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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2984

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2984 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 22-70 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-70 new)

7 Sec. 22-70. Tuition Voucher Program Task Force.

8 (a) The Tuition Voucher Program Task Force is created to  
9 study the feasibility of a statewide tuition voucher program.  
10 The task force shall consist of all of the following members:

11 (1) Two members of the public appointed by the  
12 Governor.

13 (2) Two members of the General Assembly appointed by  
14 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

15 (3) Two members of the General Assembly appointed by  
16 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

1           (4) Two members of the General Assembly appointed by  
2           the President of the Senate.

3           (5) Two members of the General Assembly appointed by  
4           the Minority Leader of the Senate.

5           (6) One representative of a statewide professional  
6           teachers organization appointed by the head of that  
7           organization.

8           (7) One representative of a different statewide  
9           professional teachers organization appointed by the head  
10          of that organization.

11          (8) Two representatives of a statewide school  
12          management alliance organization.

13          (9) One representative of the State Board of Education.

14          The members of the task force shall serve without  
15          compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and  
16          necessary expenses from appropriations to the State Board of  
17          Education for that purpose. Reimbursement for travel expenses  
18          shall be subject to the rules of the appropriate travel control  
19          board.

20          The members of the task force shall meet initially at the  
21          call of the Governor, shall select one member as chairperson at  
22          its initial meeting, and shall thereafter meet at the call of  
23          the chairperson.

24          The State Board of Education shall provide administrative  
25          and other support to the task force.

26          (b) The Tuition Voucher Program Task Force shall file a

1 report on the feasibility of a statewide tuition voucher  
2 program with the Governor and the General Assembly as provided  
3 in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act. The  
4 following topics must be included without limitation in the  
5 report:

6 (1) Eligible students, either in grades kindergarten  
7 through 7 or in grades kindergarten through 12.

8 (2) Education expenses and what are the reasonable  
9 costs incurred by a student in attending a nonpublic  
10 school, such as for books, tuition, fees, and extra  
11 curricular activities.

12 (3) What qualifies as a nonpublic school to be eligible  
13 for a tuition voucher program and whether the school must  
14 consent to participate in the tuition voucher program.

15 (4) Application processes and application date  
16 limitations as prescribed in Senate Bill 2494 of the 96th  
17 General Assembly.

18 (5) The amount of a voucher as prescribed in Senate  
19 Bill 2494 of the 96th General Assembly.

20 (6) Assessments of students using vouchers as  
21 prescribed in Senate Bill 2494 of the 96th General  
22 Assembly.

23 (7) Possible fiscal impacts of a tuition voucher  
24 program.

25 Upon filing its report with the Governor and the General  
26 Assembly, the Tuition Voucher Program Task Force is

1 dissolved.".