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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2013

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2013 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2-3.71 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.71)  
7 Sec. 2-3.71. Grants for preschool educational programs.

8 (a) Preschool program.

9 (1) The State Board of Education shall implement and  
10 administer a grant program under the provisions of this  
11 subsection which shall consist of grants to public school  
12 districts and other eligible entities, as defined by the  
13 State Board of Education, to conduct voluntary preschool  
14 educational programs for children ages 3 to 5 which include  
15 a parent education component. A public school district  
16 which receives grants under this subsection may  
17 subcontract with other entities that are eligible to  
18 conduct a preschool educational program. These grants must  
19 be used to supplement, not supplant, funds received from  
20 any other source.

21 (2) (Blank).

22 (3) Any teacher of preschool children in the program  
23 authorized by this subsection shall hold an early childhood  
24 teaching certificate.

1           (4) This paragraph (4) applies before July 1, 2006 and  
2 after June 30, 2008. The State Board of Education shall  
3 provide the primary source of funding through  
4 appropriations for the ~~this~~ program. Such funds shall be  
5 distributed for the benefit of children who because of  
6 their home and community environment are subject to such  
7 language, cultural, economic and like disadvantages that  
8 they have been determined as a result of screening  
9 procedures to be at risk of academic failure. Such  
10 screening procedures shall be based on criteria  
11 established by the State Board of Education.

12           (4.5) This paragraph (4.5) applies from July 1, 2006  
13 through June 30, 2008. The State Board of Education shall  
14 provide the primary source of funding through  
15 appropriations for the program. Such funds shall be  
16 distributed to achieve a goal of "Preschool for All  
17 Children" for the benefit of all children whose families  
18 choose to participate in the program. Based on available  
19 appropriations, newly funded programs shall be selected  
20 through a process giving first priority to qualified  
21 programs serving primarily at-risk children and second  
22 priority to qualified programs serving primarily children  
23 with a family income of less than 4 times the poverty  
24 guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by  
25 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the  
26 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). For purposes of this  
27 paragraph (4.5), at-risk children are those who because of  
28 their home and community environment are subject to such  
29 language, cultural, economic and like disadvantages to  
30 cause them to have been determined as a result of screening  
31 procedures to be at risk of academic failure. Such  
32 screening procedures shall be based on criteria  
33 established by the State Board of Education.

34           On or before November 1 of each fiscal year in which

1       the General Assembly provides funding for new programs  
2       under this paragraph (4.5), the State Board of Education  
3       shall report to the General Assembly on what percentage of  
4       new funding was provided to programs serving primarily  
5       at-risk children, what percentage of new funding was  
6       provided to programs serving primarily children with a  
7       family income of less than 4 times the federal poverty  
8       level, and what percentage of new funding was provided to  
9       other programs.

10       (5) The State Board of Education shall develop and  
11       provide evaluation tools, including tests, that school  
12       districts and other eligible entities may use to evaluate  
13       children for school readiness prior to age 5. The State  
14       Board of Education shall require school districts and other  
15       eligible entities to obtain consent from the parents or  
16       guardians of children before any evaluations are  
17       conducted. The State Board of Education shall encourage  
18       local school districts and other eligible entities to  
19       evaluate the population of preschool children in their  
20       communities and provide preschool programs, pursuant to  
21       this subsection, where appropriate.

22       (6) The State Board of Education shall report to the  
23       General Assembly by July 1, 2007 ~~1989~~ and every 3 years  
24       thereafter, on the results and progress of students who  
25       were enrolled in preschool educational programs, including  
26       an assessment of which programs have been most successful  
27       in promoting academic excellence and alleviating academic  
28       failure. The State Board of Education shall assess the  
29       academic progress of all students who have been enrolled in  
30       preschool educational programs.

31       (b) (Blank).

32       (Source: P.A. 94-506, eff. 8-8-05.)

33       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

1 2006.".