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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5407

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5407 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Education for Homeless Children Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1-50 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 45/1-50)

7 Sec. 1-50. Education of Homeless Children and Youth State
8 Grant Program.

9 (a) It is the purpose and intent of this Section to
10 establish a State grant program that parallels and
11 supplements, but operates independently of, the federal grant
12 program allocating funds for assistance under Subtitle B of
13 Title VII of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.) and to establish a State grant
15 program to support school districts throughout this State in
16 facilitating the enrollment, attendance, and success of

1 homeless children and youth.

2 (b) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education
3 shall award competitive grants under an Education of Homeless
4 Children and Youth State Grant Program to applicant school
5 districts based on the percentage of students experiencing
6 homelessness in an applicant school district in accordance
7 with this Section. Services provided by school districts
8 through the use of grant funds may not replace the regular
9 academic program and must be designed to expand upon or
10 improve services provided for homeless students as part of the
11 school's regular academic program.

12 (c) A school district that desires to receive a grant
13 under this Section shall submit an application to the State
14 Board of Education at such time, in such manner, and
15 containing or accompanied by such information as the State
16 Board of Education may reasonably require.

17 (d) To award grants ~~Grants must be awarded on the basis of~~
18 ~~the need of the school district~~ for assistance under this
19 Section, the State Board of Education may consider all of the
20 following: ~~and the quality of the applications submitted.~~

21 (1) In determining need under this subsection (d), the
22 State Board of Education may consider the number of
23 homeless children and youths enrolled in preschool,
24 elementary school, and secondary school within the school
25 district and shall consider the needs of such children and
26 youths and the ability of the district to meet such needs.

1 The State Board of Education may also consider the
2 following:

3 (A) (Blank). ~~The extent to which the proposed use~~
4 ~~of funds will facilitate the enrollment, retention,~~
5 ~~and educational success of homeless children and~~
6 ~~youths.~~

7 (B) (Blank). ~~The extent to which the application~~
8 ~~(i) reflects coordination with other local and State~~
9 ~~agencies that serve homeless children and youths and~~
10 ~~(ii) describes how the applicant will meet the~~
11 ~~requirements of this Act and the federal~~
12 ~~McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance~~
13 ~~Improvements Act of 2001.~~

14 (C) The extent to which the applicant exhibits in
15 the application and in current practice a commitment
16 to education for all homeless children and youths.

17 (D) Such other criteria as the State Board
18 determines is appropriate.

19 (2) In determining the quality of applications under
20 this subsection (d), the State Board of Education shall
21 consider the following:

22 (A) The applicant's assessment of needs and the
23 likelihood that the services presented in the
24 application will meet such needs.

25 (B) The types, intensity, and coordination of the
26 services to be provided.

1 (C) The involvement of parents or guardians of
2 homeless children or youths in the education of these
3 children.

4 (D) The extent to which homeless children and
5 youths are effectively integrated within the regular
6 education program.

7 (E) The quality of the applicant's evaluation plan
8 for the services.

9 (F) The extent to which services provided will be
10 coordinated with other services available to homeless
11 children and youths and their families.

12 (G) Such other measures as the State Board
13 considers indicative of high-quality services, such as
14 the extent to which the school district will provide
15 case management or related services to unaccompanied
16 youths.

17 (e) Grants awarded under this Section shall be for terms
18 not to exceed 3 years, but are subject to annual appropriation
19 for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth State Grant
20 Program. ~~School districts shall use funds awarded under this~~
21 ~~Section only for those activities set forth in Section 723(d)~~
22 ~~of Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless~~
23 ~~Assistance Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 11433(d)).~~

24 Activities eligible for assistance under this Section may
25 include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

26 (1) Rental assistance, which shall include utilities,

1 security and utility deposits, first and last month's
2 rent, rental application fees, moving expenses, and any
3 other eligible expenses to be determined by the State
4 Board.

5 (2) Transportation assistance, including school bus
6 transportation, public transportation passes, and gasoline
7 assistance for a student or family with a vehicle or to a
8 family member with a vehicle who can transport the
9 student.

10 (3) Emergency shelter, including temporary hotel
11 stays.

12 (4) Housing stability case management and housing
13 locator services.

14 (5) Other collaborative housing strategies, including
15 prevention and strength-based safety and housing
16 approaches, including, but not limited to, school
17 supplies, clothing, academic enrichment, tutoring, and
18 parental involvement programs.

19 (6) Activities set forth in Section 723(d) of Subtitle
20 B of Title VII of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless
21 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11433(d)).

22 (f) The State Board of Education may use up to 25% ~~5%~~ of
23 the funds appropriated for the purposes of this Section for
24 administrative costs, including the hiring of positions for
25 the implementation and administration of the grant program,
26 provided that if no appropriation is made to the State Board of

1 Education for a given fiscal year for the purposes of the grant
2 program, then the State Board of Education is not required to
3 make any expenditures in support of the program during that
4 fiscal year.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-1229, eff. 1-1-11.)".