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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5770

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5770 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 14-6.01 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-6.01) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-6.01)

7 Sec. 14-6.01. Powers and duties of school boards. School  
8 boards of one or more school districts establishing and  
9 maintaining any of the educational facilities described in this  
10 Article shall, in connection therewith, exercise similar  
11 powers and duties as are prescribed by law for the  
12 establishment, maintenance and management of other recognized  
13 educational facilities. Such school boards shall include only  
14 eligible children in the program and shall comply with all the  
15 requirements of this Article and all rules and regulations  
16 established by the State Board of Education. Such school boards

1 shall accept in part-time attendance children with  
2 disabilities of the types described in Sections 14-1.02 through  
3 14-1.07 who are enrolled in nonpublic schools. A request for  
4 part-time attendance must be submitted by a parent or guardian  
5 of the child with a disability and may be made only to those  
6 public schools located in the district where the child  
7 attending the nonpublic school resides; however, nothing in  
8 this Section shall be construed as prohibiting an agreement  
9 between the district where the child resides and another public  
10 school district to provide special educational services if such  
11 an arrangement is deemed more convenient and economical.  
12 Special education and related services must be provided in  
13 accordance with the student's IEP no later than 10 school  
14 attendance days after notice is provided to the parents  
15 pursuant to Section 300.503 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal  
16 Regulations and implementing rules adopted by the State Board  
17 of Education. Transportation for students in part time  
18 attendance shall be provided only if required in the child's  
19 individualized educational program on the basis of the child's  
20 disabling condition or as the special education program  
21 location may require.

22 Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school board  
23 shall post on its Internet website, if any, and incorporate  
24 into its student handbook or newsletter notice that the school  
25 district provides a free, appropriate public education in the  
26 least restrictive environment and necessary related services

1 to all children with mental health and physical disabilities  
2 who are enrolled in the school district, as required by the  
3 federal Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, Section  
4 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the federal  
5 Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and this Code. ~~A~~  
6 ~~school board shall publish a public notice in its newsletter of~~  
7 ~~general circulation or in the newsletter of another~~  
8 ~~governmental entity of general circulation in the district or~~  
9 ~~if neither is available in the district, then in a newspaper of~~  
10 ~~general circulation in the district, the right of all children~~  
11 ~~with disabilities to a free appropriate public education as~~  
12 ~~provided under this Code.~~ Such notice shall identify the  
13 location and phone number of the office or agent of the school  
14 district to whom inquiries should be directed regarding the  
15 identification, assessment and placement of such children.

16 School boards shall immediately provide upon request by any  
17 person written materials and other information that indicates  
18 the specific policies, procedures, rules and regulations  
19 regarding the identification, evaluation or educational  
20 placement of children with disabilities under Section 14-8.02  
21 of the School Code. Such information shall include information  
22 regarding all rights and entitlements of such children under  
23 this Code, and of the opportunity to present complaints with  
24 respect to any matter relating to educational placement of the  
25 student, or the provision of a free appropriate public  
26 education and to have an impartial due process hearing on the

1 complaint. The notice shall inform the parents or guardian in  
2 the parents' or guardian's native language, unless it is  
3 clearly not feasible to do so, of their rights and all  
4 procedures available pursuant to this Act and federal Public  
5 Law 94-142; it shall be the responsibility of the State  
6 Superintendent to develop uniform notices setting forth the  
7 procedures available under this Act and federal Public Law  
8 94-142, as amended, to be used by all school boards. The notice  
9 shall also inform the parents or guardian of the availability  
10 upon request of a list of free or low-cost legal and other  
11 relevant services available locally to assist parents or  
12 guardians in exercising rights or entitlements under this Code.

13 Any parent or guardian who is deaf, or does not normally  
14 communicate using spoken English, who participates in a meeting  
15 with a representative of a local educational agency for the  
16 purposes of developing an individualized educational program  
17 shall be entitled to the services of an interpreter.

18 No student with a disability or, in a school district  
19 organized under Article 34 of this Code, child with a learning  
20 disability may be denied promotion, graduation or a general  
21 diploma on the basis of failing a minimal competency test when  
22 such failure can be directly related to the disabling condition  
23 of the student. For the purpose of this Act, "minimal  
24 competency testing" is defined as tests which are constructed  
25 to measure the acquisition of skills to or beyond a certain  
26 defined standard.

1           Effective July 1, 1966, high school districts are  
2 financially responsible for the education of pupils with  
3 disabilities who are residents in their districts when such  
4 pupils have reached age 15 but may admit children with  
5 disabilities into special educational facilities without  
6 regard to graduation from the eighth grade after such pupils  
7 have reached the age of 14 1/2 years. Upon a pupil with a  
8 disability attaining the age of 14 1/2 years, it shall be the  
9 duty of the elementary school district in which the pupil  
10 resides to notify the high school district in which the pupil  
11 resides of the pupil's current eligibility for special  
12 education services, of the pupil's current program, and of all  
13 evaluation data upon which the current program is based. After  
14 an examination of that information the high school district may  
15 accept the current placement and all subsequent timelines shall  
16 be governed by the current individualized educational program;  
17 or the high school district may elect to conduct its own  
18 evaluation and multidisciplinary staff conference and  
19 formulate its own individualized educational program, in which  
20 case the procedures and timelines contained in Section 14-8.02  
21 shall apply.

22           (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-592, eff. 7-22-16;  
23 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

24           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law."