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HB5832

Introduced 11/10/2020, by Rep. Lamont J. Robinson, Jr., Lindsey LaPointe, Jim Durkin, Theresa Mah, Mary Edly-Allen, et al.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.182 new

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish and maintain a homeless student pilot program during the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years at Ryan Banks Academy ("the School") for at-risk homeless students or housing-unstable students who are exposed to trauma or violence. Provides requirements for the School and the program. Contains provisions regarding the pilot program's goals. Requires the State Board of Education to report its recommendation for expansion, revision, or discontinuation of the pilot program to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2023. Repeals the provisions on June 1, 2024. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.182 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.182 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.182. Homeless student pilot program.

8 (a) In this Section, "School" means the Ryan Banks Academy.

9 (b) The State Board of Education shall establish and
10 maintain at the School during the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and
11 2023-2024 school years a pilot program for at-risk homeless
12 students or housing-unstable students who are exposed to trauma
13 or violence as described in this Section.

14 (c) The School shall maintain a location in a municipality
15 with a population greater than 1,000,000 and serve at-risk
16 children who:

17 (1) qualify for free or reduced lunch;

18 (2) are homeless or come from housing-unstable homes;

19 and

20 (3) have exposure to violence or trauma.

21 (d) The School must have or establish a curriculum that
22 provides School students through the pilot program an immersing
23 and innovative educational experience, including, but not

1 limited to:

2 (1) individualized pathways for learning;

3 (2) social and emotional learning; and

4 (3) experiential focus.

5 (e) The School must have or establish a partnership with an
6 Illinois college or university that provides STEM education to
7 provide a pathway for School students through the pilot program
8 that:

9 (1) provides mentoring to all students;

10 (2) provides an opportunity for scholarships to
11 students at the School; and

12 (3) begins in grade 7 and continues through to an
13 undergraduate degree at an Illinois college or university.

14 (f) The following are the goals of the pilot program:

15 (1) Provide safety and stability to educate students
16 who have needs that are currently not being met by Chicago
17 Public Schools, including, but not limited to, needs
18 related to poverty, trauma, exposure to violence, and
19 homelessness or unstable housing.

20 (2) Support policies of the State of Illinois to
21 provide excellence in mathematics and science education in
22 order to nourish an informed citizenry, ensure
23 technological skills for Illinois' work force, and assist
24 in the preparation of professionals to serve the interests
25 of Illinois in such fields as engineering, research,
26 teaching, and computer technology.

1 (g) On or before June 1, 2023, the State Board of Education
2 shall report its recommendation for expansion, revision, or
3 discontinuation of the pilot program to the Governor and the
4 General Assembly.

5 (h) This Section is repealed on June 1, 2024.

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