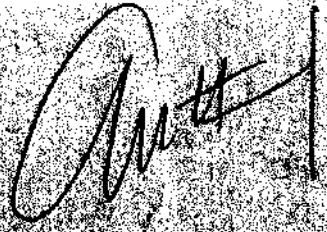


AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO



HOUSE BILL NO. 4

BY: Representative Scott

1 **AMEND** after line 129 by inserting the following new language
2 as new Sections 4 ^{and 5} (and renumbering the succeeding section:

3 "**SECTION 4.** (1) The school board of each school district or
4 school having an accreditation rating of "C," "D" ^{and} ~~or~~ "F," as
5 defined by the State Board of Education, shall adopt policies and
6 procedures regarding the daily curriculum in schools, weekly
7 homework assignments, parental involvement, dress codes, school
8 holidays, parent-teacher conferences and a school syllabus. The
9 policies and procedures must include, but not necessarily be
10 limited to, the following:

11 (a) Every child must be assigned daily homework
12 assignments;

13 (b) Every child must be taught to write in proper
14 manuscript and cursive lettering, which must be reinforced through
15 weekend homework assignments at every grade level;

16 (c) Every child must be assigned a daily reading
17 assignment;

18 (d) Every child must be assigned a daily written
19 assignment to accompany the daily reading assignment in order to
20 assess the reading comprehension level of the child;

21 (e) Every child must be assigned a minimum of five (5)
22 words per week in each subject area to learn to spell, define and
23 use in a sentence, which must be used to assess the child's
24 retention of the assignment;

25 (f) Every child must be assigned a minimum of one (1)
26 book to read per subject each month and must write a short report
27 on the subject matter of the book, which report must be used to
28 assess the child's learning ability. Children in primary grades
29 may be allowed to draw pictures, elaborate orally or use any other
30 alternative method to tell about their books;

31 (g) Every parent or guardian of a child shall
32 participate in one (1) supportive service for the school district,
33 such as assisting at the bus stop, working the concession stand
34 for an athletic event, chaperoning a school sponsored event,
35 serving in the Parent Teacher Association, or serving as a mentor,
36 resource officer, tutor or other related activity that is deemed
37 appropriate by the school or school district;

38 (h) Every teacher shall dress in a professional manner,
39 which does not include wearing blue jeans, denim jeans or tee
40 shirts, except in certain situations that have been previously
41 approved by the school or school district;

42 (i) Every child must be required to wear a school
43 uniform;

44 (j) Permanent early release days are prohibited. Staff
45 development training may not be held during a regular school day;
46 however, staff development training may be offered after the
47 regular school day has been completed. The staff development
48 training must be relevant to the teaching experience and
49 beneficial to the teacher, student and district as a whole;

50 (k) Parent-teacher conferences must be held at least
51 two (2) separate times during each nine-week term with the parent
52 and a child who has not mastered his or her coursework for the
53 mid-term or who has demonstrated bad citizenship;

54 (l) The school district shall provide a syllabus for
55 each nine (9) weeks with the homework assignments posted for each
56 subject. The syllabus must contain an agreement that the parent
57 or guardian is required to sign stating that the parent
58 understands the child has daily homework assignments and that the
59 parent has received a document outlining the child's work
60 assignments and due dates of the assignments; and

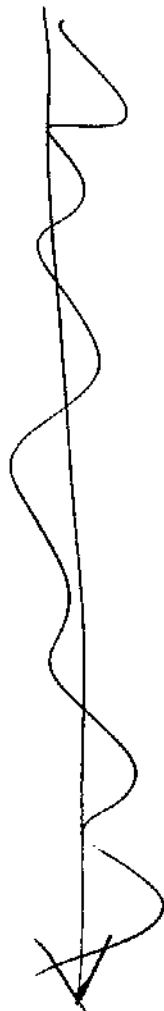
61 (m) The school district shall post the syllabus on the
62 school district website, if available. If a student loses his or

63 her syllabus, the school district may ~~charge a fee of not more~~
64 ~~than Twenty five Cents (25¢) per individual sheet to copy and~~
65 replace the document.

66 (2) Alternative school programs in school districts or
67 schools having an accreditation rating of "C," "D" or "F," as
68 defined by the State Board of Education, shall adhere to the
69 policies required under subsection (1) of this section. Students
70 attending an alternative school must attend school for no less
71 than eight (8) hours per day and must attend school on one (1)
72 Saturday during each month school is in session for no more than
73 three (3) hours per day. At alternative schools, the designated
74 Saturday must be known as "Attitude Adjustment Day." During one
75 (1) Saturday of each month, the school districts or schools shall
76 arrange for retired military, first responders, volunteer mentors,
77 ministers, parents and any other community volunteers to attend
78 school with the alternative school students and to share their
79 skills and knowledge with the students, encouraging them to become
80 better students and citizens. The skills and knowledge shared as
81 described in this subsection (2) may be shared with the students
82 in a singular group or in multiple smaller groups. The skills and
83 knowledge shared may be held off of the actual school campus. In
84 addition, the school district may authorize students to
85 participate in community service programs on Saturdays to help
86 build character and concern for their own school, family,
87 neighborhood and community."

SECTION 5.

~~###~~ A school district ~~participating in the MPAC program~~ shall⁴ conduct a basic needs assessment of any student in the district who demonstrates a behavioral episode or is referred to an alternative school setting. Based upon the results of the assessment, the district shall refer the student to the appropriate state or local agency, including, but not limited to: the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services; the State Department of Health; the county department of health; the Division of Medicaid; the Department of Human Services; the county department of public welfare; the Department of Mental Health; and the local regional mental health center. Any agency receiving a referral under this subsection must initiate action in response to the referral no later than seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of the referral.



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AMEND FURTHER the title to conform.

