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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3500

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3500 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2-3.25d as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)

7 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic early warning and watch status.

8 (a) Those schools that do not meet adequate yearly progress  
9 criteria, as specified by the State Board of Education through  
10 the adoption of rules, for 2 consecutive annual calculations,  
11 shall be placed on academic early warning status for the next  
12 school year. Schools on academic early warning status that do  
13 not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a third annual  
14 calculation shall remain on academic early warning status.  
15 Schools on academic early warning status that do not meet  
16 adequate yearly progress criteria for a fourth annual  
17 calculation shall be placed on initial academic watch status.  
18 Schools on academic watch status that do not meet adequate  
19 yearly progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent annual  
20 calculation shall remain on academic watch status. Schools on  
21 academic early warning or academic watch status that meet  
22 adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual calculation  
23 shall be acknowledged for making improvement and shall maintain  
24 their current statuses for the next school year. Schools on

1 academic early warning or academic watch status that meet  
2 adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual  
3 calculations shall be considered as having met expectations and  
4 shall be removed from any status designation.

5 The school district of a school placed on either academic  
6 early warning status or academic watch status may appeal the  
7 status to the State Board of Education in accordance with  
8 Section 2-3.25m of this Code.

9 A school district that has one or more schools on academic  
10 early warning or academic watch status shall prepare a revised  
11 School Improvement Plan or amendments thereto setting forth the  
12 district's expectations for removing each school from academic  
13 early warning or academic watch status and for improving  
14 student performance in the affected school or schools.  
15 Districts operating under Article 34 of this Code may prepare  
16 the School Improvement Plan required under Section 34-2.4 of  
17 this Code.

18 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that is  
19 initially placed on academic early warning status or that  
20 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual  
21 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the  
22 school's local school council in a district operating under  
23 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation  
24 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code).

25 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school placed on  
26 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation  
27 must be approved by the school board (and by the school's local  
28 school council in a district operating under Article 34 of this  
29 Code, unless the school is on probation pursuant to subsection  
30 (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and the State  
31 Superintendent of Education.

32 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that  
33 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual  
34 calculation must be approved by the school board (and by the

1 school's local school council in a district operating under  
2 Article 34 of this Code, unless the school is on probation  
3 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code) and  
4 the State Superintendent of Education. In addition, the  
5 district must develop a school restructuring plan for the  
6 school that must be approved by the school board (and by the  
7 school's local school council in a district operating under  
8 Article 34 of this Code) and subsequently approved by the State  
9 Superintendent of Education.

10 A school on academic watch status that does not meet  
11 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual  
12 calculation shall implement its approved school restructuring  
13 plan beginning with the next school year, subject to the State  
14 interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this Code.

15 (b) Those school districts that do not meet adequate yearly  
16 progress criteria, as specified by the State Board of Education  
17 through the adoption of rules, for 2 consecutive annual  
18 calculations, shall be placed on academic early warning status  
19 for the next school year. Districts on academic early warning  
20 status that do not meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a  
21 third annual calculation shall remain on academic early warning  
22 status. Districts on academic early warning status that do not  
23 meet adequate yearly progress criteria for a fourth annual  
24 calculation shall be placed on initial academic watch status.  
25 Districts on academic watch status that do not meet adequate  
26 yearly progress criteria for a fifth or subsequent annual  
27 calculation shall remain on academic watch status. Districts on  
28 academic early warning or academic watch status that meet  
29 adequate yearly progress criteria for one annual calculation  
30 shall be acknowledged for making improvement and shall maintain  
31 their current statuses for the next school year. Districts on  
32 academic early warning or academic watch status that meet  
33 adequate yearly progress criteria for 2 consecutive annual  
34 calculations shall be considered as having met expectations and

1 shall be removed from any status designation.

2 A district placed on either academic early warning status  
3 or academic watch status may appeal the status to the State  
4 Board of Education in accordance with Section 2-3.25m of this  
5 Code.

6 Districts on academic early warning or academic watch  
7 status shall prepare a District Improvement Plan or amendments  
8 thereto setting forth the district's expectations for removing  
9 the district from academic early warning or academic watch  
10 status and for improving student performance in the district.

11 The District Improvement Plan for a district that is  
12 initially placed on academic early warning status must be  
13 approved by the school board.

14 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that  
15 remains on academic early warning status after a third annual  
16 calculation must be approved by the school board.

17 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district on  
18 initial academic watch status after a fourth annual calculation  
19 must be approved by the school board and the State  
20 Superintendent of Education.

21 The revised District Improvement Plan for a district that  
22 remains on academic watch status after a fifth annual  
23 calculation must be approved by the school board and the State  
24 Superintendent of Education. In addition, the district must  
25 develop a district restructuring plan that must be approved by  
26 the school board and the State Superintendent of Education.

27 A district on academic watch status that does not meet  
28 adequate yearly progress criteria for a sixth annual  
29 calculation shall implement its approved district  
30 restructuring plan beginning with the next school year, subject  
31 to the State interventions specified in Section 2-3.25f of this  
32 Code.

33 (b-5) For the purpose of calculating adequate yearly  
34 progress under subsections (a) and (b) of this Section by the

1 State, a school district, or a school, a full academic year  
2 must be defined as continuous enrollment of a student in the  
3 district or school for 176 days of pupil attendance prior to  
4 the date of the administration of State assessments. Nothing in  
5 this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly prohibits a  
6 school district or school from administering a State assessment  
7 to any student for the purpose of assessing the student's  
8 mastery of the curriculum.

9 (c) All revised School and District Improvement Plans shall  
10 be developed in collaboration with staff in the affected school  
11 or school district. All revised School and District Improvement  
12 Plans shall be developed, submitted, and approved pursuant to  
13 rules adopted by the State Board of Education. The revised  
14 Improvement Plan shall address measurable outcomes for  
15 improving student performance so that such performance meets  
16 adequate yearly progress criteria as specified by the State  
17 Board of Education.

18 (d) All federal requirements apply to schools and school  
19 districts utilizing federal funds under Title I, Part A of the  
20 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

21 (e) The State Board of Education, from any moneys it may  
22 have available for this purpose, must implement and administer  
23 a grant program that provides 2-year grants to school districts  
24 on the academic watch list and other school districts that have  
25 the lowest achieving students, as determined by the State Board  
26 of Education, to be used to improve student achievement. In  
27 order to receive a grant under this program, a school district  
28 must establish an accountability program. The accountability  
29 program must involve the use of statewide testing standards and  
30 local evaluation measures. A grant shall be automatically  
31 renewed when achievement goals are met. The Board may adopt any  
32 rules necessary to implement and administer this grant program.  
33 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03; 93-890, eff. 8-9-04.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".