

August 14, 2009

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives,
96th General Assembly:

Today I return House Bill 725 with my specific recommendations for change.

This bill contains language conditioning agency rulemaking ability on compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. This language is a remnant of the controversy surrounding certain rulemaking undertaken by my predecessor's administration. In approving House Bill 398, my administration demonstrated its commitment to upholding the law and respecting the constitutionally protected powers of each branch of government. My approval of House Bill 398 renders the language related to rulemaking in this bill moot. It is time to move past the battles between my predecessor and members of the General Assembly. I am, therefore, deleting this language from the bill.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 725, entitled "AN ACT concerning education.", with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 2, by replacing lines 8 through 14 with "courses into school foreign language curricula."; and

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on page 3, by deleting line 1; and

on page 28, replacing lines 11 through 16 with "major.".

With these changes, House Bill 725 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

PAT QUINN
Governor