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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1838

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1838 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.88 and 34-18.88 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.88 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.88. Selective admission schools; standardized
8 testing.

9 (a) A school board that has a school with selective
10 admission requirements that require standardized testing in
11 order for incoming kindergarten students to attend the school
12 shall require the district, no later than 30 days prior to the
13 first developmentally appropriate screening assessment, to
14 provide resources about the testing process to the families of
15 students who elect to participate in the testing.

16 The school district shall facilitate at least 3

1 informational sessions that encompass an overview of the
2 selective-admission standardized-testing process, including
3 information on the testing protocols, policies, and
4 procedures, for families of incoming kindergarten students who
5 are interested in attending the selective admission school. No
6 more than one online informational session may be counted
7 toward the total number of sessions required. Online session
8 recordings and testing process resources shall be posted on
9 the school district's website after they have been created or
10 conducted.

11 (b) A school board that has a school with selective
12 admission requirements that require standardized testing for
13 admissions shall commission an independent and third-party
14 study for the purpose of determining the most appropriate
15 entry-level grade for the school. This study and the findings
16 of it shall be reported to the General Assembly and school
17 district no later than March 1, 2026. The school district
18 shall respond to the study's findings and report the
19 district's response to the General Assembly no later than
20 March 30, 2026.

21 Beginning on August 1, 2027, the school district shall
22 prohibit standardized testing or developmentally appropriate
23 screening assessments for those children seeking to enter a
24 kindergarten program.

1 Sec. 34-18.88. Selective admission schools; standardized
2 testing.

3 (a) If the school district has a school with selective
4 admission requirements that require standardized testing in
5 order for incoming kindergarten students to attend the school,
6 the board shall require the district, no later than 30 days
7 prior to the first developmentally appropriate screening
8 assessment, to provide resources about the testing process to
9 the families of students who elect to participate in the
10 testing.

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19 recordings and testing process resources shall be posted on
20 the school district's website after they have been created or
21 conducted.

22 (b) If the school district has a school with selective
23 admission requirements that require standardized testing for
24 admissions, the board shall commission an independent and
25 third-party study for the purpose of determining the most
26 appropriate entry-level grade for the school. This study and

1 the findings of it shall be reported to the General Assembly
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