

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1014

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1014 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.25o as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25o new)

7 Sec. 2-3.25o. Registration and recognition of non-public
8 elementary and secondary schools.

9 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds and declares

10 (i) that the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides
11 that a "fundamental goal of the People of the State is the
12 educational development of all persons to the limits of their
13 capacities" and (ii) that the educational development of
14 every school student serves the public purposes of the State.
15 In order to ensure that all Illinois students and teachers
16 have the opportunity to enroll and work in State-approved
17 educational institutions and programs, the State Board of
18 Education shall provide for the voluntary registration and
19 recognition of non-public elementary and secondary schools.

20 (b) Registration. All non-public elementary and
21 secondary schools in the State of Illinois may voluntarily
22 register with the State Board of Education on an annual

1 basis. Registration shall be completed in conformance with
2 procedures prescribed by the State Board of Education.
3 Information required for registration shall include
4 assurances of compliance (i) with federal and State laws
5 regarding health examination and immunization, attendance,
6 length of term, and nondiscrimination and (ii) with
7 applicable fire and health safety requirements.

8 (c) Recognition. All non-public elementary and
9 secondary schools in the State of Illinois may voluntarily
10 seek the status of "Non-public School Recognition" from the
11 State Board of Education. This status may be obtained by
12 compliance with administrative guidelines and review
13 procedures as prescribed by the State Board of Education. The
14 guidelines and procedures must recognize that some of the
15 aims and the financial bases of non-public schools are
16 different from public schools and will not be identical to
17 those for public schools, nor will they be more burdensome.
18 The guidelines and procedures must also recognize the
19 diversity of non-public schools and shall not impinge upon
20 the noneducational relationships between those schools and
21 their clientele.

22 (d) Public purposes. The provisions of this Section are
23 in the public interest, for the public benefit, and serve
24 secular public purposes.

25 (e) Definition. For purposes of this Section, a
26 non-public school means any non-profit, non-home-based, and
27 non-public elementary or secondary school that is in
28 compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and
29 attendance at which satisfies the requirements of Section
30 26-1 of this Code.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
32 becoming law."