according to Futures
25 Without Violence.

26 (5) Recognize that the cost of prosecuting crime in

1 this State is unnecessarily high due to a lack of
2 prevention programs designed to eradicate domestic
3 violence.

4 (6) Recognize that sexual violence, stalking, and
5 intimate partner violence are serious and widespread
6 public health problems for children and adults in this
7 State.

8 (7) Recognize that intervention programs aimed at
9 preventing domestic violence may yield better results than
10 programs aimed at treating the victims of domestic
11 violence, because treatment programs may reduce the
12 likelihood that a particular woman will be re-victimized,
13 but might not otherwise reduce the overall amount of
14 domestic violence.

15 (8) Recognize that uniform, effective, feasible, and
16 widespread prevention of sexual violence and intimate
17 partner violence is a high priority in this State.

18 (9) Recognize that the Step Back Program at Oak Park
19 and River Forest High School in Cook County, Illinois, is a
20 daily, 6 to 9 week, 45-session, gender-specific, primary
21 prevention course for high school students designed to
22 raise awareness of topics, including dating and domestic
23 violence, bullying and harassment, sexual assault, digital
24 abuse, self-defense, and suicide. The Step Back Program is
25 co-facilitated by the high school and a nonprofit,
26 nongovernmental domestic violence prevention specialist

1 and service provider.

2 (10) Develop a statewide effective prevention course
3 for high school students based on the Step Back Program for
4 boys and girls designed to prevent interpersonal,
5 adolescent violence.

6 (e) Members of the Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force
7 shall receive no compensation for their participation, but may
8 be reimbursed by the State Board of Education for expenses in
9 connection with their participation, including travel, if
10 funds are available.

11 (f) Nothing in this Section or in the prevention course is
12 intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression
13 or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views
14 protected under the First Amendment to the United States
15 Constitution or under Section 3 or 4 of Article 1 of the
16 Illinois Constitution.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.".