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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5248

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5248 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois College Choice Reports Act.

6 Section 5. Findings and declarations. The General Assembly
7 finds and declares the following:

8 (1) completion of post-secondary education is
9 increasingly important for individuals and this State
10 overall;

11 (2) accessibility of information is essential for
12 informed student choice of appropriate post-secondary
13 education;

14 (3) clear, consistent information allowing access to
15 comparable information across higher education
16 institutions will lead to improved student choice; and

1 (4) data collected by State higher education agencies
2 should be available to the public in an accessible form.

3 Section 10. Illinois College Choice Reports.

4 (a) The Illinois Community College Board, the Board of
5 Higher Education, an organization representing the public
6 policy interests of this State's private, non-profit colleges
7 and universities, and the Illinois Higher Education Consortium
8 shall form a committee to inform the development of the
9 Illinois College Choice Reports. The purpose of these reports
10 is to inform students' college choices by providing current
11 information in a consistent and comparable format, including
12 without limitation costs, student demographics, student
13 progress and attainment, application and admission data, areas
14 of study, and certificate or degree completion. Development of
15 the reporting mechanisms must be completed on or before January
16 1, 2014. After development, the Board of Higher Education and
17 the Illinois Community College Board shall collect data
18 annually and make it publicly available.

19 (b) The Illinois College Choice Reports shall be (i)
20 clearly linked to performance funding metrics and the goals of
21 the Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success and
22 (ii) simple to read and clearly indicative of minority and
23 low-income student access, student progress, and progress
24 towards increasing college completion.

25 (c) The Illinois College Choice Reports may include, but

1 need not be limited to, the following, in accordance with the
2 applicable data available for collection by the Illinois
3 Community College Board and the Board of Higher Education at
4 the time the reports are prepared for publication:

5 (1) Costs, such as tuition and net price data, required
6 fees, room and board on campus, and student loan default
7 rates.

8 (2) Students, such as total number, gender, race and
9 ethnicity, full or part-time status, and degree seeking or
10 non-degree seeking.

11 (3) Student success and progress, such as percentage of
12 students who have graduated or are still enrolled in a
13 higher education institution within 150% of the expected
14 time to get a degree, degree completion measures, measures
15 of retention and persistence, passage rates for licensure
16 and certification, job placement rates, and student
17 learning measures.

18 (4) Admissions or acceptance, such as whether a higher
19 education institution has open admission or has admission
20 criteria; for those that are not open, a statement of the
21 standards; and, for those having programs requiring
22 acceptance, a statement of the criteria.

23 (5) Applicant information, such as new freshmen
24 applicants, percentage of freshman applicants admitted,
25 and percentage of admitted freshmen that enrolled.

26 (6) Classroom experiences, such as areas of study or

1 areas of concentration with the largest number of students.

2 (7) Educational outcomes, such as associate's or
3 bachelor's degrees and certificates awarded per year,
4 measures of intent, and employment.

5 (d) The committee formed under subsection (a) of this
6 Section shall take into account existing data initiatives and
7 sources, including without limitation the longitudinal data
8 system, in order to minimize unnecessary additional data
9 collection or reporting and to utilize existing common data
10 definitions. It shall be the responsibility of the governing
11 body of the longitudinal data system to identify which data are
12 immediately available and make recommendations for which
13 measures may reasonably be included in the Illinois College
14 Choice Reports and for future collection of the most useful
15 data that are not currently available.

16 (e) The Illinois Community College Board shall develop the
17 Illinois College Choice Reports with input from the Board's
18 MIS/ILDS Research and Longitudinal Data Advisory Committee,
19 appointed by the Board pursuant to Section 2-7 of the Public
20 Community College Act. The Board of Higher Education shall seek
21 input from stakeholder groups in developing the Illinois
22 College Choice Reports.

23 (f) The Illinois Community College Board and the Board of
24 Higher Education shall regularly inform the chairperson of the
25 Illinois P-20 Council's Joint Education Leadership Committee
26 on the status of the implementation of the Illinois College

1 Choice Reports. At the request of the Illinois Community
2 College Board and the Board of Higher Education, the
3 chairperson of the Illinois P-20 Council's Joint Education
4 Leadership Committee shall convene meetings of the committee
5 formed under subsection (a) of this Section as needed.

6 (g) In making the Illinois College Choice Reports publicly
7 available on their Internet websites, the Illinois Community
8 College Board and the Board of Higher Education shall include
9 links to connect to other resources, such as the Illinois
10 Student Assistance Commission, that provide information used
11 to inform student college choice.

12 (h) On or before January 1, 2015 and on or before January 1
13 of each year thereafter, the Board of Higher Education and the
14 Illinois Community College Board shall prepare Illinois
15 College Choice Reports for each higher education institution
16 approved to operate and grant degrees in this State. On or
17 before January 1 of each year, the reports must be made
18 available on the Board of Higher Education's and the Illinois
19 Community College Board's Internet websites and clearly linked
20 to and from each higher education institution's Internet
21 website. The Illinois Student Assistant Commission's Internet
22 website shall link to the annually updated reports.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law."