

# HB0781



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB0781**

Introduced 2/7/2007, by Rep. Kevin A. McCarthy

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-21

from Ch. 122, par. 21-21

Amends the Teacher Certification Article of the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning recognition of higher education institutions as teacher education institutions.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 21-21 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-21) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-21)

7 Sec. 21-21. Definitions; granting of recognition; regional  
8 accreditation.

9 (a) "Recognized", as used in this Article in connection  
10 with the ~~the~~ word "school" or "institution", means such school,  
11 college, university, private junior college, public community  
12 college or special or technical school as maintains a course of  
13 study, a standard of scholarship and other requirements set by  
14 the State Board of Education in consultation with the State  
15 Teacher Certification Board. Application for recognition of  
16 such school or institution as a teacher education institution  
17 shall be made to the State Board of Education. The State Board  
18 of Education in consultation with the State Teacher  
19 Certification Board shall set the criteria by which the school  
20 or institution shall be judged and through the Secretary of the  
21 Board shall arrange for an official inspection and shall grant  
22 recognition of such school or institution as may meet the  
23 required standards. If such standards include requirements

1 with regard to education in acquiring skills in working with  
2 culturally distinctive students, as defined by the State Board  
3 of Education, then the rules of the State Board of Education  
4 shall include the criteria used to evaluate compliance with  
5 this requirement. No school or institution shall make  
6 assignments of student teachers or teachers for practice  
7 teaching so as to promote segregation on the basis of race,  
8 creed, color, religion, sex or national origin.

9 All recommendations for initial or standard certification  
10 shall be made by a recognized teacher training institution  
11 operating a program of preparation for the certificate approved  
12 by the State Superintendent of Education in consultation with  
13 the State Teacher Certification Board. The State Board of  
14 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification  
15 Board shall have the power to define a major or minor when used  
16 as a basis for recognition and certification purposes.

17 (b) "Regionally accredited" or "accredited" as used in this  
18 Article in connection with a university or institution shall  
19 mean an institution of higher education accredited by the North  
20 Central Association or other comparable regional accrediting  
21 association.

22 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)