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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2094

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2094 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 10-17a and by adding Section 10-20.53 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-17a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-17a)
7 Sec. 10-17a. Better schools accountability.

8 (1) Policy and Purpose. It shall be the policy of the State
9 of Illinois that each school district in this State, including
10 special charter districts and districts subject to the
11 provisions of Article 34, shall submit to parents, taxpayers of
12 such district, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the
13 State Board of Education a school report card assessing the
14 performance of its schools and students. The report card shall
15 be an index of school performance measured against statewide
16 and local standards and will provide information to make prior

1 year comparisons and to set future year targets through the
2 school improvement plan.

3 (2) Reporting Requirements. Each school district shall
4 prepare a report card in accordance with the guidelines set
5 forth in this Section which describes the performance of its
6 students by school attendance centers and by district and the
7 district's financial resources and use of financial resources.
8 Such report card shall be presented at a regular school board
9 meeting subject to applicable notice requirements, posted on
10 the school district's Internet web site, if the district
11 maintains an Internet web site, made available to a newspaper
12 of general circulation serving the district, and, upon request,
13 sent home to a parent (unless the district does not maintain an
14 Internet web site, in which case the report card shall be sent
15 home to parents without request). If the district posts the
16 report card on its Internet web site, the district shall send a
17 written notice home to parents stating (i) that the report card
18 is available on the web site, (ii) the address of the web site,
19 (iii) that a printed copy of the report card will be sent to
20 parents upon request, and (iv) the telephone number that
21 parents may call to request a printed copy of the report card.
22 In addition, each school district shall submit the completed
23 report card to the office of the district's Regional
24 Superintendent which shall make copies available to any
25 individuals requesting them.

26 The report card shall be completed and disseminated prior

1 to October 31 in each school year. The report card shall
2 contain, but not be limited to, actual local school attendance
3 center, school district and statewide data indicating the
4 present performance of the school, the State norms and the
5 areas for planned improvement for the school and school
6 district.

7 (3) (a) The report card shall include the following
8 applicable indicators of attendance center, district, and
9 statewide student performance: percent of students who exceed,
10 meet, or do not meet standards established by the State Board
11 of Education pursuant to Section 2-3.25a; composite and subtest
12 means on nationally normed achievement tests for college bound
13 students; student attendance rates; chronic truancy rate;
14 dropout rate; graduation rate; and student mobility, turnover
15 shown as a percent of transfers out and a percent of transfers
16 in.

17 (b) The report card shall include the following
18 descriptions for the school, district, and State: average class
19 size; amount of time per day devoted to mathematics, science,
20 English and social science at primary, middle and junior high
21 school grade levels; designation of a secondary school as an
22 Illinois Democracy School; number of students taking the
23 Prairie State Achievement Examination under subsection (c) of
24 Section 2-3.64, the number of those students who received a
25 score of excellent, and the average score by school of students
26 taking the examination; pupil-teacher ratio;

1 pupil-administrator ratio; operating expenditure per pupil;
2 district expenditure by fund; average administrator salary;
3 and average teacher salary. The report card shall also specify
4 the amount of money that the district receives from all
5 sources, including without limitation subcategories specifying
6 the amount from local property taxes, the amount from general
7 State aid, the amount from other State funding, and the amount
8 from other income.

9 (c) The report card shall include applicable indicators of
10 parental involvement in each attendance center. The parental
11 involvement component of the report card shall include the
12 percentage of students whose parents or guardians have had one
13 or more personal contacts with the students' teachers during
14 the school year concerning the students' education, and such
15 other information, commentary, and suggestions as the school
16 district desires. For the purposes of this paragraph, "personal
17 contact" includes, but is not limited to, parent-teacher
18 conferences, parental visits to school, school visits to home,
19 telephone conversations, and written correspondence. The
20 parental involvement component shall not single out or identify
21 individual students, parents, or guardians by name.

22 (d) The report card form shall be prepared by the State
23 Board of Education and provided to school districts by the most
24 efficient, economic, and appropriate means.

25 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.53 new)

2 Sec. 10-20.53. Illinois Democracy School. A school board
3 may designate any of its secondary schools as Illinois
4 Democracy Schools if the school receives accreditation as such
5 by a not-for-profit accreditation board consisting of
6 educators, administrators, students, universities, funders,
7 elected officials, policymakers, and representatives from the
8 public, private, and non-profit sectors. An Illinois Democracy
9 School shall provide students with experiences in the rights,
10 responsibilities, and tensions inherent in living in a
11 constitutional democracy; consciously promote civic engagement
12 by all students; focus on fostering participatory citizenship;
13 place an emphasis on helping students understand how the
14 fundamental ideals and principles of our democratic society
15 relate to the problems, opportunities, and controversies that
16 matter in the present; collaborate with parents, students, and
17 their communities in developing a civic mission and in
18 providing curricular and extra-curricular civic learning
19 experiences for all students; and engage students in a
20 continual process of improving and increasing civic learning.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 30,
22 2011."