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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 170

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 170 on page 4, by
3 replacing lines 18 and 19 with "pursuant to the provisions of
4 Section 17-2.4a of the School Code"; and

5 on page 7, by replacing lines 7 and 8 with "pursuant to the
6 provisions of Section 17-2.4a of the School Code"; and

7 on page 9, by replacing lines 18 through 20 with "district
8 pursuant to the provisions of Section 17-2.4a of the School
9 Code"; and

10 on page 11, by replacing lines 21 through 23 with "and (m) made
11 by a school district pursuant to the provisions of Section
12 17-2.4a of the School Code"; and

13 by replacing everything from line 8 on page 18 through line 19
14 on page 21 with the following:

1 "Section 10. The School Code is amended by adding Section
2 17-2.4a as follows:

3 (105 ILCS 5/17-2.4a new)

4 Sec. 17-2.4a. Tax for area vocational education programs.

5 (a) The school board of any district participating in a
6 joint agreement for an area vocational education center,
7 pursuant to Section 10-22.20a of this Code or the
8 Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, and having a population of
9 less than 500,000 inhabitants may, by proper resolution, levy
10 an annual tax upon the value of the taxable property within its
11 territory, as equalized or assessed by the Department of
12 Revenue, for area vocational education purposes, including but
13 not limited to the purposes authorized by Section 10-22.20a, at
14 a rate of up to 0.04% for a period of 4 tax years following the
15 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
16 Assembly.

17 (b) Prior to the levy of taxes under this Section for the
18 first time, the school board of each district desiring to make
19 such a levy shall hold 2 public hearings regarding the proposed
20 levy at the vocational education center. Notice of the public
21 hearings shall be given by the school board by (i) posting the
22 notice at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the school
23 board to occur prior to the public hearing and (ii) publishing
24 notice of the public hearing in conformity with the Notice by

1 Publication Act. If there is no newspaper of general
2 circulation published within the school district and the school
3 district is located in more than one county, then notice shall
4 be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in
5 each county in which any part of the school district is
6 located. The notice shall appear not more than 14 days nor less
7 than 7 days prior to the date of the public hearing. The notice
8 shall not be placed in the portion of the newspaper where legal
9 notices and classified advertisements appear. The notice shall
10 appear before each public hearing.

11 (c) The tax rate limit specified in subsection (a) of this
12 Section may be increased to up to a maximum of 0.08% upon the
13 approval of a proposition submitted at a regularly scheduled
14 election. The proposition may be initiated by resolution and
15 shall be certified by the secretary of the school board to the
16 proper election authorities for submission in accordance with
17 the general election law. If a majority of votes cast on the
18 proposition is in favor thereof, then the school board may
19 annually levy the tax as authorized until such authority is
20 revoked.

21 (d) Any revenue raised by the tax imposed under this
22 Section, including interest earnings thereon, shall be used
23 only for area vocational education center purposes, including
24 but not limited to the purposes authorized by Section
25 10-22.20a, as well as the construction and maintenance of area
26 vocational center facilities. The district shall distribute

1 the funds for area vocational center education purposes to the
2 area vocational center within 60 days after receipt, provided
3 that, if the receipts exceed the school districts' liabilities
4 to the area vocational center, the district may retain such
5 excess for application to its liability for area vocational
6 center expenses in subsequent periods.

7 (e) If the school board of any district that has levied a
8 tax authorized by this Section withdraws from the joint
9 agreement for area vocational education purposes, that
10 district shall no longer be authorized to levy an annual tax
11 for area vocational education purposes. Any proceeds from the
12 taxes authorized by this Section, including interest earnings
13 thereon that remain in the school district treasury upon
14 withdrawal from the area vocational center and after paying any
15 liabilities owed such area vocational center shall be used to
16 abate taxes in the ensuing tax cycle or cycles.

17 (f) Any tax imposed under this Section is in addition to
18 all other taxes authorized by law to be levied and collected by
19 a school board of any district participating in a joint
20 agreement for an area vocational education center, and shall
21 not be included within any limitation of rate contained in this
22 Code or any other law.

23 (g) Subsection (a) of this Section becomes inoperative at
24 the end of 4 tax years after the effective date of this
25 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly; provided that any
26 taxes levied prior to subsection (a) of this Section becoming

1 inoperative shall remain valid until collected as otherwise
2 provided by law.".