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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2012

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2012 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 34-18.33 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.33 new)

7 Sec. 34-18.33. Closure of school. Prior to the board voting  
8 to close any school in the district, the board shall announce  
9 its intention to do so at least 6 months prior to the vote.  
10 Before the vote, the board shall conduct 3 public hearings,  
11 each in a separate location, at times and places determined by  
12 the board. The time of place of each hearing must be chosen to  
13 ensure maximum participation within the school's local  
14 attendance area.

15 If a preponderance of the testimony at the hearings is in  
16 opposition to the closure, the board and any parties opposing  
17 the closure must submit to federal mediation. A mediator from  
18 the National Mediation Board shall be appointed to work with  
19 the board and the opposing parties to determine whether the  
20 school should be closed.

21 If there is no resolution within 60 days after submitting  
22 to mediation, the board may not close the school until the  
23 question of closing the school has been submitted to the  
24 electors of the school's local attendance area at a regular

1 election and approved by a majority of the electors voting on  
2 the question. The board must certify the question to the proper  
3 election authority, which must submit the question at an  
4 election in accordance with the Election Code. The election  
5 authority must submit the question in substantially the  
6 following form:

7 Shall the Chicago Board of Education be authorized to close  
8 (insert name of school)?

9 The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or "No".

10 If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote  
11 in the affirmative, the board may close the school. If a  
12 majority of the electors voting on the question vote in the  
13 negative, the board may not attempt to close the school during  
14 the current school year or the following school year.

15 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
16 Section 8.30 as follows:

17 (30 ILCS 805/8.30 new)

18 Sec. 8.30. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8  
19 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the  
20 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of  
21 the 94th General Assembly."