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- 2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1601, on page 1,
- 3 immediately below line 1, by inserting the following:
- 4 "WHEREAS, The General Assembly takes note that
- 5 governmental units in the State must borrow funds in the
- 6 current bond market, and the issuance of bonds or other
- 7 obligations as what are commonly referred to as variable rate
- 8 demand bonds, auction bonds, or commercial paper bonds is
- 9 ever increasing, and is frequently the most advisable and
- 10 economic means of borrowing; and
- 11 WHEREAS, It is sometimes most advantageous in connection
- 12 with such borrowings to enter into cap, collar, swap, or
- 13 other derivative transactions relating to interest rates
- 14 which serve to hedge interest rate risk and it is frequently
- 15 necessary to procure credit enhancement in the forms commonly
- 16 referred to as municipal bond insurance, letters of credit,
- 18 bonds, and the like, in such demand bond and similar

lines of credit, standby bond purchase agreements, or surety

19 transactions; and

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- 20 WHEREAS, Existing law authorizes such transactions, but
- 21 it is advisable for the law to be more fully stated to
- 22 accommodate same, expressly permitting certain aspects of

- 1 such transactions; therefore"; and
- 2 on page 1, by replacing lines 4 through 22 with the
- 3 following:
- 4 "Section 5. The Bond Authorization Act is amended by
- 5 changing Section 7 as follows:
- 6 (30 ILCS 305/7) (from Ch. 17, par. 6607)
- 7 Sec. 7. Interest rate swaps. <u>For purposes of this</u>
- 8 <u>Section, terms are as defined in the Local Government Debt</u>
- 9 Reform Act. With respect to all or part of any currently
- 10 <u>outstanding or proposed</u> issue of its bonds, a <u>governmental</u>
- 11 <u>unit</u> public--corporation whose aggregate principal amount of
- bonds outstanding or proposed exceeds \$10,000,000 may,
- 13 without prior appropriation, enter into agreements or
- 14 contracts with any necessary or appropriate person (the
- 15 <u>counter party</u>) that will have the benefit of providing to the
- 16 governmental unit: (i) public-corporation an interest rate
- 17 basis, cash flow basis, or other basis different from that
- 18 provided in the bonds for the payment of interest or (ii)
- 19 with respect to a future delivery of bonds, one or more of a
- 20 guaranteed interest rate, interest rate basis, cash flow
- 21 <u>basis, or purchase price</u>. Such agreements or contracts
- 22 include without limitation agreements or contracts commonly
- 23 known as "interest rate swap, collar, cap, or derivative
- 24 agreements", "forward payment conversion agreements",
- 25 <u>interest rate locks, forward bond purchase agreements, bond</u>
- 26 <u>warrant agreements, or bond purchase option agreements</u> and
- 27 <u>also include</u> agreements or contracts providing for payments
- 28 based on levels of or changes in interest rates, <u>including</u> a
- 29 <u>change in an interest rate index</u>, to exchange cash flows or a
- 30 series of payments, or to hedge payment, rate spread, or
- 31 similar exposure (such agreements or contracts, collectively,
- 32 <u>being "swaps"). Without limiting other permitted terms which</u>

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may be included in swaps, the following provisions may or, if
hereinafter so required, shall apply:

(a) Payments made pursuant to a swap (the swap payments) which are to be made by the governmental unit may be paid by such governmental unit, without limitation, from proceeds of the bonds, including bonds for future delivery, identified to such swaps, or from bonds issued to refund such bonds, or from whatever enterprise revenues or revenue source, including taxes pledged or to be pledged to the payment of such bonds, which enterprise revenues or revenue source may be increased to make such swap payments, and swap payments to be received by the governmental unit, which may be periodic, up-front, or on termination, shall be used solely for and limited to any lawful corporate purpose of the governmental unit.

(b) Up-front or periodic net swap payments to be paid by the governmental unit under the swaps (the standard swap payments) such--agreements--er-contracts shall be treated as interest for the purpose of calculating any interest rate limit applicable to the bonds, provided, however, that for purposes of making such standard swap payments only (and not with respect to the bonds so issued or to be issued), the bonds shall be deemed not exempt from income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code for purposes of State law, as contained in this Bond Authorization Act, relating to the permissible rate of interest to be borne thereon, and, provided further, that if payments of any standard swap payments are to be made by the governmental unit and the counterparty on different dates, the net effect of such payments for purposes of such interest rate limitation shall be determined using a true interest cost (yield) calculation. (c) Any such agreement or contract and the swap payments

(c) Any such agreement or contract <u>and the swap payments</u> to be made thereunder shall not be taken into account with respect to any debt limit applicable to the <u>governmental unit</u>

- 1 public-corporation.
- 2 (d) Swap payments upon the termination of any swap may
- 3 <u>be paid to a counterparty upon any terms customary for swaps,</u>
- 4 <u>including</u>, <u>without limitation</u>, <u>provisions using market</u>
- 5 quotations available for giving the net benefit of the swap
- 6 at the time of termination to the persons entitled thereto
- 7 (viz., the governmental unit or the counterparty) or
- 8 reasonable fair market value determinations of the value at
- 9 termination made in good faith by either such persons.
- 10 (e) The term of the swap shall not exceed the term of
- 11 any currently outstanding bonds identified to such swap or,
- 12 for bonds to be delivered, not greater than 5 years plus the
- 13 term of years proposed for such bonds to be delivered, but in
- 14 <u>no event longer than 40 years, plus, in each case, any time</u>
- 15 period necessary to cure any defaults under such swap.
- 16 <u>(f) The choice of law for enforcement of swaps as to any</u>
- 17 <u>counterparty may be made for any state of these United</u>
- 18 States, but the law which shall apply to the obligations of
- 19 the governmental unit shall be the law of the State of
- 20 <u>Illinois</u>, and jurisdiction to enforce the swaps as against
- 21 the governmental units shall be exclusively in the courts of
- 22 <u>the State of Illinois or in the applicable federal court</u>
- 23 <u>having jurisdiction and located within the State of Illinois.</u>
- 25 <u>waive any sovereign immunities from time to time available</u>

(q) Governmental units, in entering into swaps, may not

- 26 <u>under the laws of the State of Illinois as to jurisdiction,</u>
- 27 procedures, and remedies, but such swaps shall otherwise be
- 28 <u>fully enforceable as valid and binding contracts as and to</u>
- 29 <u>the extent provided herein and by other applicable law.</u>
- 30 (Source: P.A. 87-1176.)

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- 31 Section 10. The Local Government Credit Enhancement Act
- is amended by changing Sections 2 and 3 as follows:

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1 (50 ILCS 410/2) (from Ch. 85, par. 4302)
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- 2 Sec. 2. For the purposes of this Act, <u>terms are as</u>
- 3 <u>defined in the Local Government Debt Reform Act.</u> unless--the
- 4 context-requires-otherwise:
- 5 (a)--"Unit--of--local--government"-shall-have-the-meaning
- 6 ascribed-to-it-in-Article-VII,--Section--1--of--the--Illinois
- 7 Constitution.
- 8 (b)--"School--district"--means-any-public-school-district
- 9 organized-under-the-School-Code-or-prior-law-and-includes-any
- dual-or-unit-school-district,-high-school--district,--special
- 11 charter--district--and--non-high--school--district----"School
- 12 district"-also-means-any-community-college-district-organized
- 13 under-the-Public-Community-College-Act-or-prior-law.
- 14 (e)--"Governing-board"-means-the-corporate-authorities-of
- the-municipality,-county-board,-board-of-trustees,--board-of
- 16 education,-board-of-school-directors,-or-other-governing-body
- of-the-unit-of-local-government-or-school-district.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 83-1536.)

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- 19 (50 ILCS 410/3) (from Ch. 85, par. 4303)
- Sec. 3. In connection with the issuance of its bonds and
- 21 notes, a governmental unit of--local-government-or-school
- 22 district may enter into agreements (credit agreements)
- 23 arrangements to provide additional security or and liquidity.
- or both, for the bonds and-notes. These may include, without
- 25 limitation, municipal bond insurance, letters of credit,
- lines of credit, standby bond purchase agreements, surety
- 27 <u>bonds</u>, and the like, by which the <u>governmental</u> unit of-local
- 28 government-or-school-district may borrow funds to pay or
- 29 redeem <u>or purchase and hold</u> its bonds and <u>a governmental unit</u>
- 30 <u>may enter into agreements for the purchase or remarketing of</u>
- 31 <u>bonds (remarketing agreements)</u> arrangements for <u>providing a</u>

mechanism for remarketing bonds tendered for purchase in

33 <u>accordance with their terms. The term of such credit</u>

- 1 <u>agreements</u> or <u>remarketing</u> <u>agreements</u> <u>shall</u> <u>not</u> <u>exceed</u> <u>the</u>
- 2 term of the bonds, plus any time period necessary to cure any
- 3 <u>defaults under such agreements</u> assuring-the-ability-of-owners
- 4 of-the-issuing-local-government's-or-school-district's--bonds
- 5 to-sell-or-to-have-redeemed-their-bonds---The-unit-of-local
- 6 government-or-school-district-may-enter--into--contracts--and
- 7 may-agree-to-pay-fees-to-persons-providing-such-arrangements,
- 8 including-from-bond-proceeds.
- 9 <u>Without limiting the terms which may be included in any</u>
- 10 <u>such credit agreements or remarketing agreements</u>, the
- 11 <u>ordinance</u> The--resolution-of-the-governing-board-authorizing
- 12 the-issuance-of-the-bonds may or, if hereinafter so required,
- 13 <u>shall</u> provide <u>as follows:</u>
- 14 (a) that Interest rates on the bonds may vary from time
- 15 to time depending upon criteria established by the governing
- 16 <u>body</u> beard, which may include, without limitation: (i), a
- 17 variation in interest rates as may be necessary to cause
- 18 bonds to be <u>remarketed</u> remarketable from time to time at a
- 19 price equal to their principal amount <u>plus any accrued</u>
- interest; (ii) rates set by auctions; or (iii) rates set by
- 21 <u>formula.</u> and-may-provide-for-appointment-of,
- 22 (b) A national banking association, bank, trust company,
- 23 investment banker or other financial institution <u>may be</u>
- 24 <u>appointed</u> to serve as a remarketing agent in that connection,
- 25 <u>and such remarketing agent may be delegated authority by the</u>
- 26 governing body to determine interest rates in accordance with
- 27 <u>criteria established by the governing body</u>. The-resolution
- 28 of-the-governing-board-authorizing-the-issuance-of-the--bonds
- 29 may-provide-that
- 30 <u>(c)</u> Alternative interest rates or provisions <u>may</u> will
- 31 apply during such times as the bonds are held by the a person
- 32 <u>or persons (financial providers)</u> providing a <u>credit agreement</u>
- 33 <u>or remarketing agreement</u> letter-of--eredit--or--other--eredit
- 34 enhancement--arrangement for those bonds and during such

- 1 times, the interest on the bonds may be deemed not exempt
- 2 from income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code for
- 3 purposes of State law, as contained in the Bond Authorization
- 4 Act, relating to the permissible rate of interest to be borne
- 5 <u>thereon</u>.
- 6 (d) Fees may be paid to the financial providers,
- 7 <u>including all reasonably related costs, including therein</u>
- 8 costs of enforcement and litigation (all such fees and costs
- 9 being financial provider payments) and financial provider
- 10 payments may be paid, without limitation, from proceeds of
- 11 the bonds being the subject of such agreements, or from bonds
- 12 <u>issued to refund such bonds, or from whatever enterprise</u>
- 13 <u>revenues or revenue source, including taxes, pledged to the</u>
- 14 payment of such bonds, which enterprise revenues or revenue
- 15 <u>source may be increased to make such financial provider</u>
- 16 payments, and such financial provider payments shall be made
- subordinate to the payments on the bonds.
- (e) The bonds need not be held in physical form by the
- 19 <u>financial providers when providing funds to purchase or carry</u>
- 20 <u>the bonds from others but may be represented in</u>
- 21 <u>uncertificated form in the credit agreements or remarketing</u>
- 22 <u>agreements.</u>
- 23 <u>(f) The debt or obligation of the governmental unit</u>
- 24 <u>represented by a bond tendered for purchase to or otherwise</u>
- 25 <u>made</u> available to the governmental unit and thereupon
- 26 <u>acquired by either such governmental unit or a financial</u>
- 27 provider shall not be deemed to be extinguished for purposes
- of State law until cancelled by the governmental unit or its
- 29 <u>agent</u>.
- 30 (q) The choice of law for the obligations of a financial
- 31 provider may be made for any state of these United States,
- 32 <u>but the law which shall apply to the obligations of the</u>
- 33 governmental unit shall be the law of the State of Illinois,
- 34 and jurisdiction to enforce such credit agreement or

- 1 remarketing agreement as against the governmental unit shall
- 2 be exclusively in the courts of the State of Illinois or in
- the applicable federal court having jurisdiction and located 3
- 4 within the State of Illinois.
- 5 (h) The governmental unit may not waive any sovereign
- immunities from time to time available under the laws of the б
- 7 State of Illinois as to jurisdiction, procedures, and
- remedies, but any such credit agreement and remarketing 8
- 9 agreement shall otherwise by fully enforceable as valid and
- binding contracts as and to the extent provided by applicable 10
- 11 <u>law.</u>
- (i) Such credit agreement or remarketing agreement may 12
- 13 provide for acceleration of the principal amounts due on the
- bonds, provided, however, that such acceleration shall be 14
- deferred for not less than 18 months from the time any such 15
- 16 bond is acquired pursuant to any such agreement.
- (Source: P.A. 83-1536.)". 17