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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 424

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 424 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)

7 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses.

8 (a) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,  
9 each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 1984-1985 school year  
10 through the 2004-2005 school year must, in addition to other  
11 course requirements, successfully complete the following  
12 courses:

13 (1) three years of language arts;

14 (2) two years of mathematics, one of which may be  
15 related to computer technology;

16 (3) one year of science;

1           (4) two years of social studies, of which at least one  
2           year must be history of the United States or a combination  
3           of history of the United States and American government;  
4           and

5           (5) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)  
6           foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American  
7           Sign Language or (D) vocational education.

8           (b) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,  
9           each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 2005-2006 school year  
10          must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully  
11          complete all of the following courses:

12                 (1) Three years of language arts.

13                 (2) Three years of mathematics.

14                 (3) One year of science.

15           (4) Two years of social studies, of which at least one  
16           year must be history of the United States or a combination  
17           of history of the United States and American government.

18           (5) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)  
19           foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American  
20           Sign Language, or (D) vocational education.

21          (c) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,  
22          each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 2006-2007 school year  
23          must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully  
24          complete all of the following courses:

25                 (1) Three years of language arts.

26                 (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of

1           which must be English and the other of which may be English  
2           or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive  
3           courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other  
4           graduation requirements.

5           (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be  
6           Algebra I and one of which must include geometry content.

7           (4) One year of science.

8           (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one  
9           year must be history of the United States or a combination  
10          of history of the United States and American government.

11          (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)  
12          foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American  
13          Sign Language, or (D) vocational education.

14          (d) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,  
15          each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 2007-2008 school year  
16          must, in addition to other course requirements, successfully  
17          complete all of the following courses:

18           (1) Three years of language arts.

19           (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of  
20           which must be English and the other of which may be English  
21           or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive  
22           courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other  
23           graduation requirements.

24           (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be  
25           Algebra I and one of which must include geometry content.

26           (4) Two years of science.

1           (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one  
2           year must be history of the United States or a combination  
3           of history of the United States and American government.

4           (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)  
5           foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American  
6           Sign Language, or (D) vocational education.

7           (e) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,  
8           each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 2008-2009 school year  
9           or a subsequent school year must, in addition to other course  
10          requirements, successfully complete all of the following  
11          courses:

12           (1) Four years of language arts.

13           (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of  
14           which must be English and the other of which may be English  
15           or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive  
16           courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other  
17           graduation requirements.

18           (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be  
19           Algebra I and one of which must include geometry content.

20           (4) Two years of science.

21           (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one  
22           year must be history of the United States or a combination  
23           of history of the United States and American government.

24           (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)  
25           foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American  
26           Sign Language, or (D) vocational education.

1       (e-5) If a pupil successfully completes one or more of the  
2 courses required in this Section before entering high school,  
3 then the pupil shall be given high school credit for that  
4 course. The grades earned from these courses must be included  
5 in the calculation of the pupil's high school grade point  
6 average.

7       (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform  
8 school districts of standards for writing-intensive  
9 coursework.

10       (g) This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils  
11 entering the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior  
12 school years or to students with disabilities whose course of  
13 study is determined by an individualized education program.

14       This amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly does not  
15 apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2004-2005 school  
16 year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities  
17 whose course of study is determined by an individualized  
18 education program.

19       (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the  
20 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

21       (Source: P.A. 94-676, eff. 8-24-05.)

22       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law."