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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3259

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3259, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
6 26-17 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/26-17 new)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on November 2, 2012)

9 Sec. 26-17. The Commission for High School Graduation
10 Achievement and Success.

11 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that the compulsory
12 school age is one piece of the education spectrum. There is a
13 great need to help children succeed in school and reach high
14 school graduation. The Commission for High School Graduation
15 Achievement and Success is hereby created to study the issue of
16 high school graduation in this State, with the goals of

1 increasing educational attainment, increasing high school
2 graduation rates, and ultimately improving the workforce in
3 this State. The Commission is tasked to examine and evaluate
4 the following:

5 (1) graduation rates in this State;

6 (2) this State's mandatory attendance age;

7 (3) alternative educational programs currently being
8 used in this State, including which are the most
9 successful, why they are successful, and whether they can
10 be used by other school districts in this State;

11 (4) the funding structures and options for these
12 alternative programs;

13 (5) alternative educational programs being used in
14 other states and whether they would be successful in school
15 districts in this State; and

16 (6) the effect that high school graduation has upon the
17 job outlook for individuals.

18 (b) The alternative educational programs in this State that
19 are to be studied by the Commission under subsection (a) of
20 this Section shall include, but are not be limited to, the
21 following:

22 (1) alternative schools, regional safe schools,
23 truancy alternative programs, and dual credit/dual degree
24 programs;

25 (2) the Shared Learning Infrastructure, online
26 courses, and other technology alternatives;

1 (3) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
2 (STEM) Learning Exchanges;

3 (4) the Illinois Pathways Initiative;

4 (5) Accelerating Opportunity Grants; and

5 (6) the Truants' Alternative and Optional Education
6 Program.

7 (c) The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
8 of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the
9 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each
10 appoint one member to the Commission. The State Superintendent
11 of Education shall appoint one representative from the State
12 Board of Education to the Commission. The Governor shall
13 appoint a chairperson of the Commission. In addition, the
14 Commission shall be comprised of the following members
15 appointed by the Governor within 30 days after the effective
16 date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly:

17 (1) one member appointed to represent intermediate
18 service centers;

19 (2) one member appointed to represent regional offices
20 of education;

21 (3) one representative of an association representing
22 suburban school districts;

23 (4) one representative of an association representing
24 large unit school districts;

25 (5) one representative of a statewide association
26 representing school boards;

1 (6) one representative of a statewide association
2 representing principals;

3 (7) one representative of a statewide association
4 representing administrators;

5 (8) one representative of a statewide association
6 representing school business officials;

7 (9) one representative of an organization representing
8 an alternative education program;

9 (10) one representative of a statewide association
10 representing teachers;

11 (11) one representative of a different statewide
12 association representing teachers;

13 (12) one representative of an association representing
14 urban teachers;

15 (13) one member appointed to represent parents or a
16 parent organization;

17 (14) the chairperson of the Chicago Board of Education
18 or his or her designee; and

19 (15) the chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council or
20 his or her designee.

21 Any additional members the Commission sees fit to appoint may
22 be done so by the chairperson of the Commission.

23 (d) The Commission may begin to conduct business upon the
24 appointment of a majority of voting members.

25 (e) The Office of the Governor, with help from the Illinois
26 P-20 Council and research provided by the State Board of

1 Education, shall provide administrative support to the
2 Commission.

3 (f) Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation
4 for their participation on the Commission.

5 (g) In addition to any other applicable laws and
6 administrative rules, all aspects of the Commission shall be
7 governed by the Freedom of Information Act, including
8 exemptions as provided in Section 7 of the Freedom of
9 Information Act, as well as the Open Meetings Act. This Section
10 shall not be construed so as to preclude other statutes from
11 applying to the Commission or its activities.

12 (h) The Commission shall submit a final report of its
13 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General
14 Assembly on or before November 1, 2012. The Commission may
15 submit other reports as it deems appropriate.

16 (i) The Commission is abolished on November 2, 2012, and
17 this Section is repealed on November 2, 2012.

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