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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5689

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5689 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 22-75 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-75 new)

7 Sec. 22-75. The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force.

8 (a) There is hereby created the Eradicate Domestic Violence
9 Task Force. The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force shall
10 develop a statewide effective and feasible prevention course
11 for high school students designed to prevent interpersonal,
12 adolescent violence based on the Step Back Program for boys and
13 girls. The Clerk of the Circuit Court in the First Judicial
14 District shall provide administrative staff and support to the
15 task force.

16 (b) The Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force shall do the

1 following:

2 (1) Conduct meetings to evaluate the effectiveness and
3 feasibility of statewide implementation of the curricula
4 of the Step Back Program at Oak Park and River Forest High
5 School, located in Cook County, Illinois, for the
6 prevention of domestic violence.

7 (2) Invite the testimony of and confer with experts on
8 relevant topics as needed.

9 (3) Propose content for integration into school
10 curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence.

11 (4) Propose a method of training facilitators on the
12 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence.

13 (5) Propose partnerships with anti-violence agencies
14 to assist with the facilitator roles and the nature of the
15 partnerships.

16 (6) Evaluate the approximate cost per school or school
17 district to implement and maintain school curricula aimed
18 at preventing domestic violence.

19 (7) Propose a funding source or sources to support
20 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence and
21 agencies that provide training to the facilitators, such as
22 a fee to be charged in domestic violence, sexual assault,
23 and related cases to be collected by the clerk of the court
24 for deposit into a special fund in the State treasury and
25 to be used to fund a proposed eradicate domestic violence
26 program in the schools of this State.

1 (8) Propose an evaluation structure to ensure that the
2 school curricula aimed at preventing domestic violence is
3 effectively taught by trained facilitators.

4 (9) Propose a method of evaluation for the purpose of
5 modifying the content of the curriculum over time,
6 including whether studies of the program should be
7 conducted by the University of Illinois' Interpersonal
8 Violence Prevention Information Center.

9 (10) Recommend legislation developed by the task
10 force, such as amending Sections 27-5 through 27-13.3 and
11 27-23.4 of this Code, and legislation to create a fee to be
12 charged in domestic violence, sexual assault, and related
13 cases to be collected by the clerk of court for deposit
14 into a special fund in the State treasury and to be used to
15 fund a proposed eradicate domestic violence program in the
16 schools of this State.

17 (11) Produce a report of the task force's findings on
18 best practices and policies, which shall include a plan
19 with a phased and prioritized implementation timetable for
20 implementation of school curricula aimed at preventing
21 domestic violence in schools. The task force shall submit a
22 report to the General Assembly on or before April 1, 2013
23 on its findings, recommendations, and implementation plan.
24 Any task force reports must be published on the State Board
25 of Education's Internet website on the date the report is
26 delivered to the General Assembly.

1 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives shall each appoint one co-chairperson
3 of the Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force. The Minority
4 Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of
5 Representatives shall each appoint one member to the task
6 force. In addition, the task force shall be comprised of the
7 following members appointed by the State Board of Education and
8 shall be representative of the geographic, racial, and ethnic
9 diversity of this State:

10 (1) Four representatives involved with a program for
11 high school students at a high school that is located in a
12 municipality with a population of 2,000,000 or more and the
13 program is a daily, 6-week to 9-week, 45-session,
14 gender-specific, primary prevention course designed to
15 raise awareness of topics such as dating and domestic
16 violence, any systematic conduct that causes measurable
17 physical harm or emotional distress, sexual assault,
18 digital abuse, self-defense, and suicide.

19 (2) A representative of an interpersonal violence
20 prevention program within a State university.

21 (3) A representative of a statewide nonprofit,
22 nongovernmental, domestic violence organization.

23 (4) A representative of a different nonprofit,
24 nongovernmental domestic violence organization that is
25 located in a municipality with a population of 2,000,000 or
26 more.

1 (5) A representative of a statewide nonprofit,
2 nongovernmental, sexual assault organization.

3 (6) A representative of a different nonprofit,
4 nongovernmental, sexual assault organization based in a
5 county with a population of 3,000,000 or more.

6 (7) The State Superintendent of Education or his or her
7 designee.

8 (8) The Chief Executive Officer of City of Chicago
9 School District 299 or his or her designee or the President
10 of the Chicago Board of Education or his or her designee.

11 (9) A representative of the Department of Human
12 Services.

13 (10) A representative of a statewide, nonprofit
14 professional organization representing law enforcement
15 executives.

16 (11) A representative of the Chicago Police
17 Department, Youth Services Division.

18 (12) The Clerk of the Circuit Court in the First
19 Judicial District or his or her designee.

20 (13) A representative of a statewide professional
21 teachers organization.

22 (14) A representative of a different statewide
23 professional teachers organization.

24 (15) A representative of a professional teachers
25 organization in a city having a population exceeding
26 500,000.

1 (16) A representative of an organization representing
2 principals.

3 (17) A representative of an organization representing
4 school administrators.

5 (18) A representative of an organization representing
6 school boards.

7 (19) A representative of an organization representing
8 school business officials.

9 (20) A representative of an organization representing
10 large unit school districts.

11 (d) The following underlying purposes should be liberally
12 construed by the task force convened under this Section:

13 (1) Recognize that, according to the Centers for
14 Disease Control and Prevention, National Intimate Partner
15 and Sexual Violence Survey, December 2010 Summary Report,
16 on average 24 people per minute are victims of rape,
17 physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in
18 the United States, equaling more than 12 million women and
19 men.

20 (2) Recognize that abused children and children
21 exposed to domestic violence in their homes may have short
22 and long-term physical, emotional, and learning problems,
23 including increased aggression, decreased responsiveness
24 to adults, failure to thrive, posttraumatic stress
25 disorder, depression, anxiety, hyper vigilance and
26 hyperactivity, eating and sleeping problems, and

1 developmental delays, according to the Journal of
2 Interpersonal Violence and the Futures Without Violence
3 organization.

4 (3) Recognize that the Illinois Violence Prevention
5 Authority has found that children exposed to violence in
6 the media may become numb to the horror of violence, may
7 gradually accept violence as a way to solve problems, may
8 imitate the violence they see, and may identify with
9 certain characters, victims, or victimizers.

10 (4) Recognize that crimes and the incarceration of
11 youth are often associated with a history of child abuse
12 and exposure to domestic violence, according to Futures
13 Without Violence.

14 (5) Recognize that the cost of prosecuting crime in
15 this State is unnecessarily high due to a lack of
16 prevention programs designed to eradicate domestic
17 violence.

18 (6) Recognize that sexual violence, stalking, and
19 intimate partner violence are serious and widespread
20 public health problems for children and adults in this
21 State.

22 (7) Recognize that intervention programs aimed at
23 preventing domestic violence may yield better results than
24 programs aimed at treating the victims of domestic
25 violence, because treatment programs may reduce the
26 likelihood that a particular woman will be re-victimized,

1 but might not otherwise reduce the overall amount of
2 domestic violence.

3 (8) Recognize that uniform, effective, feasible, and
4 widespread prevention of sexual violence and intimate
5 partner violence is a high priority in this State.

6 (9) Recognize that the Step Back Program at Oak Park
7 and River Forest High School in Cook County, Illinois, is a
8 daily, 6 to 9 week, 45-session, gender-specific, primary
9 prevention course for high school students designed to
10 raise awareness of topics, including dating and domestic
11 violence, bullying and harassment, sexual assault, digital
12 abuse, self-defense, and suicide. The Step Back Program is
13 co-facilitated by the high school and a nonprofit,
14 nongovernmental domestic violence prevention specialist
15 and service provider.

16 (10) Develop a statewide effective prevention course
17 for high school students based on the Step Back Program for
18 boys and girls designed to prevent interpersonal,
19 adolescent violence.

20 (e) Members of the Eradicate Domestic Violence Task Force
21 shall receive no compensation for their participation, but may
22 be reimbursed by the State Board of Education for expenses in
23 connection with their participation, including travel, if
24 funds are available.

25 (f) Nothing in this Section or in the prevention course is
26 intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression

1 or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views
2 protected under the First Amendment to the United States
3 Constitution or under Section 3 or 4 of Article 1 of the
4 Illinois Constitution.

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