103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 11/12/2024, by Rep. David Friess

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-22.4 from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.4

Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning the dismissal of teachers, includes releasing student record information to unauthorized parties, engaging in aggressive physical contact with a student or a member of staff if the physical contact does not serve to promote greater safety, and disparaging a student or a member of staff based on protected characteristics as sufficient causes to dismiss a teacher. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
10-22.4 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/10-22.4) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.4) 6 7 Sec. 10-22.4. Dismissal of teachers. To dismiss a teacher 8 for incompetency, cruelty, negligence, immorality, or other 9 sufficient cause, including releasing student record information to unauthorized parties, engaging in aggressive 10 physical contact with a student or a member of staff if the 11 12 physical contact does not serve to promote greater safety, or disparaging a student or a member of staff based on protected 13 14 characteristics, to dismiss any teacher on the basis of performance, and to dismiss any teacher whenever, in its 15 16 opinion, the teacher he is not qualified to teach, or whenever, in its opinion, the interests of the schools require 17 it, subject, however, to the provisions of Sections 24-10 to 18 19 24-16.5, inclusive. Temporary mental or physical incapacity to perform teaching duties, as found by a medical examination, is 20 21 not a cause for dismissal. Marriage is not a cause of removal. (Source: P.A. 97-8, eff. 6-13-11.) 22

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