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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3743

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3743 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 22-101 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-101 new)

7 Sec. 22-101. Railroad safety messaging. Each school  
8 district shall include in its student handbook for grades  
9 kindergarten through 12 the following railroad safety  
10 messaging:

11 (1) Cross tracks only at designated pedestrian or  
12 roadway crossings and observe and obey all warning signs  
13 and signals.

14 (2) Never walk down a train track; it is illegal and  
15 dangerous. By the time a locomotive engineer sees a  
16 trespasser or vehicle on the tracks, it is too late to stop

1 even when the emergency brakes are activated.

2 (3) The only safe place to cross is at a designated  
3 public crossing, equipped with crossbucks, flashing red  
4 lights, or gates. Crossing anywhere else is trespassing,  
5 which can result in a ticket and fine.

6 (4) Do not cross tracks immediately after a train  
7 passes. Additional trains may be approaching when blocked  
8 by the first. Trains can travel at any time and in either  
9 direction. Wait until both directions can be clearly  
10 observed.

11 (5) Flashing red lights signal that a train or rail  
12 equipment is approaching from either direction, and a fine  
13 can be charged for ignoring such signals. Never walk  
14 around or stop between lowered gates at a crossing. Do not  
15 cross the tracks until the red lights stop flashing and it  
16 is safe to do so.

17 (6) Rails and recreation do not mix.  
18 A school district may opt-out of this requirement if the  
19 school board of the school district determines that the  
20 inclusion of such messaging is unnecessary based on local  
21 context or the messaging's alignment with curriculum.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on July  
23 1, 2026."