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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3226

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3226 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."