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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 858

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 858 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25o)

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

20 (b) Registration. All non-public elementary and secondary
21 schools in the State of Illinois may voluntarily register with
22 the State Board of Education on an annual basis. Registration
23 shall be completed in conformance with procedures prescribed by
24 the State Board of Education. Information required for

1 registration shall include assurances of compliance (i) with
2 federal and State laws regarding health examination and
3 immunization, attendance, length of term, and
4 nondiscrimination, ~~and~~ (ii) with applicable fire and health
5 safety requirements, and (iii) with the criminal history
6 records check requirements set forth in Section 10-21.9 of this
7 Code.

8 (c) Recognition. All non-public elementary and secondary
9 schools in the State of Illinois may voluntarily seek the
10 status of "Non-public School Recognition" from the State Board
11 of Education. This status may be obtained by compliance with
12 administrative guidelines and review procedures as prescribed
13 by the State Board of Education. The guidelines and procedures
14 must recognize that some of the aims and the financial bases of
15 non-public schools are different from public schools and will
16 not be identical to those for public schools, nor will they be
17 more burdensome. The guidelines and procedures must also
18 recognize the diversity of non-public schools and shall not
19 impinge upon the noneducational relationships between those
20 schools and their clientele. A non-public elementary or
21 secondary school must also provide the State Board of Education
22 with an assurance of compliance with the criminal history
23 records check requirements set forth in Section 10-21.9 of this
24 Code in order to obtain the status of "Non-public School
25 Recognition".

26 (d) Public purposes. The provisions of this Section are in
27 the public interest, for the public benefit, and serve secular
28 public purposes.

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

34 (Source: P.A. 93-661, eff. 2-10-04.)".