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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2729

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2729 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 3-15.12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-15.12) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-15.12)

7 Sec. 3-15.12. High school equivalency testing program. The  
8 ~~The~~ regional superintendent of schools shall make available for  
9 qualified individuals residing within the region a High School  
10 Equivalency Testing Program. For that purpose the regional  
11 superintendent alone or with other regional superintendents  
12 may establish and supervise a testing center or centers to  
13 administer the secure forms of the high school level Test of  
14 General Educational Development to qualified persons. Such  
15 centers shall be under the supervision of the regional  
16 superintendent in whose region such centers are located,

1 subject to the approval of the President of the Illinois  
2 Community College Board.

3 An individual is eligible to apply to the regional  
4 superintendent of schools for the region in which he or she  
5 resides if he or she is: (a) a person who is 17 years of age or  
6 older, has maintained residence in the State of Illinois, and  
7 is not a high school graduate; (b) a person who is successfully  
8 completing an alternative education program under Section  
9 2-3.81, Article 13A, or Article 13B; or (c) a person who is  
10 enrolled in a youth education program sponsored by the Illinois  
11 National Guard. For purposes of this Section, residence is that  
12 abode which the applicant considers his or her home. Applicants  
13 may provide as sufficient proof of such residence and as an  
14 acceptable form of identification a driver's license, valid  
15 passport, military ID, or other form of government-issued  
16 national or foreign identification that shows the applicant's  
17 name, address, date of birth, signature, and photograph or  
18 other acceptable identification as may be allowed by law or as  
19 regulated by the Illinois Community College Board. Such  
20 regional superintendent shall determine if the applicant meets  
21 statutory and regulatory state standards. If qualified the  
22 applicant shall at the time of such application pay a fee  
23 established by the Illinois Community College Board, which fee  
24 shall be paid into a special fund under the control and  
25 supervision of the regional superintendent. Such moneys  
26 received by the regional superintendent shall be used, first,

1 for the expenses incurred in administering and scoring the  
2 examination, and next for other educational programs that are  
3 developed and designed by the regional superintendent of  
4 schools to assist those who successfully complete the high  
5 school level test of General Education Development in  
6 furthering their academic development or their ability to  
7 secure and retain gainful employment, including programs for  
8 the competitive award based on test scores of college or adult  
9 education scholarship grants or similar educational  
10 incentives. Any excess moneys shall be paid into the institute  
11 fund.

12 Any applicant who has achieved the minimum passing  
13 standards as established by the Illinois Community College  
14 Board shall be notified in writing by the regional  
15 superintendent and shall be issued a high school equivalency  
16 certificate on the forms provided by the Illinois Community  
17 College Board. The regional superintendent shall then certify  
18 to the Illinois Community College Board the score of the  
19 applicant and such other and additional information that may be  
20 required by the Illinois Community College Board. The moneys  
21 received therefrom shall be used in the same manner as provided  
22 for in this Section.

23 Any applicant who has attained the age of 17 years and  
24 maintained residence in the State of Illinois and is not a high  
25 school graduate, any person who has enrolled in a youth  
26 education program sponsored by the Illinois National Guard, or

1 any person who has successfully completed an alternative  
2 education program under Section 2-3.81, Article 13A, or Article  
3 13B is eligible to apply for a high school equivalency  
4 certificate (if he or she meets the requirements prescribed by  
5 the Illinois Community College Board) upon showing evidence  
6 that he or she has completed, successfully, the high school  
7 level General Educational Development Tests, administered by  
8 the United States Armed Forces Institute, official GED Centers  
9 established in other states, or at Veterans' Administration  
10 Hospitals or the office of the State Superintendent of  
11 Education administered for the Illinois State Penitentiary  
12 System and the Department of Corrections. Such applicant shall  
13 apply to the regional superintendent of the region wherein he  
14 has maintained residence, and upon payment of a fee established  
15 by the Illinois Community College Board the regional  
16 superintendent shall issue a high school equivalency  
17 certificate, and immediately thereafter certify to the  
18 Illinois Community College Board the score of the applicant and  
19 such other and additional information as may be required by the  
20 Illinois Community College Board.

21 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, any  
22 applicant who has been out of school for at least one year may  
23 request the regional superintendent of schools to administer  
24 the restricted GED test upon written request of: The director  
25 of a program who certifies to the Chief Examiner of an official  
26 GED center that the applicant has completed a program of

1 instruction provided by such agencies as the Job Corps, the  
2 Postal Service Academy or apprenticeship training program; an  
3 employer or program director for purposes of entry into  
4 apprenticeship programs; another State Department of Education  
5 in order to meet regulations established by that Department of  
6 Education, a post high school educational institution for  
7 purposes of admission, the Department of Professional  
8 Regulation for licensing purposes, or the Armed Forces for  
9 induction purposes. The regional superintendent shall  
10 administer such test and the applicant shall be notified in  
11 writing that he is eligible to receive the Illinois High School  
12 Equivalency Certificate upon reaching age 17, provided he meets  
13 the standards established by the Illinois Community College  
14 Board.

15 Any test administered under this Section to an applicant  
16 who does not speak and understand English may at the discretion  
17 of the administering agency be given and answered in any  
18 language in which the test is printed. The regional  
19 superintendent of schools may waive any fees required by this  
20 Section in case of hardship.

21 In counties of over 3,000,000 population a GED certificate  
22 shall contain the signatures of the President of the Illinois  
23 Community College Board, the superintendent, president or  
24 other chief executive officer of the institution where GED  
25 instruction occurred and any other signatures authorized by the  
26 Illinois Community College Board.

1           The regional superintendent of schools shall furnish the  
2 Illinois Community College Board with any information that the  
3 Illinois Community College Board requests with regard to  
4 testing and certificates under this Section.

5           (Source: P.A. 94-108, eff. 7-1-05; 95-609, eff. 6-1-08.)".