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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5207

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5207 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2-3.80 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.80) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.80)

7 Sec. 2-3.80. (a) The General Assembly recognizes that  
8 agriculture is the most basic and singularly important  
9 industry in the State, that agriculture is of central  
10 importance to the welfare and economic stability of the State,  
11 and that the maintenance of this vital industry requires a  
12 continued source of trained and qualified individuals for  
13 employment in agriculture and agribusiness. The General  
14 Assembly hereby declares that it is in the best interests of  
15 the people of the State of Illinois that a comprehensive  
16 education program in agriculture be created and maintained by

1 the State's public school system in order to ensure an  
2 adequate supply of trained and skilled individuals and to  
3 ensure appropriate representation of racial and ethnic groups  
4 in all phases of the industry. It is the intent of the General  
5 Assembly that a State program for agricultural education shall  
6 be a part of the curriculum of the public school system K  
7 through adult, and made readily available to all school  
8 districts which may, at their option, include programs in  
9 education in agriculture as a part of the curriculum of that  
10 district.

11 (b) The State Board of Education shall adopt such rules  
12 and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions  
13 of this Section. The rules and regulations shall not create  
14 any new State mandates on school districts as a condition of  
15 receiving federal, State, and local funds by those entities.  
16 It is in the intent of the General Assembly that, although this  
17 Section does not create any new mandates, school districts are  
18 strongly advised to follow the guidelines set forth in this  
19 Section.

20 (c) The State Superintendent of Education shall assume  
21 responsibility for the administration of the State program  
22 adopted under this Section throughout the public school system  
23 as well as the articulation of the State program to the  
24 requirements and mandates of federally assisted education.  
25 There is currently within the State Board of Education an  
26 agricultural education unit to assist school districts in the

1 establishment and maintenance of educational programs pursuant  
2 to the provisions of this Section. The staffing of the unit  
3 shall at all times be comprised of an appropriate number of  
4 full-time employees who shall serve as program consultants in  
5 agricultural education and shall be available to provide  
6 assistance to school districts. At least one consultant shall  
7 be responsible for the coordination of the State program, as  
8 Head Consultant. At least one consultant shall be responsible  
9 for the coordination of the activities of student and  
10 agricultural organizations and associations.

11 (d) A committee of 13 agriculturalists representative of  
12 the various and diverse areas of the agricultural industry in  
13 Illinois shall be established to at least develop a curriculum  
14 and overview the implementation of the Build Illinois through  
15 Quality Agricultural Education plans of the Illinois  
16 Leadership Council for Agricultural Education and to advise  
17 the State Board of Education on vocational agricultural  
18 education, including the administration of the agricultural  
19 education line item appropriation and agency rulemaking that  
20 affects agricultural education educators. The committee shall  
21 be composed of the following:

22 (1) 3 agriculturalists representing the Illinois  
23 Leadership Council for Agricultural Education;

24 (2) 3 agriculturalists;

25 (3) 2 secondary agriculture teachers;

26 (4) one representative of "Ag In The Classroom";

- 1 (5) one community college agriculture teacher;
- 2 (6) one adult agriculture educator;
- 3 (7) one university agriculture teacher educator; and
- 4 (8) one FFA representative.

5 All members of the committee shall be appointed by the  
6 Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
7 terms of all members so appointed shall be for 3 years, except  
8 that of the members initially appointed, 5 shall be appointed  
9 to serve for terms of one year, 4 shall be appointed to serve  
10 for terms of 2 years, and 4 shall be appointed to serve for  
11 terms of 3 years. All members of the committee shall serve  
12 until their successors are appointed and qualified. Subject to  
13 a requirement that committee members in office before January  
14 1, 2022 (the effective date of Public Act 102-463) may serve  
15 the full term to which they were appointed, the appointment of  
16 committee members to terms that commence on or after January  
17 1, 2022 (the effective date of Public Act 102-463) shall be  
18 made in a manner that gives effect at the earliest possible  
19 time to the changes that are required by Public Act 102-463 in  
20 the representative composition of the committee's membership.

21 Vacancies in terms shall be filled by appointment of the  
22 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for the  
23 extent of the unexpired term.

24 The State Board of Education shall implement a Build  
25 Illinois through Quality Agricultural Education plan following  
26 receipt of these recommendations, which shall be made

1 available on or before March 31, 1987. Recommendations shall  
2 include, but not be limited to, the development of a  
3 curriculum and a strategy for the purpose of establishing a  
4 source of trained and qualified individuals in agriculture, a  
5 strategy for articulating the State program in agricultural  
6 education throughout the public school system, and a consumer  
7 education outreach strategy regarding the importance of  
8 agriculture in Illinois.

9 The committee of agriculturalists shall serve without  
10 compensation.

11 (e) A school district that offers a secondary agricultural  
12 education program that is approved for State and federal  
13 funding must ensure that, at a minimum, all of the following  
14 are available to its secondary agricultural education  
15 students:

16 (1) An instructional sequence of courses approved by  
17 the State Board of Education.

18 (2) A State and nationally affiliated FFA (Future  
19 Farmers of America) chapter that is integral to  
20 instruction and is not treated solely as an  
21 extracurricular activity.

22 (3) A mechanism for ensuring the involvement of all  
23 secondary agricultural education students in formal,  
24 supervised, agricultural-experience activities and  
25 programs.

26 (f) Nothing in this Section may prevent those secondary

1 agricultural education programs that are in operation before  
2 January 1, 2007 (the effective date of Public Act 94-855) and  
3 that do not have an active State and nationally affiliated FFA  
4 chapter from continuing to operate or from continuing to  
5 receive funding from the State Board of Education.

6 (g) The State Board of Education shall, on or before March  
7 1, 2027, submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the  
8 status and availability of agricultural education programs in  
9 this State. The report may include statewide trends, a listing  
10 of challenges or barriers to agricultural education programs,  
11 a listing of opportunities related to agricultural education,  
12 and recommendations on alignment of agricultural education  
13 programs with workforce and postsecondary opportunities in  
14 agriculture and agribusiness.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-463, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21;  
16 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
18 becoming law."