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- 1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1457
- 2 AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend House Bill 1457 by replacing
- 3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:
- 4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
- 5 Section 2-3.64a as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a)
- 7 Sec. 2-3.64a. State Testing Review Committee; State
- 8 Assessment System Review Committee.
- 9 (a) The State Superintendent shall appoint a committee
- 10 of no more than 20 consisting of parents, teachers, school
- 11 administrators, and concerned citizens to review the Illinois
- 12 Goals and Assessment Program tests administered by the State
- 13 Board of Education. The Committee shall select one of the
- 14 parent representatives as its chairman. The Committee shall
- 15 meet on an ongoing basis to review the content and design of
- 16 the tests (including whether the requirements of subsection
- 17 a-5 of Section 2-3.64 have been met), the time and money
- 18 expended at the local and state levels to prepare for and
- 19 administer the tests, the collective results of the tests as

measured against the stated purpose of testing student

performance, and other issues involving the tests identified

22 by the Committee. The Committee shall make periodic

1	recommendations to the State Superintendent and the General
2	Assembly concerning the tests. On the effective date of this
3	amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the State
4	Testing Review Committee is dissolved.
5	(b) The General Assembly finds and declares all of the
6	<pre>following:</pre>
7	(1) In order to ensure that the Illinois Learning
8	Standards are being met in Illinois' public schools, a
9	new State assessment system should be explored.
10	(2) The new State assessment system must meet the
11	needs of and have significance for Illinois' teachers and
12	students.
13	(3) The new State assessment system should be
14	meaningful to higher education and employers.
15	(4) The new State assessment system must be cost
16	efficient.
17	(5) The new State assessment system must ultimately
18	result in less overall standardized testing.
19	(6) Teachers must have a thorough knowledge base of
20	the Illinois Learning Standards and the use of local and
21	State assessments to improve student learning.
22	(7) A series of State-sponsored, locally
23	administered diagnostic assessments need to be available
24	to school districts as well as their staffs.
25	(8) The new State assessment must be aligned to the
26	Illinois Learning Standards.
27	(9) The new State assessment system must be well
28	constructed, must be grade level appropriate with
29	effective testing procedures, and must be able to be used
30	by school districts as well as their staffs.
31	(10) The new State assessment system must be kept
32	in place for at least 5 years following its
33	implementation.
34	(11) The State Assessment System Review Committee

1	must explore the potential of annual State assessment
2	aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards.
3	(c) The State Assessment System Review Committee is
4	created, which shall consist of the following members:
5	(1) One parent, appointed by the Illinois PTA
6	Congress of Parents and Teachers.
7	(2) One person appointed by the Governor.
8	(3) One representative of the business community,
9	appointed by the Illinois Business Education Coalition.
10	(4) One representative from a regional office of
11	education, appointed by the Illinois Association of
12	Regional Superintendents of Schools.
13	(5) One school board member, appointed by the
14	Illinois Association of School Boards.
15	(6) Four school administrators, with one
16	administrator appointed by the Chicago Board of
17	Education, one principal appointed by the Illinois
18	Principals Association, one administrator appointed by
19	the Large Unit District Association, and one
20	administrator appointed by the Illinois Association of
21	School Administrators.
22	(7) Four teachers, with 2 appointed by the Illinois
23	Education Association and 2 appointed by the Illinois
24	Federation of Teachers.
25	(8) Two representatives of higher education, one
26	who is an expert in the field of assessment and one from
27	admissions, appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of
28	Higher Education.
29	(9) The State Superintendent of Education or his or
30	her designee.
31	(d) Members of the State Assessment System Review
32	Committee shall be initially appointed by October 1, 2001.
33	Members shall serve 2-year terms. A chairperson of the
34	Committee shall be selected by the appointed members from

- 1 among its membership. The chairperson shall serve a 2-year
- 2 <u>term. The Committee shall meet at the call of the</u>
- 3 <u>chairperson</u>, who shall develop the agenda for the meetings
- 4 with the advice of the members.
- 5 <u>(e) The State Assessment System Review Committee shall</u>
- 6 <u>explore a State assessment system consistent with the General</u>
- 7 Assembly's findings and declarations under subsection (b) of
- 8 this Section and the requirements of subsection (a-5) of
- 9 <u>Section 2-3.64 of this Code</u>. The Committee shall be provided
- 10 <u>staff from the State Board of Education and outside sources</u>
- 11 with expertise in assessment, and such staff shall be
- 12 <u>directed by the chairperson of the Committee</u>. Funding for
- 13 <u>the staffing shall be included in the State Board of</u>
- 14 <u>Education's assessment budget. The Committee shall report</u>
- 15 <u>its recommendations for the State assessment system to the</u>
- 16 Governor, General Assembly, and State Board of Education on
- or before January 1, 2003. Following its initial report, the
- 18 <u>Committee shall periodically meet to review the</u>
- 19 <u>implementation of the State assessment system and ensure that</u>
- 20 <u>the State assessment system meets the requirements of this</u>
- 21 <u>Section</u>. Following its initial report, the Committee shall
- issue an additional report to the Governor, General Assembly,
- 23 and State Board of Education regarding the implementation of
- 24 <u>the State assessment system on or before January 1 of each</u>
- 25 <u>even-numbered year.</u>
- 26 (Source: P.A. 89-184, eff. 7-19-95; 90-789, eff. 8-14-98.)
- 27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 28 becoming law.".