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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2134

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2134, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
6 3-15.14 and by adding Sections 3-15.14a and 17-1.1 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/3-15.14) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-15.14)

8 Sec. 3-15.14. Cooperative Educational and Operational  
9 Programs. To administer and direct a cooperative or joint  
10 educational or operational program or project when 2 or more  
11 districts request and authorize him or her to provide and  
12 administer these services. Each regional superintendent of  
13 schools is encouraged to offer school districts the opportunity  
14 to share in joint educational or operational programs and to  
15 urge school districts to participate in such programs when the  
16 school district determines that such participation is fiscally

1 prudent. The regional superintendent of schools ~~He~~ may provide  
2 and contract for the staff, space, necessary materials,  
3 supplies, books and apparatus for such agreements. The school  
4 boards of the respective districts shall pay to the regional  
5 superintendent the pro rata share of the expenses of the  
6 operation of such programs, and the regional superintendent  
7 shall use such funds in payment of such operational expenses.  
8 The regional superintendent shall collect and remit the  
9 required pension contributions from the participating  
10 districts if the board of control of the program participates  
11 in Article 7 of the Illinois Pension Code.

12 A board of control composed of one member from each  
13 cooperating district and one member from the office of the  
14 regional superintendent will set policy for the cooperative.  
15 The agreement establishing the cooperative may provide that the  
16 cooperative shall act as its own administrative district and  
17 shall be an entity separate and apart from the Educational  
18 Service Region.

19 Each regional superintendent that is the administrator of a  
20 joint agreement shall cause an annual financial statement to be  
21 submitted on forms prescribed by the State Board of Education  
22 exhibiting the financial condition of the program established  
23 pursuant to the joint agreement for the fiscal year ending on  
24 the immediately preceding June 30.

25 The regional superintendent may also administer, direct  
26 and account for educational programs of single or multi-county

1 educational service region, or of multi-regional design which  
2 are sponsored and financed by State or federal educational  
3 agencies, or by both such agencies. In cases where funding for  
4 any such approved program is delayed, the regional  
5 superintendent may borrow the funds required to begin operation  
6 of the program in accordance with the terms of the grant; and  
7 the principal amount so borrowed, together with the interest  
8 due thereon, shall be paid from the grant moneys when received.

9 (Source: P.A. 83-815; 86-1332.)

10 (105 ILCS 5/3-15.14a new)

11 Sec. 3-15.14a. Shared services. The regional  
12 superintendent of schools may, at the request of a school  
13 district, present to the school district possible services and  
14 functions that multiple schools may share or consolidate. Such  
15 services and functions may include, but are not limited to,  
16 bidding and purchasing, office functions such as payroll and  
17 accounting, information technology, professional development,  
18 grant writing, food service management, or administrative  
19 positions. Regional superintendents of schools may share best  
20 financial practices with school districts that are exploring  
21 new methods to become more financially efficient.

22 (105 ILCS 5/17-1.1 new)

23 Sec. 17-1.1. Shared service reporting and fiscal  
24 efficiency.

1       (a) Annually, each school district shall complete a report  
2 developed by the State Board of Education, to accompany the  
3 annual financial report and to be published on the State Board  
4 of Education's Internet website, that summarizes district  
5 attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services  
6 or outsourcing in the prior fiscal year. The report must be  
7 primarily in checklist form and approximately one page in  
8 length. It shall include, but shall not be limited to, the  
9 incidence of the following shared service options: insurance;  
10 employee benefits; transportation; personnel recruitment;  
11 shared personnel; technology services; energy purchasing;  
12 supply and equipment purchasing; food services; legal  
13 services; investment pools; special education cooperatives,  
14 vocational cooperatives, and other shared educational  
15 programs; curriculum planning; professional development;  
16 custodial services; maintenance services; grounds maintenance  
17 services; food services; grant writing; and science,  
18 technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program  
19 offerings. The report shall also include a list of potential  
20 shared services or outsourcing the district may consider or  
21 investigate for the next fiscal year and any anticipated  
22 barriers to implementation. This report must be approved by the  
23 school board and published on the Internet website of the  
24 school district, if any.

25       (b) Based on data supplied by school districts through the  
26 annual financial report, regional superintendents of schools

1 shall publish annually a regional report summarizing district  
2 attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services  
3 or outsourcing within the educational service region. This  
4 report shall include a list of all joint purchasing  
5 initiatives, joint agreements between districts, attempts to  
6 reduce or eliminate duplication of services and duplicative  
7 expenditures, and identification of any overlapping regional  
8 service delivery systems.

9 (c) For school districts required to develop and submit to  
10 the State Board of Education a deficit reduction plan under  
11 Section 17-1 of this Code, the regional superintendent of  
12 schools and the school district shall jointly prepare a shared  
13 services and outsourcing plan that considers actions that may  
14 improve the district's fiscal efficiency and how future savings  
15 associated with shared services or outsourcing are to be  
16 utilized."