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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2509

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2509 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Fundamental Issues and Texts of Western Civilization Degree
6 Pilot Program Act.

7 Section 5. Fundamental Issues and Texts of Western
8 Civilization Degree pilot program.

9 (a) Subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2020-2021
10 academic year or, if funds are not appropriated for the program
11 that academic year, beginning with the academic year in which
12 funds are appropriated for the program, the State Board of
13 Education, Illinois Community College Board, and Board of
14 Higher Education must develop and implement the Fundamental
15 Issues and Texts of Western Civilization Degree pilot program.
16 Under the program, one public high school, one public community

1 college, and one public university in this State shall be
2 chosen to develop a competency-based baccalaureate degree
3 program that focuses on the fundamental issues and texts of
4 western civilization. The goals of the program must include all
5 of the following:

6 (1) To prepare students who complete the program with
7 the requisite problem-solving, inquiry, and communication
8 skills needed for employment or further graduate study.

9 (2) To use open education resources.

10 (3) To promote dual credit course enrollment in the
11 participating high school.

12 (4) To have a \$20,000 maximum tuition rate.

13 (b) The curriculum of the pilot program created under this
14 Section must include course instruction on various periods of
15 western civilization in areas that include, but are not limited
16 to, philosophy, literature, history, religion, government and
17 politics, art, and architecture. The program must allow for 2
18 courses of instruction on global areas outside of western
19 civilization in areas that include, but are not limited to,
20 philosophy, literature, history, religion, government and
21 politics, art, and architecture.

22 Section 10. Reporting.

23 (a) After the first cohort of students complete the pilot
24 program under Section 5, the State Board of Education, Illinois
25 Community College Board, and Board of Higher Education must

1 submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly detailing
2 the impact of the pilot program on all of the following:

3 (1) Reducing the costs of attending an institution of
4 higher learning and overall student loan debt.

5 (2) Elevating the importance of coursework in the
6 liberal arts.

7 (3) Creating a model curriculum that can be replicated
8 through partnerships between other institutions of higher
9 learning and school districts across this State.

10 (b) This Act is inoperative on and after the State Board of
11 Education, Illinois Community College Board, and Board of
12 Higher Education submit the report required under subsection
13 (a).

14 Section 90. Rules. The Illinois Community College Board, in
15 consultation with the State Board of Education and the Board of
16 Higher Education, must adopt rules to implement this Act."