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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 810

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 810 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Rehabilitation of Persons with  
5 Disabilities Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2405/10) (from Ch. 23, par. 3441)

7 Sec. 10. Residential schools; visual and hearing  
8 disabilities.

9 (a) The Department of Human Services shall operate  
10 residential schools for the education of children with visual  
11 and hearing disabilities who are unable to take advantage of  
12 the regular educational facilities provided in the community,  
13 and shall provide in connection therewith such academic,  
14 vocational, and related services as may be required. Children  
15 shall be eligible for admission to these schools only after  
16 proper diagnosis and evaluation, in accordance with procedures

1 prescribed by the Department.

2 (a-5) The Superintendent of the Illinois School for the  
3 Deaf shall be the chief executive officer of, and shall be  
4 responsible for the day to day operations of, the School, and  
5 shall obtain educational and professional employees who are  
6 certified by the Illinois State Board of Education or licensed  
7 by the appropriate agency or entity to which licensing  
8 authority has been delegated, as well as all other employees of  
9 the School, subject to the provisions of the Personnel Code and  
10 any applicable collective bargaining agreement. The  
11 Superintendent shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with  
12 the advice and consent of the Senate. In the case of a vacancy  
13 in the office of Superintendent during the recess of the  
14 Senate, the Governor shall make a temporary appointment until  
15 the next meeting of the Senate, when the Governor shall  
16 nominate some person to fill the office, and any person so  
17 nominated who is confirmed by the Senate shall hold office  
18 during the remainder of the term and until his or her successor  
19 is appointed and qualified. The Superintendent shall hold  
20 office (i) for a term expiring on June 30 of 2015, and every 4  
21 years thereafter and (ii) until the Superintendent's successor  
22 is appointed and qualified. The Superintendent shall devote his  
23 or her full time to the duties of the office, shall not serve  
24 in any other capacity during his or her term of office, and  
25 shall receive such compensation as the Governor shall  
26 determine. For any Superintendent whose term begins before the

1 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General  
2 Assembly, the ~~The~~ Superintendent shall have an administrative  
3 certificate with a superintendent endorsement as provided for  
4 under Section 21-7.1 of the School Code~~7~~ and shall have degrees  
5 in both educational administration and deaf education,  
6 together with at least 15 years of experience in either deaf  
7 education, the administration of deaf education, or a  
8 combination of the 2. For any Superintendent whose term begins  
9 on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
10 99th General Assembly, the Superintendent must (1) be  
11 proficient in sign language, (2) have a Professional Educator  
12 License with a superintendent endorsement as provided for under  
13 subdivision (D) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-25 of the  
14 School Code or have comparable credentials from another state  
15 and must satisfy the requirements of subdivision (D) of  
16 paragraph (2) of Section 21B-25 of the School Code within an  
17 appropriate time as determined by the Department, and (3) have  
18 a master's degree or higher in educational administration or  
19 deaf education, together with at least 3 years of experience in  
20 either deaf education, the administration of deaf education, or  
21 a combination of the 2. In a situation in which an interim  
22 Superintendent is needed, the interim Superintendent must (A)  
23 be proficient in sign language, (B) have a master's degree or  
24 higher, and (C) have working knowledge of the federal  
25 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the federal  
26 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Section 504 of the

1 federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, together with  
2 administrative experience in serving the deaf and  
3 hard-of-hearing population.

4 (a-10) The Superintendent of the Illinois School for the  
5 Visually Impaired shall be the chief executive officer of, and  
6 shall be responsible for the day to day operations of, the  
7 School, and shall obtain educational and professional  
8 employees who are certified by the Illinois State Board of  
9 Education or licensed by the appropriate agency or entity to  
10 which licensing authority has been delegated, as well as all  
11 other employees of the School, subject to the provisions of the  
12 Personnel Code and any applicable collective bargaining  
13 agreement. The Superintendent shall be appointed by the  
14 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. In  
15 the case of a vacancy in the office of Superintendent during  
16 the recess of the Senate, the Governor shall make a temporary  
17 appointment until the next meeting of the Senate, when the  
18 Governor shall nominate some person to fill the office, and any  
19 person so nominated who is confirmed by the Senate shall hold  
20 office during the remainder of the term and until his or her  
21 successor is appointed and qualified. The Superintendent shall  
22 hold office (i) for a term expiring on June 30 of 2015, and  
23 every 4 years thereafter and (ii) until the Superintendent's  
24 successor is appointed and qualified. The Superintendent shall  
25 devote his or her full time to the duties of the office, shall  
26 not serve in any other capacity during his or her term of

1 office, and shall receive such compensation as the Governor  
2 shall determine. The Superintendent shall have an  
3 administrative certificate with a superintendent endorsement  
4 as provided for under Section 21-7.1 of the School Code, and  
5 shall have degrees in both educational administration and blind  
6 or visually impaired education, together with at least 15 years  
7 of experience in either blind or visually impaired education,  
8 the administration of blind or visually impaired education, or  
9 a combination of the 2.

10 (b) In administering the Illinois School for the Deaf, the  
11 Department shall adopt an admission policy which permits day or  
12 residential enrollment, when resources are sufficient, of  
13 children with hearing disabilities who are able to take  
14 advantage of the regular educational facilities provided in the  
15 community and thus unqualified for admission under subsection  
16 (a). In doing so, the Department shall establish an annual  
17 deadline by which shall be completed the enrollment of children  
18 qualified under subsection (a) for admission to the Illinois  
19 School for the Deaf. After the deadline, the Illinois School  
20 for the Deaf may enroll other children with hearing  
21 disabilities at the request of their parents or guardians if  
22 the Department determines there are sufficient resources to  
23 meet their needs as well as the needs of children enrolled  
24 before the deadline and children qualified under subsection (a)  
25 who may be enrolled after the deadline on an emergency basis.  
26 The Department shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary

1 for the implementation of this subsection.

2 (c) In administering the Illinois School for the Visually  
3 Impaired, the Department shall adopt an admission policy that  
4 permits day or residential enrollment, when resources are  
5 sufficient, of children with visual disabilities who are able  
6 to take advantage of the regular educational facilities  
7 provided in the community and thus unqualified for admission  
8 under subsection (a). In doing so, the Department shall  
9 establish an annual deadline by which the enrollment of  
10 children qualified under subsection (a) for admission to the  
11 Illinois School for the Visually Impaired shall be completed.  
12 After the deadline, the Illinois School for the Visually  
13 Impaired may enroll other children with visual disabilities at  
14 the request of their parents or guardians if the Department  
15 determines there are sufficient resources to meet their needs  
16 as well as the needs of children enrolled before the deadline  
17 and children qualified under subsection (a) who may be enrolled  
18 after the deadline on an emergency basis. The Department shall  
19 adopt any rules and regulations necessary for the  
20 implementation of this subsection.

21 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)".