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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1819

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1819 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 22-92 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-92 new)

7 Sec. 22-92. Rural Education Advisory Council.

8 (a) The Rural Education Advisory Council is created as a  
9 statewide advisory council to exchange thoughtful dialogue  
10 concerning the needs, challenges, and opportunities of rural  
11 schools districts and to provide policy recommendations to the  
12 State. The Council shall perform all of the following  
13 functions:

14 (1) Convey and impart the perspective of rural  
15 communities and provide context during policy discussions  
16 on various statewide issues with the State Superintendent

1 of Education and State Board of Education.

2 (2) Present to the State Superintendent of Education  
3 the opportunity to provide an explanation to rural  
4 communities about the statewide perspective with regard to  
5 various policy and legal issues, to present feedback on  
6 critical issues facing rural communities, to generate  
7 ideas, and to communicate information to the State  
8 Superintendent.

9 (3) Provide feedback about this State's  
10 pre-kindergarten through grade 20 practices and policies  
11 in order that the application of policies in rural areas  
12 may be more fully understood.

13 (4) Analyze and monitor the continued impact of the  
14 implementation of Public Act 100-465 on school districts  
15 and to provide a rural perspective on the continued  
16 funding challenges faced by schools.

17 (b) The Council shall consist of all of the following  
18 members:

19 (1) The State Superintendent of Education or his or  
20 her designee.

21 (2) The Executive Director of the Association of  
22 Illinois Rural and Small Schools or his or her designee  
23 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

24 (3) The Executive Director of the Illinois Community  
25 College Board or his or her designee.

26 (4) Five superintendents of rural school districts who

1 represent 3 super-regions of this State recommended by the  
2 Executive Director of the Association of Illinois Rural  
3 and Small Schools and appointed by the State  
4 Superintendent of Education.

5 (5) One principal from a rural school district  
6 recommended by the Illinois Principal Association and  
7 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

8 (6) One elementary school teacher who teaches in a  
9 rural school district that is eligible under the federal  
10 Rural Education Achievement Program appointed by the State  
11 Superintendent of Education from a list of school teachers  
12 nominated by school principals.

13 (7) One secondary school teacher who teaches in a  
14 rural school district that is eligible under the federal  
15 Rural Education Achievement Program appointed by the State  
16 Superintendent of Education from a list of school teachers  
17 nominated by school principals.

18 (8) One representative from the Illinois Association  
19 of School Boards appointed by the State Superintendent of  
20 Education.

21 (9) One representative from the Board of Directors of  
22 the Illinois Association of School Administrators  
23 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

24 (10) The President of the Illinois Association of  
25 Regional School Superintendents or his or her designee  
26 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

1           (11) One student who is at least 16 years old and who  
2           is from a rural school district that is eligible under the  
3           federal Rural Education Achievement Program appointed by  
4           the State Superintendent of Education from a list of  
5           students nominated by school principals.

6           Council members shall serve without compensation, but  
7           shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary  
8           expenses from funds appropriated to the State Board of  
9           Education for that purpose.

10          (c) The Council shall meet initially at the call of the  
11          State Superintendent of Education, shall select one member as  
12          chairperson at its initial meeting, and shall thereafter meet  
13          at the call of the chairperson.

14          (d) The State Board of Education shall provide  
15          administrative and other support to the Council, with  
16          assistance from the Association of Illinois Rural and Small  
17          Schools. Support shall include all of the following:

18           (1) To collaborate with the State Superintendent of  
19           Education to create a clear and strategically focused  
20           agenda with expected outcomes.

21           (2) To gather input from the Council and other  
22           stakeholders to ensure that meetings are productive.

23           (3) To coordinate with presenters to ensure that  
24           presentations are designed to prompt discussions and  
25           problem solving.

26           (4) To assist with necessary research and content

1 creation between Council meetings.

2 (5) To cooperate with other State agencies and the  
3 General Assembly to assist in keeping the Council informed  
4 of major policy developments that may impact rural schools  
5 and students.

6 (6) To take meeting minutes and work with the Council  
7 to ensure that Open Meetings Act requirements are  
8 satisfied."