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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2354

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2354, 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 2-3.196 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new)

8 Sec. 2-3.196. Science in Elementary Schools Working Group.

9 (a) The State Board of Education shall create the Science  
10 in Elementary Schools Working Group. The State Board of  
11 Education shall appoint science and health education  
12 specialists, educators or former educators who teach or have  
13 taught the subject of science or health, medical doctors,  
14 doctors of osteopathy or osteopathic medicine, parents,  
15 registered nurses, chiropractors, exercise physiologists, and  
16 physical therapists to the Working Group.

1       The members of the Working Group shall serve without  
2 compensation.

3       (b) The State Board of Education shall provide  
4 administrative support to the Working Group.

5       (c) By June 1, 2024, the Working Group shall create a  
6 crosswalk and alignment of the current Illinois Learning  
7 Standards, the Next Generation Science Standards adopted by  
8 the State Board of Education and the Illinois Learning  
9 Standards for Science, with links to available resources so  
10 elementary teachers have access to high quality,  
11 age-appropriate, and free educational materials that are  
12 centered on anatomy, physiology and nutrition to empower  
13 students with the knowledge of their own bodies and to care for  
14 their own health and well-being throughout their lives.

15       (d) The Working Group shall focus its recommendations on  
16 how to empower students with the knowledge to adequately  
17 understand their own bodies and care for their own health and  
18 well-being throughout their lives, with the idea that science  
19 education is more human-centered. The Working Group shall  
20 additionally focus on connecting this human-centered science  
21 education with other sciences as students advance to other  
22 areas of their science education, such as chemistry, biology,  
23 and physics, taught at later grade levels.

24       (e) The Working Group shall make recommendations to the  
25 State Board of Education on updating its science standards by  
26 December 31, 2025. By December 31, 2030, the State Board of

1 Education shall review and provide updates as appropriate to  
2 the crosswalk and alignment documents and elementary  
3 storylines. The State Board of Education shall conduct these  
4 reviews and provide these updates, at a minimum, of every 5  
5 years thereafter.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.".