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2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend Senate Bill 1931 by replacing

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1931

everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Education for Homeless Children Act is

5 amended by changing Section 1-15 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 45/1-15)

Sec. 1-15. Transportation to school of origin. Subject to the provisions of Article 29 of the School Code, if a child becomes a homeless child or if a homeless child changes his or her temporary living arrangements, and if the homeless child's parents or guardians decide to continue the child's education in the school of origin, the parents or guardians shall make a good faith effort to provide or arrange for transportation to and from the school of origin, including authorizing relatives, friends, or a program for homeless persons to provide the child with transportation to and from the school of origin. If transportation to and from the school of origin is not provided in that manner, it shall be provided in the following manner:

(1) if the homeless child continues to live in the school district in which the school of origin is located, the child's transportation to and from the school of origin shall be provided or arranged by the school district in which the school of origin is located consistent with the requirements of Article 29 of the School Code; and

(2) if the homeless child's living arrangements in the school district of origin terminate and the child, though continuing his or her education in the school of origin, begins living in another school district, the school district of origin and the school district in which the homeless child is living shall meet to apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the child with transportation to and from the school of origin. If the school districts are unable to agree, the responsibility and costs for transportation shall be shared equally. If, however, the homeless child lives in a single abode in the other school district for longer than one year, then the school district in which the child is living shall be deemed the child's new district of residence.

If a parent or guardian chooses to have the child attend the school of origin, that parent or guardian, a teacher of the child, and the principal or his or her designee from the school of origin may meet at the option of the parent or the school to evaluate whether that travel is in the best interest of the child's development and education as compared to the development and education available in attending the school nearest the child's abode. The meeting shall also include consideration of the best interests of the homeless family at its current abode. A parent may bring a representative of his or her choice to the meeting. The meeting shall be convened if travel time is longer than one hour each way.

27 (Source: P.A. 88-634, eff. 1-1-95; 88-686, eff. 1-24-95.)".