



Elementary Secondary Education Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 877

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 877 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Construction Law is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-35 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 230/5-35)

7 Sec. 5-35. School construction project grant amounts;  
8 permitted use; prohibited use.

9 (a) The product of the district's grant index and the  
10 recognized project cost, as determined by the Capital  
11 Development Board, for an approved school construction project  
12 shall equal the amount of the grant the Capital Development  
13 Board shall provide to the eligible district. The grant index  
14 shall not be used in cases where the General Assembly and the  
15 Governor approve appropriations designated for specifically  
16 identified school district construction projects.

1           (b) In each fiscal year in which school construction  
2 project grants are awarded, 20% of the total amount awarded  
3 statewide shall be awarded to a school district with a  
4 population exceeding 500,000, provided such district complies  
5 with the provisions of this Article.

6           In addition to the uses otherwise authorized by this Law,  
7 any school district with a population exceeding 500,000 is  
8 authorized to use any or all of the school construction project  
9 grants (i) to pay debt service, as defined in the Local  
10 Government Debt Reform Act, on bonds, as defined in the Local  
11 Government Debt Reform Act, issued to finance one or more  
12 school construction projects and (ii) to the extent that any  
13 such bond is a lease or other installment or financing contract  
14 between the school district and a public building commission  
15 that has issued bonds to finance one or more qualifying school  
16 construction projects, to make lease payments under the lease.

17           (c) No portion of a school construction project grant  
18 awarded by the Capital Development Board shall be used by a  
19 school district for any on-going operational costs.

20           (d) A grant index must not be recalculated when a school  
21 district has received its entitlement, but the State has failed  
22 to appropriate sufficient funding under this Section. This  
23 subsection (d) applies to those entitlements obtained in fiscal  
24 year 2002 or thereafter.

25           (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-38, eff. 6-15-99.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".