100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4409

by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/14-1.09

from Ch. 122, par. 14-1.09

Amends the School Code. In the Article governing children with disabilities, provides that, amongst other meanings, a "school psychologist" means a person who holds a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential (rather than certificate). Removes from the definition of "school psychologist" the requirement that a psychologist have additional qualifications as may be required by the State Board of Education. 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
14-1.09 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-1.09) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-1.09)

Sec. 14-1.09. School psychologist. "School psychologist"
means a psychologist who meets the following qualifications:

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(1) The psychologist:

(A) has graduated with a master's or higher degree 10 in psychology or educational psychology from an 11 12 institution of higher learning that maintains 13 equipment, courses of study, and standards of 14 scholarship approved by the State Board of Education, has had at least one school year of full-time 15 16 supervised experience in the delivery of school psychological services of a character approved by the 17 State Superintendent of Education, and has such 18 19 additional qualifications as may be required by the 20 State Board of Education; or

(B) holds a valid Nationally Certified School
 Psychologist (NCSP) <u>credential</u> certificate and has
 such additional qualifications as may be required by

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the State Board of Education.

2 (2) The psychologist holds a Professional Educator 3 License with a school psychologist endorsement issued pursuant to Section 21B-25 of this Code. Persons so 4 5 licensed may use the title "school psychologist" and may offer school psychological services which are limited to 6 7 those services set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226, Special 8 Education, pertaining to children between the ages of 3 to 9 21, promulgated by the State Board of Education.

10 School psychologists may make evaluations, recommendations 11 or interventions regarding the placement of children in 12 educational programs or special education classes. However, a 13 school psychologist shall not provide such services outside his 14 or her employment to any student in the district or districts 15 which employ such school psychologist.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-947, eff. 8-15-14.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect uponbecoming law.