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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1856

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1856 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)
7 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic early warning and watch status.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, those ~~These~~
9 schools that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria, ~~as~~
10 ~~specified by the State Board of Education,~~ for 2 consecutive
11 annual calculations in the same subgroup and in the same
12 subject or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or
13 graduation rate, shall be placed on academic early warning
14 status for the next school year. Schools on academic early
15 warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress
16 criteria for a third annual calculation in the same subgroup
17 and in the same subject or in their participation rate,
18 attendance rate, or graduation rate shall remain on academic
19 early warning status. Schools on academic early warning status
20 that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a fourth
21 annual calculation in the same subgroup and in the same subject
22 or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation
23 rate shall be placed on initial academic watch status. Schools
24 on academic watch status that do not meet adequate yearly

1 progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent annual calculation
2 in the same subgroup and in the same subject or in their
3 participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation rate shall
4 remain on academic watch status. Schools on academic early
5 warning or academic watch status that meet adequate yearly
6 progress criteria for one annual calculation ~~shall be~~
7 ~~acknowledged for making improvement and shall maintain their~~
8 ~~current statuses for the next school year. Schools on academic~~
9 ~~early warning or academic watch status that meet adequate~~
10 ~~yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual calculations~~
11 shall be considered as having met expectations and shall be
12 removed from any status designation.

13 The school district of a school placed on either academic
14 early warning status or academic watch status may appeal the
15 status to the State Board of Education in accordance with
16 Section 2-3.25m of this Code.

17 A school district that has one or more schools on academic
18 early warning or academic watch status shall prepare a revised
19 School Improvement Plan or amendments thereto setting forth the
20 district's expectations for removing each school from academic
21 early warning or academic watch status and for improving
22 student performance in the affected school or schools.
23 Districts operating under Article 34 of this Code may prepare
24 the School Improvement Plan required under Section 34-2.4 of
25 this Code.

26 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that is
27 initially placed on academic early warning status or that
28 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
29 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
30 school's local school council in a district operating under
31 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
32 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code).

33 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school placed on
34 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation

1 must be approved by the school board (and by the school's local
2 school council in a district operating under Article 34 of this
3 Code, unless the school is on probation pursuant to subsection
4 (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and the State
5 Superintendent of Education.

6 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that
7 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
8 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the
9 school's local school council in a district operating under
10 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation
11 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and
12 the State Superintendent of Education. In addition, the
13 district must develop a school restructuring plan for the
14 school that must be approved by the school board (and by the
15 school's local school council in a district operating under
16 Article 34 of this Code) and subsequently approved by the State
17 Superintendent of Education.

18 A school on academic watch status that does not meet
19 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
20 calculation shall implement its approved school restructuring
21 plan beginning with the next school year, subject to the State
22 interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this Code.

23 (b) Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, those ~~These~~
24 school districts that do not meet adequate yearly progress
25 criteria, ~~as specified by the State Board of Education,~~ for 2
26 consecutive annual calculations in the same subgroup and in the
27 same subject or in their participation rate, attendance rate,
28 or graduation rate, shall be placed on academic early warning
29 status for the next school year. Districts on academic early
30 warning status that do not meet adequate yearly progress
31 criteria for a third annual calculation in the same subgroup
32 and in the same subject or in their participation rate,
33 attendance rate, or graduation rate shall remain on academic
34 early warning status. Districts on academic early warning

1 status that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a
2 fourth annual calculation in the same subgroup and in the same
3 subject or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or
4 graduation rate shall be placed on initial academic watch
5 status. Districts on academic watch status that do not meet
6 adequate yearly progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent
7 annual calculation in the same subgroup and in the same subject
8 or in their participation rate, attendance rate, or graduation
9 rate shall remain on academic watch status. Districts on
10 academic early warning or academic watch status that meet
11 adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual calculation
12 ~~shall be acknowledged for making improvement and shall maintain~~
13 ~~their current statuses for the next school year. Districts on~~
14 ~~academic early warning or academic watch status that meet~~
15 ~~adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual~~
16 ~~calculations~~ shall be considered as having met expectations and
17 shall be removed from any status designation.

18 A district placed on either academic early warning status
19 or academic watch status may appeal the status to the State
20 Board of Education in accordance with Section 2-3.25m of this
21 Code.

22 Districts on academic early warning or academic watch
23 status shall prepare a District Improvement Plan or amendments
24 thereto setting forth the district's expectations for removing
25 the district from academic early warning or academic watch
26 status and for improving student performance in the district.

27 The District Improvement Plan for a district that is
28 initially placed on academic early warning status must be
29 approved by the school board.

30 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
31 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual
32 calculation must be approved by the school board.

33 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district on
34 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation

1 must be approved by the school board and the State
2 Superintendent of Education.

3 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that
4 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual
5 calculation must be approved by the school board and the State
6 Superintendent of Education. In addition, the district must
7 develop a district restructuring plan that must be approved by
8 the school board and the State Superintendent of Education.

9 A district on academic watch status that does not meet
10 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual
11 calculation shall implement its approved district
12 restructuring plan beginning with the next school year, subject
13 to the State interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this
14 Code.

15 (c) All revised School and District Improvement Plans shall
16 be developed in collaboration with staff in the affected school
17 or school district. All revised School and District Improvement
18 Plans shall be developed, submitted, and approved pursuant to
19 rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The revised
20 Improvement Plan shall address measurable outcomes for
21 improving student performance so that such performance meets
22 adequate yearly progress criteria as specified by the State
23 Board of Education.

24 (d) All federal requirements apply to schools and school
25 districts utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the
26 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

27 (e) The State Board of Education, from any moneys it may
28 have available for this purpose, must implement and administer
29 a grant program that provides 2-year grants to school districts
30 on the academic watch list and other school districts that have
31 the lowest achieving students, as determined by the State Board
32 of Education, to be used to improve student achievement. In
33 order to receive a grant under this program, a school district
34 must establish an accountability program. The accountability

1 program must involve the use of statewide testing standards and
2 local evaluation measures. A grant shall be automatically
3 renewed when achievement goals are met. The Board may adopt any
4 rules necessary to implement and administer this grant program.
5 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03; 93-890, eff. 8-9-04.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law."