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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 144

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 144, 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 27A-10.10 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/27A-10.10)

8 Sec. 27A-10.10. Closure of charter school; unspent public  
9 funds; procedures for the disposition of property and assets.

10 (a) Upon the closing of a charter school authorized by one  
11 or more local school boards, the governing body of the charter  
12 school or its designee shall refund to the chartering entity  
13 or entities all unspent public funds. The charter school's  
14 other property and assets shall be disposed of under the  
15 provisions of the charter application and contract. If the  
16 application and contract are silent or ambiguous as to the

1 disposition of any of the school's property or assets, any  
2 property or assets of the charter school purchased with public  
3 funds shall be returned to the school district or districts  
4 from which the charter school draws enrollment, at no cost to  
5 the receiving district or districts, subject to each  
6 district's acceptance of the property or asset. Any unspent  
7 public funds or other property or assets received by the  
8 charter school directly from any State or federal agency shall  
9 be refunded to or revert back to that State or federal agency,  
10 respectively.

11 (b) Upon the closing of a charter school authorized by the  
12 State Board, the governing body of the charter school or its  
13 designee shall refund all unspent public funds to the State  
14 Board. The charter school's other property and assets shall be  
15 disposed of under the provisions of the charter application  
16 and contract. If the application and contract are silent or  
17 ambiguous as to the disposition of any of the school's  
18 property or assets, any property or assets of the charter  
19 school purchased with public funds shall be returned to the  
20 school district or districts from which the charter school  
21 draws its enrollment, at no cost to the receiving district or  
22 districts, subject to each district's acceptance of the  
23 property or asset. Any unspent public funds or other property  
24 or assets provided by a State agency other than the State Board  
25 or by a federal agency shall be refunded to or revert back to  
26 that State or federal agency, respectively.

1           (c) For charter schools located in a school district  
2 organized under Article 34 of this Code, if a charter school  
3 proposes to close one or more campuses during the term of its  
4 contract, then the charter school shall provide written notice  
5 of the closure to the district no later than September 1 of the  
6 year prior to the date of the closure. The district, in  
7 conjunction with the charter school, must prepare a transition  
8 plan that addresses student safety, the provision of special  
9 education services, the provision of language services, and  
10 student transportation. The transition plan may include  
11 additional district support for the charter school campus  
12 prior to the closure or the conversion of the charter school  
13 campus to a traditional public school.

14           The local school board retains the authority to approve or  
15 deny the closure. If the local school board approves the  
16 closure, the governing body of the charter school shall work  
17 collaboratively with the local school board, educators, and  
18 the families of students attending the campus of the charter  
19 school that is the subject of the closure to ensure the  
20 successful integration of affected students into new learning  
21 environments. Students attending the campus of the charter  
22 school that is the subject of the closure who reside in the  
23 district shall be guaranteed placement at a district school.  
24 ~~If a determination is made to close a charter school located~~  
25 ~~within the boundaries of a school district organized under~~  
26 ~~Article 34 of this Code for at least one school year, the~~

1 ~~charter school shall give at least 60 days' notice of the~~  
2 ~~closure to all affected students and parents or legal~~  
3 ~~guardians.~~

4 (d) Upon the closure of a campus of a charter school  
5 located in a school district organized under Article 34 of  
6 this Code, the district shall provide the charter school  
7 campus's licensed teachers with all reasonable efforts to  
8 assist them with finding a similar position for which they are  
9 qualified at a district school, preferably one that receives  
10 students from the closed charter school campus. For  
11 non-probationary teachers, all reasonable efforts include, but  
12 are not limited to, placement in a reassigned teacher pool.  
13 (Source: P.A. 103-175, eff. 6-30-23.)".