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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1216

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1216 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 11E-190 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/11E-190 new)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 31, 2013)

8 Sec. 11E-190. School District Realignment and  
9 Consolidation Commission.

10 (a) The School District Realignment and Consolidation  
11 Commission is established. The Commission shall consist of the  
12 following voting members:

13 (1) members appointed by the State Board of Education;

14 (2) a representative appointed by the Speaker of the  
15 House of Representatives;

16 (3) a representative appointed by the Minority Leader

1       of the House of Representatives;

2           (4) a representative appointed by the President of the  
3       Senate;

4           (5) a representative appointed by the Minority Leader  
5       of the Senate;

6           (6) a representative of a statewide professional  
7       teachers' organization appointed by the head of that  
8       organization;

9           (7) a representative of a different statewide  
10       professional teachers' organization appointed by the head  
11       of that organization;

12           (8) a representative of a statewide organization that  
13       represents school boards appointed by the head of that  
14       organization;

15           (9) a representative of a statewide organization  
16       representing principals appointed by the head of that  
17       organization;

18           (10) a representative of City of Chicago School  
19       District 299 appointed by the general superintendent of  
20       schools;

21           (11) a representative of an association representing  
22       school business officials appointed by the head of that  
23       association;

24           (12) a representative of an association representing  
25       school administrators appointed by the head of that  
26       association;

1           (13) a representative from an organization  
2           representing large unit school districts appointed by the  
3           head of that organization;

4           (14) a representative from the Chicago Board of  
5           Education appointed by the Chicago Board of Education; and

6           (15) a representative from an organization  
7           representing administrators of special education appointed  
8           by the head of that organization.

9           Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
10          reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from  
11          funds appropriated for that purpose. Members shall be  
12          reimbursed for their travel expenses from appropriations to the  
13          State Board of Education available for that purpose and subject  
14          to the rules of the appropriate travel control board.

15          The Commission shall meet initially at the call of the  
16          Governor as soon as possible after the effective date of this  
17          amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, shall select one  
18          member as chairperson at its initial meeting, shall thereafter  
19          meet at the call of the chairperson, and shall hold public  
20          hearings.

21          The State Board of Education shall provide assistance and  
22          necessary staff support services to the Commission.

23          (b) The purpose of the Commission is to make  
24          recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the  
25          number of school districts in this State, the optimal amount of  
26          enrollment for a school district, and where consolidation and

1 realignment would be beneficial. The Commission's  
2 recommendations must focus on all of the following areas:

3 (1) Reducing the money spent on duplication of efforts.

4 (2) Improving the education of students by having less  
5 obstacles between qualified teachers and their students.

6 (3) Lowering the property tax burden.

7 (4) Providing recommendations as to what the net cost  
8 savings of realignment is to this State.

9 (5) Providing input to school districts on  
10 reorganization.

11 (c) On or before July 1, 2012, the Commission must vote on  
12 its recommendations and file a report with the Governor and the  
13 General Assembly. If the Commission adopts the report by a  
14 three-fifths vote, then the General Assembly must, within 14  
15 days after the report is filed by the Commission, vote on  
16 whether to accept the report by the adoption of a resolution by  
17 a record vote of a majority of the members elected in each  
18 house. If the General Assembly is not in session on the day  
19 that the report is filed, then the General Assembly must vote  
20 on whether to accept the report within 14 days after the  
21 General Assembly convenes for the first time after the report  
22 is filed. The Commission is dissolved on the day after the  
23 report is filed with both the Governor and the General  
24 Assembly.

25 (d) This Section is repealed on January 31, 2013.

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