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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1647

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1647, AS AMENDED, by
3 inserting immediately below the enacting clause the following:

4 "Section 3. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21-25 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-25) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-25)
7 Sec. 21-25. School service personnel certificate.

8 (a) For purposes of this Section, "school service
9 personnel" means persons employed and performing appropriate
10 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary
11 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
12 with a governing body or board of control or a charter school
13 operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law in a
14 position requiring a school service personnel certificate.

15 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, a school
16 service personnel certificate shall be issued to those

1 applicants of good character, good health, a citizen of the
2 United States and at least 19 years of age who have a
3 Bachelor's degree with not fewer than 120 semester hours from a
4 regionally accredited institution of higher learning and who
5 meets the requirements established by the State Superintendent
6 of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
7 Certification Board. A school service personnel certificate
8 with a school nurse endorsement may be issued to a person who
9 holds a bachelor of science degree from an institution of
10 higher learning accredited by the North Central Association or
11 other comparable regional accrediting association. Persons
12 seeking any other endorsement on the school service personnel
13 certificate shall be recommended for the endorsement by a
14 recognized teacher education institution as having completed a
15 program of preparation approved by the State Superintendent of
16 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
17 Board.

18 (b) Until August 30, 2002, a school service personnel
19 certificate endorsed for school social work may be issued to a
20 student who has completed a school social work program that has
21 not been approved by the State Superintendent of Education,
22 provided that each of the following conditions is met:

23 (1) The program was offered by a recognized, public
24 teacher education institution that first enrolled students
25 in its master's degree program in social work in 1998;

26 (2) The student applying for the school service

1 personnel certificate was enrolled in the institution's
2 master's degree program in social work on or after May 11,
3 1998;

4 (3) The State Superintendent verifies that the student
5 has completed coursework that is substantially similar to
6 that required in approved school social work programs,
7 including (i) not fewer than 600 clock hours of a
8 supervised internship in a school setting or (ii) if the
9 student has completed part of a supervised internship in a
10 school setting prior to the effective date of this
11 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and receives
12 the prior approval of the State Superintendent, not fewer
13 than 300 additional clock hours of supervised work in a
14 public school setting under the supervision of a certified
15 school social worker who certifies that the supervised work
16 was completed in a satisfactory manner; and

17 (4) The student has passed a test of basic skills and
18 the test of subject matter knowledge required by Section
19 21-1a.

20 This subsection (b) does not apply after August 29, 2002.

21 (c) A school service personnel certificate shall be
22 endorsed with the area of Service as determined by the State
23 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
24 Teacher Certification Board.

25 The holder of such certificate shall be entitled to all of
26 the rights and privileges granted holders of a valid teaching

1 certificate, including teacher benefits, compensation and
2 working conditions.

3 When the holder of such certificate has earned a master's
4 degree, including 8 semester hours of graduate professional
5 education from a recognized institution of higher learning, and
6 has at least 2 years of successful school experience while
7 holding such certificate, the certificate may be endorsed for
8 supervision.

9 (d) Persons who have successfully achieved National Board
10 certification through the National Board for Professional
11 Teaching Standards shall be issued a Master School Service
12 Personnel Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable
13 thereafter every 10 years through compliance with requirements
14 set forth by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
15 the State Teacher Certification Board. However, each holder of
16 a Master School Service Personnel Certificate shall be eligible
17 for a corresponding position in this State in the areas for
18 which he or she holds a Master Certificate without satisfying
19 any other requirements of this Code, except for those
20 requirements pertaining to criminal background checks.

21 (e) School service personnel certificates are renewable
22 every 5 years and may be renewed as provided in this Section.
23 Requests for renewals must be submitted, in a format prescribed
24 by the State Board of Education, to the regional office of
25 education responsible for the school where the holder is
26 employed.

1 Upon completion of at least 80 hours of continuing
2 professional development as provided in this subsection (e), a
3 person who holds a valid school service personnel certificate
4 shall have his or her certificate renewed for a period of 5
5 years. A person who (i) holds an active license issued by the
6 State as a clinical professional counselor, a professional
7 counselor, a clinical social worker, a social worker, or a
8 speech-language pathologist; (ii) holds national certification
9 as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist from the National
10 School Psychology Certification Board; (iii) is nationally
11 certified as a National Certified School Nurse from the
12 National Board for Certification of School Nurses; (iv) is
13 nationally certified as a National Certified Counselor or
14 National Certified School Counselor from the National Board for
15 Certified Counselors; or (v) holds a Certificate of Clinical
16 Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing
17 Association shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
18 professional development requirements established by the State
19 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board to
20 renew a school service personnel certificate.

21 School service personnel certificates may be renewed by the
22 State Teacher Certification Board based upon proof of
23 continuing professional development. The State Board of
24 Education shall (i) establish a procedure for renewing school
25 service personnel certificates, which shall include without
26 limitation annual timelines for the renewal process and the

1 components set forth in this Section; (ii) approve or
2 disapprove the providers of continuing professional
3 development activities; and (iii) provide, on a timely basis to
4 all school service personnel certificate holders, regional
5 superintendents of schools, school districts, and others with
6 an interest in continuing professional development,
7 information about the standards and requirements established
8 pursuant to this subsection (e).

9 Any school service personnel certificate held by an
10 individual employed and performing services in an Illinois
11 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,
12 or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
13 board of control in a certificated school service personnel
14 position or in a charter school in compliance with the Charter
15 Schools Law must be maintained Valid and Active through
16 certificate renewal activities specified in the certificate
17 renewal procedure established pursuant to this Section,
18 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is
19 only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis
20 as a substitute shall pay only the required registration fee to
21 renew his or her certificate and maintain it as Valid and
22 Active. All other school service personnel certificates held
23 may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through the registration
24 process provided for in the certificate renewal procedure
25 established pursuant to Section 21-14 of this Code. A Valid and
26 Exempt certificate must be immediately activated, through

1 procedures developed by the State Board of Education upon the
2 certificate holder becoming employed and performing services
3 in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary school,
4 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement with a
5 governing body or board of control in a certificated school
6 service personnel position or in a charter school operating in
7 compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A holder of a Valid
8 and Exempt certificate may activate his or her certificate
9 through procedures provided for in the certificate renewal
10 procedure established pursuant to this Section.

11 A school service personnel certificate that has been
12 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
13 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
14 upon the certificate holder (i) completing the National Board
15 for Professional Teaching Standards process in an area of
16 concentration comparable to the holder's school service
17 personnel certificate of endorsement or (ii) earning 80
18 continuing professional development units as described in this
19 Section. If, however, the certificate holder has maintained the
20 certificate as Valid and Exempt for a portion of the 5-year
21 period of validity, the number of continuing professional
22 development units needed to renew the certificate as Valid and
23 Active must be proportionately reduced by the amount of time
24 the certificate was Valid and Exempt. If a certificate holder
25 is employed and performs services requiring the holder's school
26 service personnel certificate on a part-time basis for all or a

1 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the
2 number of continuing professional development units needed to
3 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by
4 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been
5 employed and performing such services on a part-time basis.
6 "Part-time" means less than 50% of the school day or school
7 term.

8 Beginning July 1, 2008, in order to satisfy the
9 requirements for continuing professional development provided
10 for in this Section, each Valid and Active school service
11 personnel certificate holder shall complete professional
12 development activities that address the certificate or those
13 certificates that are required of his or her certificated
14 position, if the certificate holder is employed and performing
15 services in an Illinois public or State operated elementary
16 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
17 with a governing body or board of control, or that certificate
18 or those certificates most closely related to his or her
19 teaching position, if the certificate holder is employed in a
20 charter school. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
21 (e), the certificate holder's activities must address and must
22 reflect the following continuing professional development
23 purposes:

24 (1) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge
25 and skills consistent with the Illinois Standards for the
26 service area in which the certificate is endorsed in order

1 to keep the certificate holder current in that area.

2 (2) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and
3 skills in areas determined by the State Board of Education
4 to be critical for all school service personnel.

5 (3) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the
6 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if the
7 certificate holder is employed in an Illinois public or
8 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
9 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
10 board of control.

11 (4) Address the needs of serving students with
12 disabilities, including adapting and modifying clinical or
13 professional practices to meet the needs of students with
14 disabilities and serving such students in the least
15 restrictive environment.

16 The coursework or continuing professional development
17 units ("CPDU") required under this subsection (e) must total 80
18 CPDUs or the equivalent and must address 3 of the 4 purposes
19 described in items (1) through (4) of this subsection (e).
20 Holders of school service personnel certificates may fulfill
21 this obligation with any combination of semester hours or CPDUs
22 as follows:

23 (A) Collaboration and partnership activities related
24 to improving the school service personnel certificate
25 holder's knowledge and skills, including (i) participating
26 on collaborative planning and professional improvement

1 teams and committees; (ii) peer review and coaching; (iii)
2 mentoring in a formal mentoring program, including service
3 as a consulting teacher participating in a remediation
4 process formulated under Section 24A-5 of this Code; (iv)
5 participating in site-based management or decision-making
6 teams, relevant committees, boards, or task forces
7 directly related to school improvement plans; (v)
8 coordinating community resources in schools, if the
9 project is a specific goal of the school improvement plan;
10 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a school,
11 school district, or regional office of education directly
12 related to student achievement or school improvement
13 plans; (vii) participating in business, school, or
14 community partnerships directly related to student
15 achievement or school improvement plans; or (viii)
16 supervising a student teacher (student services personnel)
17 or teacher education candidate in clinical supervision,
18 provided that the supervision may be counted only once
19 during the course of 5 years.

20 (B) Coursework from a regionally accredited
21 institution of higher learning related to one of the
22 purposes listed in items (1) through (4) of this subsection
23 (e), which shall apply at the rate of 15 continuing
24 professional development units per semester hour of credit
25 earned during the previous 5-year period when the status of
26 the holder's school service personnel certificate was

1 Valid and Active. Proportionate reductions shall apply
2 when the holder's status was Valid and Active for less than
3 the 5-year period preceding the renewal.

4 (C) Teaching college or university courses in areas
5 relevant to the certificate area being renewed, provided
6 that the teaching may be counted only once during the
7 course of 5 years.

8 (D) Conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, or
9 symposiums designed to improve the certificate holder's
10 knowledge and skills in the service area and applicable to
11 the purposes listed in items (1) through (4) of this
12 subsection (e). One CPDU shall be awarded for each hour of
13 attendance. No one shall receive credit for conferences,
14 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are
15 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial
16 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.
17 The State Superintendent of Education and regional
18 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the
19 activities and events provided or to be provided under this
20 subdivision (D) and to investigate complaints regarding
21 those activities and events. Either the State
22 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent
23 of schools may recommend that the State Board of Education
24 disapprove those activities and events considered to be
25 inconsistent with this subdivision (D).

26 (E) Completing non-university credit directly related

1 to student achievement, school improvement plans, or State
2 priorities.

3 (F) Participating in or presenting at workshops,
4 seminars, conferences, institutes, or symposiums.

5 (G) Training as external reviewers for quality
6 assurance.

7 (H) Training as reviewers of university teacher
8 preparation programs.

9 (I) Other educational experiences related to improving
10 the school service personnel's knowledge and skills as a
11 teacher, including (i) participating in action research
12 and inquiry projects; (ii) traveling related to one's
13 assignment and directly related to school service
14 personnel achievement or school improvement plans and
15 approved by the regional superintendent of schools or his
16 or her designee at least 30 days prior to the travel
17 experience, provided that the traveling shall not include
18 time spent commuting to destinations where the learning
19 experience will occur; (iii) participating in study groups
20 related to student achievement or school improvement
21 plans; (iv) serving on a statewide education-related
22 committee, including without limitation the State Teacher
23 Certification Board, State Board of Education strategic
24 agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council on Education of
25 Children with Disabilities; (v) participating in
26 work/learn programs or internships; or (vi) developing a

1 portfolio of student and teacher work.

2 (J) Professional leadership experiences related to
3 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
4 including (i) participating in curriculum development or
5 assessment activities at the school, school district,
6 regional office of education, State, or national level;
7 (ii) participating in team or department leadership in a
8 school or school district; (iii) participating on external
9 or internal school or school district review teams; (iv)
10 publishing educational articles, columns, or books
11 relevant to the certificate area being renewed; or (v)
12 participating in non-strike-related professional
13 association or labor organization service or activities
14 related to professional development.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-105, eff. 7-1-05.); and

16 by inserting at the end of the bill the following:

17 "Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
18 1, 2008, except that Section 3 takes effect July 1, 2008."