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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4996

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4996, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
6 10-20.58 and 34-18.50 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.58 new)

8 Sec. 10-20.58. DCFS liaison.

9 (a) Each school board may appoint at least one employee to
10 act as a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of
11 records of students in the legal custody of the Department of
12 Children and Family Services when enrolling in or changing
13 schools. The school board may appoint any employee of the
14 school district who is licensed under Article 21B of this Code
15 to act as a liaison; however, employees who meet any of the
16 following criteria must be prioritized for appointment:

1 (1) Employees who have worked with mobile student
2 populations or students in foster care.

3 (2) Employees who are familiar with enrollment, record
4 transfers, existing community services, and student
5 support services.

6 (3) Employees who serve as a high-level administrator.

7 (4) Employees who are counselors or have experience
8 with student counseling.

9 (5) Employees who are knowledgeable on child welfare
10 policies.

11 (6) Employees who serve as a school social worker.

12 (b) Liaisons under this Section are encouraged to build
13 capacity and infrastructure within their school district to
14 support students in the legal custody of the Department of
15 Children and Family Services. Liaison responsibilities may
16 include the following:

17 (1) streamlining the enrollment processes for students
18 in foster care;

19 (2) implementing student data tracking and monitoring
20 mechanisms;

21 (3) ensuring that students in the legal custody of the
22 Department of Children and Family Services receive all
23 school nutrition and meal programs available;

24 (4) coordinating student withdrawal from a school,
25 record transfers, and credit recovery;

26 (5) becoming experts on the foster care system and

1 State laws and policies in place that support children
2 under the legal custody of the Department of Children and
3 Family Services;

4 (6) coordinating with child welfare partners;

5 (7) providing foster care-related information and
6 training to the school district;

7 (8) working with the Department of Children and Family
8 Services to help students maintain their school placement,
9 if appropriate;

10 (9) reviewing student schedules to ensure that
11 students are on track to graduate;

12 (10) encouraging a successful transition into
13 adulthood and post-secondary opportunities;

14 (11) encouraging involvement in extracurricular
15 activities; and

16 (12) knowing what support is available within the
17 school district and community for students in the legal
18 custody of the Department of Children and Family Services.

19 (c) A school district is encouraged to designate a liaison
20 by the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

21 (d) Individuals licensed under Article 21B of this Code
22 acting as a liaison under this Section shall perform the duties
23 of a liaison in addition to existing contractual obligations.

24 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.50 new)

25 Sec. 34-18.50. DCFS liaison.

1 (a) The board may appoint at least one employee to act as a
2 liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of
3 students in the legal custody of the Department of Children and
4 Family Services when enrolling in or changing schools. The
5 board may appoint any employee of the school district who is
6 licensed under Article 21B of this Code to act as a liaison;
7 however, employees who meet any of the following criteria must
8 be prioritized for appointment:

9 (1) Employees who have worked with mobile student
10 populations or students in foster care.

11 (2) Employees who are familiar with enrollment, record
12 transfers, existing community services, and student
13 support services.

14 (3) Employees who serve as a high-level administrator.

15 (4) Employees who are counselors or have experience
16 with student counseling.

17 (5) Employees who are knowledgeable on child welfare
18 policies.

19 (6) Employees who serve as a school social worker.

20 (b) Liaisons under this Section are encouraged to build
21 capacity and infrastructure within the school district to
22 support students in the legal custody of the Department of
23 Children and Family Services. Liaison responsibilities may
24 include the following:

25 (1) streamlining the enrollment processes for students
26 in foster care;

1 (2) implementing student data tracking and monitoring
2 mechanisms;

3 (3) ensuring that students in the legal custody of the
4 Department of Children and Family Services receive all
5 school nutrition and meal programs available;

6 (4) coordinating student withdrawal from a school,
7 record transfers, and credit recovery;

8 (5) becoming experts on the foster care system and
9 State laws and policies in place that support children
10 under the legal custody of the Department of Children and
11 Family Services;

12 (6) coordinating with child welfare partners;

13 (7) providing foster care-related information and
14 training to the school district;

15 (8) working with the Department of Children and Family
16 Services to help students maintain their school placement,
17 if appropriate;

18 (9) reviewing student schedules to ensure that
19 students are on track to graduate;

20 (10) encouraging a successful transition into
21 adulthood and post-secondary opportunities;

22 (11) encouraging involvement in extracurricular
23 activities; and

24 (12) knowing what support is available within the
25 school district and community for students in the legal
26 custody of the Department of Children and Family Services.

1 (c) The school district is encouraged to designate a
2 liaison by the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

3 (d) Individuals licensed under Article 21B of this Code
4 acting as a liaison under this Section shall perform the duties
5 of a liaison in addition to existing contractual obligations.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.".