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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2222

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2222 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 3.204 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3.204 new)

7 Sec. 3.204. Grants for stipends for school social work
8 internships.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "school social work intern"
10 means an individual who is enrolled in a program approved by
11 the State Board of Education for the preparation of school
12 social workers to qualify for a professional educator license
13 under Article 21B with an endorsement in the area of school
14 social work and who is required to complete a school social
15 work internship in a school setting as part of the
16 individual's educator preparation program.

1 (b) Subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2024-2025
2 school year, the State Board of Education shall award
3 competitive grants on an annual basis to school districts and
4 other educational units that have school social work interns
5 to assist those school districts and other educational units
6 in the funding of school social work internships approved by
7 the interns' educator preparation programs by providing
8 stipends. The stipend amount shall equal at least \$15,000 per
9 year for each intern at a rate of at least \$25 per hour.

10 (c) The State Board of Education shall annually
11 disseminate to school districts and other educational units
12 that have school social work interns a request for
13 applications for grants under this Section. Grant applications
14 shall be accepted on an annual basis. The State Board of
15 Education shall establish procedures for submitting requests
16 for stipends and issuing funds to approved applicants.

17 (d) If the appropriation for grants under this Section for
18 a given fiscal year is less than the amount required to fund
19 all applications for grants, the State Board of Education
20 shall give priority to school districts that have been
21 designated as Tier 1 or Tier 2 pursuant to paragraph (3) of
22 subsection (g) of Section 18-8.15 of this Code and that have
23 applied for grant funds.

24 (e) For any school year in which grants are awarded under
25 this Section, the State Board of Education shall produce a
26 report on the awarding of grants, in cooperation with the

1 school districts and educational units that are awarded
2 grants. The report shall include a list of the recipients of
3 the grant awards, the amount of grant funds awarded to each
4 recipient, and the total amount awarded. The report shall be
5 posted on the State Board of Education's Internet website each
6 year in which grants are awarded.

7 Section 10. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended
8 by adding Section 9.44 as follows:

9 (110 ILCS 205/9.44 new)

10 Sec. 9.44. Grants for social worker field placement.

11 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Board shall establish
12 and administer a grant program to support the field placement
13 of social workers.

14 (b) The Board shall distribute the funds appropriated for
15 the grant program established under this Section in the form
16 of grants to public or nonpublic institutions of higher
17 education to expand opportunities for students who are
18 intending to become social workers and to assist students in
19 pursuing social-work related field placements, internships,
20 and other work opportunities.

21 (c) The Board shall ensure that the grant program
22 established under this Section provides grants to a
23 representative cross section of students in the State.

24 (d) No grant may be awarded under this Section for any

1 program of sectarian instruction or for any program designed
2 to serve a sectarian purpose.

3 (e) The Board may require evaluations, audits, or reports
4 in relation to fiscal and academic aspects of any program for
5 which a grant is awarded under this Section. The Board may
6 annually submit to the Governor and General Assembly a
7 budgetary recommendation for grants under this Section.

8 (f) The Board may adopt any rules necessary for the
9 implementation of this Section.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.".