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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4652

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4652 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended
5 by adding Section 9.44 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.44 new)

7 Sec. 9.44. Student teaching stipend program.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Educator preparation program" means an approved educator
10 preparation program offered by a recognized school or
11 institution under Article 21B of the School Code.

12 "Eligible cooperating teacher" means a teacher who is
13 licensed under Article 21B of the School Code or has attained
14 the Department of Human Services' Gateways to Opportunity
15 Early Childhood Education Credential Level 5 or 6, who is
16 qualified to teach in the subject area assigned, and who is

1 matched with an eligible student.

2 "Eligible student" means a student who is enrolled in an
3 educator preparation program, who is maintaining satisfactory
4 academic progress, who is in a student teaching placement, and
5 who is not contracted as the teacher of record for the student
6 teaching placement.

7 "Student teaching" means a supervised clinical experience
8 that prepares a candidate to take full responsibility in an
9 instructional setting.

10 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Board shall create a
11 student teaching stipend program to alleviate the financial
12 burden of student teaching, to encourage students to pursue
13 teaching careers to alleviate this State's teacher shortage,
14 and to encourage teachers to be matched with student teachers.

15 (c) An educator preparation program shall notify the Board
16 of all eligible students and eligible cooperating teachers who
17 qualify for the stipend program.

18 (d) Under the stipend program and subject to available
19 appropriations, the Board shall disburse to each educator
20 preparation program funds to distribute to each eligible
21 student a stipend of up to \$10,000 per semester for up to 2
22 consecutive semesters, plus additional funds to pay the direct
23 costs of operating the stipend program. The educator
24 preparation program shall distribute stipend funds using the
25 standard methods for allocating State-based financial aid or
26 as wages for employment to each eligible student in monthly

1 installments.

2 (e) Under the stipend program and subject to available
3 appropriations, the Board shall disburse to each educator
4 preparation program funds to distribute to each eligible
5 cooperating teacher a stipend of up to \$2,000 per semester for
6 up to 2 consecutive semesters per academic year, plus
7 additional funds to pay the direct costs of operating the
8 stipend program. The educator preparation program shall
9 distribute stipend funds to an eligible cooperating teacher in
10 one payment.

11 (f) An eligible cooperating teacher must complete
12 State-approved, evidence-based training that aligns with
13 training for instructional coaches, covers basic
14 responsibilities of a cooperating teacher, includes
15 evidence-based practices in supporting student teachers in
16 school or early childhood settings, and includes the effective
17 assessment of student teachers that aligns with State educator
18 performance evaluation requirements or the equivalent for
19 early childhood education.

20 (g) If there is a surplus appropriated in a fiscal year for
21 the stipend program, then the Board shall increase the amount
22 distributed to each educator preparation program by the same
23 percentage that the surplus bears to the amount required to
24 fully fund the total number of eligible students and eligible
25 cooperating teachers who qualify for the stipend program that
26 fiscal year. An educator preparation program shall increase

1 the stipend amount distributed to each eligible student or
2 eligible cooperating teacher in proportion to the surplus.

3 (h) If the amount appropriated in a fiscal year for the
4 stipend program is insufficient to fully fund stipends for the
5 total number of eligible students and eligible cooperating
6 teachers for that fiscal year, then the Board shall reduce the
7 amount distributed to each educator preparation program by the
8 same percentage that the deficit bears to the amount required
9 to fully fund the total number of eligible students and
10 eligible cooperating teachers who qualify for the stipend
11 program. An educator preparation program shall reduce the
12 stipend amount distributed to each eligible student or
13 eligible cooperating teacher in proportion to the deficit.

14 (i) Funds not distributed in a particular fiscal year by
15 an educator preparation program under this Section shall be
16 returned to the Board to be used for the subsequent fiscal
17 year's stipend program.

18 (j) An educator preparation program may not prohibit an
19 eligible student or an eligible cooperating teacher from
20 participating in the stipend program or receiving a stipend
21 from the stipend program.

22 (k) Nothing in this Section is intended to preclude an
23 educator preparation program from providing an eligible
24 cooperating teacher with additional incentives.

25 (l) An eligible cooperating teacher participating in the
26 stipend program may receive professional development hours for

1 completing cooperating teacher training that count toward the
2 eligible cooperating teacher's license renewal or the
3 equivalent for early childhood education.

4 (m) Subject to available appropriations, the Board shall
5 issue a report evaluating the impact of the stipend program on
6 educator preparation programs, including enrollment and
7 completion rates, hiring rates, and retention rates. The Board
8 shall issue this report in collaboration with the State Board
9 of Education. The Board shall submit this report to the
10 General Assembly and Governor on or before June 30, 2028.

11 (n) The Board shall adopt rules regarding the
12 administration of the stipend program.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.".