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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4424

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4424 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-6)

7 Sec. 27-6. Courses in physical education required; special  
8 activities.

9 (a) Pupils enrolled in the public schools and State  
10 universities engaged in preparing teachers shall be required to  
11 engage daily during the school day, except on block scheduled  
12 days for those public schools engaged in block scheduling, in  
13 courses of physical education for such periods as are  
14 compatible with the optimum growth and developmental needs of  
15 individuals at the various age levels except when appropriate  
16 excuses are submitted to the school by a pupil's parent or

1 guardian or by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act  
2 of 1987 and except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
3 Section.

4 Special activities in physical education shall be provided  
5 for pupils whose physical or emotional condition, as determined  
6 by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,  
7 prevents their participation in the courses provided for normal  
8 children.

9 (b) A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled  
10 in grades 11 and 12 from engaging in physical education courses  
11 if those pupils request to be excused for any of the following  
12 reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an interscholastic  
13 athletic program; (2) to enroll in academic classes which are  
14 required for admission to an institution of higher learning,  
15 provided that failure to take such classes will result in the  
16 pupil being denied admission to the institution of his or her  
17 choice; or (3) to enroll in academic classes which are required  
18 for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take  
19 such classes will result in the pupil being unable to graduate.

20 A school board may excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 from  
21 engaging in physical education courses if those pupils request  
22 to be excused and are enrolled in 2 or more Advanced Placement  
23 (AP) courses. A school board may excuse pupils in grades 9  
24 through 12 from engaging in physical education courses if those  
25 pupils request to be excused and are enrolled in a dual credit  
26 course with an institution of higher learning. A school board

1 that excuses pupils from engaging in physical education courses  
2 on the basis of the pupil's enrollment in Advanced Placement  
3 (AP) or dual credit courses may not excuse pupils from more  
4 than 2 school years of physical education courses, and the  
5 student may have no other electives, except for those electives  
6 required for college admission or high school graduation, for  
7 the school years during which they are excused from engaging in  
8 physical education courses. A school board may also excuse  
9 pupils in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in a marching band  
10 program for credit from engaging in physical education courses  
11 if those pupils request to be excused for ongoing participation  
12 in such marching band program. In addition, a pupil in any of  
13 grades 3 through 12 who is eligible for special education may  
14 be excused if the pupil's parent or guardian agrees that the  
15 pupil must utilize the time set aside for physical education to  
16 receive special education support and services or, if there is  
17 no agreement, the individualized education program team for the  
18 pupil determines that the pupil must utilize the time set aside  
19 for physical education to receive special education support and  
20 services, which agreement or determination must be made a part  
21 of the individualized education program. However, a pupil  
22 requiring adapted physical education must receive that service  
23 in accordance with the individualized education program  
24 developed for the pupil. If requested, a school board is  
25 authorized to excuse a pupil from engaging in a physical  
26 education course if the pupil has an individualized educational

1 program under Article 14 of this Code, is participating in an  
2 adaptive athletic program outside of the school setting, and  
3 documents such participation as determined by the school board.  
4 A school board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12  
5 enrolled in a Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program  
6 sponsored by the school district from engaging in physical  
7 education courses. School boards which choose to exercise this  
8 authority shall establish a policy to excuse pupils on an  
9 individual basis.

10 (c) The provisions of this Section are subject to the  
11 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-116, eff. 7-29-13.)".

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.".