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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1571

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1571, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
6 34-230 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/34-230)

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

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

1           (b) The chief executive officer shall announce all proposed  
2 school actions to be taken at the close of the current academic  
3 year consistent with the guidelines by December 1 of each year.

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

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

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

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

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

26           (5) The chief executive officer shall provide notice of

1 proposed school actions at least 30 calendar days in  
2 advance of a public hearing or meeting. The notice shall  
3 state the date, time, and place of the hearing or meeting.  
4 No Board decision regarding a proposed school action may  
5 take place less than 60 days after the announcement of the  
6 proposed school action.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 (3) he or she must not have represented the Board, its  
3 employees or any labor organization representing its  
4 employees, any local school council, or any charter or  
5 contract school in any capacity within the last year.

6 The independent hearing officer shall issue a written  
7 report that summarizes the hearing and determines whether the  
8 chief executive officer complied with the requirements of this  
9 Section and the guidelines.

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

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

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

22 (i) No school actions, as defined in Section 34-200 of this  
23 Code, may be approved by the Board before the Board has adopted  
24 a 10-year educational facility master plan on or before October  
25 1, 2013 (as required by Section 34-210 of this Code); nor may  
26 any school action be implemented prior to June 30, 2014.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-473, eff. 1-1-12; 97-474, eff. 8-22-11;  
2 97-813, eff. 7-13-12; 97-1133, eff. 11-30-12.)".