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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1991

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1991, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
6 2-3.80c as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.80c new)

8 Sec. 2-3.80c. Agriculture Education Shortage Task Force.

9 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that agriculture is the  
10 most basic and singularly important industry in the State, that  
11 agriculture is of central importance to the welfare and  
12 economic stability of the State, and that the maintenance of  
13 this vital industry requires a continued source of trained and  
14 qualified agriculture educators to train future generations of  
15 agriculturalists.

16 In 2016, to respond to the ongoing teacher shortage in

1 agriculture education in Illinois, the General Assembly passed  
2 Public Act 99-826, which deemed agriculture education as an  
3 area of critical need in Illinois.

4 (b) There is created the Agriculture Education Shortage  
5 Task Force consisting of the following members:

6 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President  
7 of the Senate;

8 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
9 Leader of the Senate;

10 (3) one member of the House of Representatives  
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 (4) one member of the House of Representatives  
13 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
14 Representatives; and

15 (5) the following members, who shall be appointed by  
16 the State Superintendent of Education within 30 days after  
17 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th  
18 General Assembly:

19 (A) one representative of the State Board of  
20 Education;

21 (B) one member representing a statewide  
22 professional teachers' association appointed with the  
23 advice of the Committee established under subsection  
24 (d) of Section 2-3.80 of this Code;

25 (C) one member representing a different statewide  
26 professional teachers' association appointed with the

1 advice of the Committee established under subsection  
2 (d) of Section 2-3.80 of this Code;

3 (D) one member representing a different  
4 professional teachers' association in a city having a  
5 population of over 500,000 appointed with the advice of  
6 the Committee established under subsection (d) of  
7 Section 2-3.80 of this Code;

8 (E) one member who is a community college  
9 agriculture education teacher appointed with the  
10 advice of the Committee established under subsection  
11 (d) of Section 2-3.80 of this Code;

12 (F) one member who is a university agriculture  
13 education teacher appointed with the advice of the  
14 Committee established under subsection (d) of Section  
15 2-3.80 of this Code;

16 (G) one member representing a statewide  
17 association representing superintendents;

18 (H) one member representing a statewide  
19 association representing principals;

20 (I) one member representing a statewide  
21 association representing school board members;

22 (J) one representative of a school district in a  
23 city having a populations exceeding 500,000;

24 (K) one member representing an education advocacy  
25 group that works with parents; and

26 (L) one representative of an education public

1           policy organization.

2           (c) The Agriculture Education Shortage Task Force shall  
3 first meet at the call of the State Superintendent of Education  
4 within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
5 of the 100th General Assembly, and following meetings shall be  
6 at the call of the Chairperson, who shall be elected by a  
7 majority of appointed members at the first meeting of the Task  
8 Force. The State Board of Education shall provide  
9 administrative support for the Task Force.

10          (d) Members of the Task Force shall serve without  
11 compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and related  
12 expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

13          (e) The Task Force shall meet at least 3 times and shall  
14 review the following:

15           (1) the number of agriculture education teachers in  
16 this State and the type of license held;

17           (2) the number of graduates who have graduated from an  
18 approved agriculture education program of a public  
19 university in this State in each of the past 4 years;

20           (3) the number of agriculture education position  
21 openings at secondary education programs in this State in  
22 each of the past 4 years; and

23           (4) licensure standards, including national licensure  
24 standards, for the agricultural education endorsement on a  
25 professional educator license or an educator license with  
26 stipulations.

1       (f) The Task Force shall issue a report to the Governor and  
2 the General Assembly, which must be approved by a majority vote  
3 of appointed members and must include recommendations  
4 regarding:

5           (1) recruitment and retention of agriculture education  
6 teachers, including recommendations on funding for  
7 existing incentive programs;

8           (2) participation in federal programs that may assist  
9 in the recruitment and retention of agriculture teachers;

10       and

11           (3) other subjects determined by the members of the  
12 Task Force.

13       (g) The Task Force shall report its findings to the  
14 Governor and General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019,  
15 and, upon filing its report, the Task Force is dissolved.

16       (h) This Section is repealed on February 1, 2019.

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