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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2007

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2007 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections  
5 21-5b, 21-5c, 21-5e, and 21-7.5 and by adding Section 21-5f as  
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-5b)

8 Sec. 21-5b. Alternative certification. The State Board of  
9 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
10 Certification Board, shall establish and implement an  
11 alternative certification program under which persons who meet  
12 the requirements of and successfully complete the program  
13 established by this Section shall be issued an alternative  
14 teaching certificate for teaching in the schools. The program  
15 shall be limited to not more than 260 new participants during  
16 each year that the program is in effect. The State Board of

1 Education, in cooperation with a partnership formed with a  
2 university that offers 4-year baccalaureate and masters degree  
3 programs and that is a recognized institution as defined in  
4 Section 21-21 and one or more not-for-profit organizations in  
5 the State which support excellence in teaching, shall within 30  
6 days after submission by the partnership approve a course of  
7 study developed by the partnership that persons in the program  
8 must successfully complete in order to satisfy one criterion  
9 for issuance of an alternative certificate under this Section.  
10 The Alternative Teacher Certification program course of study  
11 must include the current content and skills contained in the  
12 university's current courses for State certification which  
13 have been approved by the State Board of Education, in  
14 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, as the  
15 requirement for State teacher certification.

16 The alternative certification program established under  
17 this Section shall be known as the Alternative Teacher  
18 Certification program. The Alternative Teacher Certification  
19 Program shall be offered by the submitting partnership and may  
20 be offered in conjunction with one or more not-for-profit  
21 organizations in the State which support excellence in  
22 teaching. The program shall be comprised of the following 3  
23 phases: (a) the first phase is the course of study offered on  
24 an intensive basis in education theory, instructional methods,  
25 and practice teaching; (b) the second phase is the person's  
26 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school

1 year; and (c) the third phase is a comprehensive assessment of  
2 the person's teaching performance by school officials and the  
3 partnership participants and a recommendation by the partner  
4 institution of higher education to the State Board of Education  
5 that the person be issued a standard alternative teaching  
6 certificate. Successful completion of the Alternative Teacher  
7 Certification program shall be deemed to satisfy any other  
8 practice or student teaching and subject matter requirements  
9 established by law.

10 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for  
11 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,  
12 shall be issued under this Section 21-5b to persons who at the  
13 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching  
14 certificate under this Section:

15 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or  
16 university with a bachelor's degree;

17 (2) have successfully completed the first phase of the  
18 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in  
19 this Section;

20 (3) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject  
21 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a; and

22 (4) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years  
23 in an area requiring application of the individual's  
24 education; however, this requirement does not apply with  
25 respect to a provisional alternative teaching certificate  
26 for teaching in schools situated in a school district that

1 is located in a city having a population in excess of  
2 500,000 inhabitants.

3 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate  
4 under this Section shall be treated as a regularly certified  
5 teacher for purposes of compensation, benefits, and other terms  
6 and conditions of employment afforded teachers in the school  
7 who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an  
8 exclusive bargaining representative, if any.

9 Until February 15, 2000, a standard alternative teaching  
10 certificate, valid for 4 years for teaching in the schools and  
11 renewable as provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under  
12 this Section 21-5b to persons who first complete the  
13 requirements for the provisional alternative teaching  
14 certificate and who at the time of applying for a standard  
15 alternative teaching certificate under this Section have  
16 successfully completed the second and third phases of the  
17 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in this  
18 Section. Alternatively, beginning February 15, 2000, at the end  
19 of the 4-year validity period, persons who were issued a  
20 standard alternative teaching certificate shall be eligible,  
21 on the same basis as holders of an Initial Teaching Certificate  
22 issued under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this Code, to  
23 apply for a Standard Teaching Certificate, provided they meet  
24 the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code  
25 and further provided that a person who does not apply for and  
26 receive a Standard Teaching Certificate shall be able to teach

1 only in schools situated in a school district that is located  
2 in a city having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

3 Beginning February 15, 2000, persons who have completed the  
4 requirements for a standard alternative teaching certificate  
5 under this Section shall be issued an Initial Alternative  
6 Teaching Certificate valid for 4 years of teaching and not  
7 renewable. At the end of the 4-year validity period, these  
8 persons shall be eligible, on the same basis as holders of an  
9 Initial Teaching Certificate issued under subsection (b) of  
10 Section 21-2 of this Code, to apply for a Standard Teaching  
11 Certificate, provided they meet the requirements of subsection  
12 (c) of Section 21-2.

13 This alternative certification program shall be  
14 implemented so that the first provisional alternative teaching  
15 certificates issued under this Section are effective upon the  
16 commencement of the 1997-1998 academic year and the first  
17 standard alternative teaching certificates issued under this  
18 Section are effective upon the commencement of the 1998-1999  
19 academic year.

20 The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the  
21 partnership establishing the Alternative Teacher Certification  
22 program, shall adopt rules and regulations that are consistent  
23 with this Section and that the State Board of Education deems  
24 necessary to establish and implement the program.

25 On July 1, 2007, candidates completing the one-year  
26 teaching assignment under a provisional alternative teaching

1 certificate shall receive an Initial Teaching Certificate  
2 valid for 4 years of teaching, as provided under Section 21-2  
3 of this Code.

4 No new candidates may be admitted under this Section on or  
5 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th  
6 General Assembly. Beginning on July 1, 2007, all new candidates  
7 for alternative certification shall complete the program  
8 requirements under Section 21-5f of this Code.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-609, eff. 1-1-00.)

10 (105 ILCS 5/21-5c)

11 Sec. 21-5c. Alternative route to teacher certification.  
12 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
13 Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and implement an  
14 alternative route to teacher certification program under which  
15 persons who meet the requirements of and successfully complete  
16 the program established by this Section shall be issued an  
17 initial teaching certificate for teaching in schools in this  
18 State. The State Board of Education shall approve a course of  
19 study that persons in the program must successfully complete in  
20 order to satisfy one criterion for issuance of a certificate  
21 under this Section. The Alternative Route to Teacher  
22 Certification program course of study must include the current  
23 content and skills contained in a university's current courses  
24 for State certification which have been approved by the State  
25 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher

1 Certification Board, as the requirement for State teacher  
2 certification.

3 The program established under this Section shall be known  
4 as the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program. The  
5 program may be offered in conjunction with one or more  
6 not-for-profit organizations in the State. The program shall be  
7 comprised of the following 3 phases: (a) a course of study  
8 offered on an intensive basis in education theory,  
9 instructional methods, and practice teaching; (b) the person's  
10 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school  
11 year, including the designation of a mentor teacher to advise  
12 and assist the person with that teaching assignment; and (c) a  
13 comprehensive assessment of the person's teaching performance  
14 by school officials and program participants and a  
15 recommendation by the institution of higher education to the  
16 State Board of Education that the person be issued an initial  
17 teaching certificate. Successful completion of the Alternative  
18 Route to Teacher Certification program shall be deemed to  
19 satisfy any other practice or student teaching and subject  
20 matter requirements established by law.

21 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for  
22 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,  
23 shall be issued under this Section 21-5c to persons who at the  
24 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching  
25 certificate under this Section:

26 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or

1 university with a bachelor's degree;

2 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years  
3 in an area requiring application of the individual's  
4 education;

5 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the  
6 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in  
7 this Section; and

8 (4) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject  
9 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a.

10 An initial teaching certificate, valid for teaching in the  
11 common schools, shall be issued under Section 21-3 or 21-5 to  
12 persons who first complete the requirements for the provisional  
13 alternative teaching certificate and who at the time of  
14 applying for an initial teaching certificate have successfully  
15 completed the second and third phases of the Alternative Route  
16 to Teacher Certification program as provided in this Section.

17 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate  
18 or an initial teaching certificate earned under this Section  
19 shall be treated as a regularly certified teacher for purposes  
20 of compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions of  
21 employment afforded teachers in the school who are members of a  
22 bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining  
23 representative, if any.

24 The State Board of Education may adopt rules and  
25 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the  
26 State Board deems necessary to establish and implement the



1 program.

2 No new candidates may be admitted under this Section on or  
3 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th  
4 General Assembly. Beginning on July 1, 2007, all new candidates  
5 for alternative certification shall complete the program  
6 requirements under Section 21-5f of this Code.

7 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21-5e)

9 Sec. 21-5e. Alternative Route to Administrative  
10 Certification for National Board Certified Teachers.

11 (a) It shall be the policy of the State of Illinois to  
12 improve the recruitment and preparation of instructional  
13 leaders.

14 (b) On or before July 1, 2007, the State Board of  
15 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
16 Certification Board, shall establish and implement an  
17 alternative route to administrative certification ~~for teacher~~  
18 ~~leaders~~, to be known as the Alternative Route to an  
19 Administrative Certificate for National Board Certified  
20 Teachers. ~~"Teacher leader" means a certified teacher who has~~  
21 ~~already received National Board certification through the~~  
22 ~~National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who has~~  
23 ~~a teacher leader endorsement under Section 21-7.5 of this Code.~~

24 Persons who meet the requirements of and successfully complete  
25 the program established by this Section shall be issued a

1 standard administrative certificate for serving in schools in  
2 this State. The State Board shall approve a course of study  
3 that persons must successfully complete in order to satisfy one  
4 criterion for issuance of the administrative certificate under  
5 this Section. The Alternative Route to an Administrative  
6 Certificate for National Board Certified Teachers must include  
7 the current content and skills contained in a college's or  
8 university's courses and the Illinois Professional School  
9 Leader Standards for State certification, with the exception of  
10 courses that contain the competency areas and the Illinois  
11 Professional School Leader Standards that a candidate has  
12 already met through National Board certification or through a  
13 teacher leadership master's degree program.

14 (c) The Alternative Route to an Administrative Certificate  
15 for National Board Certified Teachers shall be comprised of the  
16 following 5 components ~~4 phases~~:

17 (1) two years of teaching experience;

18 (2) ~~(1)~~ National Board certification ~~and an~~  
19 ~~endorsement in teacher leadership in accordance with~~  
20 ~~Section 21-7.5 of this Code;~~

21 (3) ~~(2)~~ a master's degree in an education-related field  
22 ~~a teacher leader program;~~

23 (4) A minimum of ~~(3)~~ 15 hours of coursework in which  
24 the candidate must show evidence of meeting competencies  
25 for foundations of educational administration,  
26 organizational management and development, finance,

1 supervision and evaluation, policy and legal issues,  
2 supervision of special education programs, and leadership,  
3 as stated in the Illinois Professional School Leader  
4 Standards for principals; and

5 (5) passage of applicable certification tests.

6 ~~(4) a passing score on the Illinois Administrator~~  
7 ~~Assessment.~~

8 (d) Successful completion of the Alternative Route to an  
9 Administrative Certificate for National Board Certified  
10 Teachers shall be deemed to satisfy all requirements to receive  
11 an administrative certificate established by law. The State  
12 Board shall adopt rules that are consistent with this Section  
13 and that the State Board deems necessary for the establishment  
14 and implementation of the program.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-1039, eff. 7-20-06.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-5f new)

17 Sec. 21-5f. Alternative route to teacher certification.

18 (a) On July 1, 2007, the State Board of Education, in  
19 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, shall  
20 discontinue the programs under Sections 21-5b and 21-5c of this  
21 Code and shall establish and implement an Alternative Route to  
22 Teacher Certification pursuant to this Section. Persons who  
23 meet the requirements of and successfully complete the program  
24 established by this Section shall be issued an initial teaching  
25 certificate.

1       (b) The program may be offered by a recognized institution  
2 that offers 4-year baccalaureate and master's degree programs,  
3 as defined in Section 21-21 of this Code. A partnership may be  
4 formed with one or more school districts and one or more  
5 not-for-profit organizations in this State that support  
6 excellence in teaching. The program course of study must  
7 include the content and skills contained in the recognized  
8 institution's current program for State certification that has  
9 been approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation  
10 with the State Teacher Certification Board.

11       (c) The program must be comprised of the following 3  
12 phases:

13           (1) the first phase is the course of study offered on  
14 an intensive basis in educational theory, instructional  
15 methods, and practice teaching;

16           (2) the second phase is the person's assignment to a  
17 full-time teaching position for one school year, including  
18 the designation of a trained mentor teacher to advise and  
19 assist the person with that teaching assignment; and

20           (3) the third phase is a comprehensive assessment of  
21 the person's teaching performance by school officials and  
22 program participants, including passage of the assessment  
23 of professional teaching test, and a recommendation by the  
24 institution of higher education to the State Board of  
25 Education that the person be issued an initial teaching  
26 certificate.

1       Successful completion of the Alternative Route to Teacher  
2 Certification program shall be deemed to satisfy any other  
3 practice or student teaching and subject matter requirements  
4 established by law.

5       (d) An initial teaching certificate, valid for teaching in  
6 the common schools, shall be issued under Section 21-2 of this  
7 Code to persons who first complete the requirements for the  
8 provisional alternative teaching certificate and who at the  
9 time of applying for an initial teaching certificate have  
10 successfully completed the second and third phases of the  
11 Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program, as  
12 provided in subsection (c) of this Section.

13       (e) A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid  
14 for one year of teaching in the common schools and not  
15 renewable, shall be issued under this Section to persons who  
16 have done the following:

17           (1) graduated from an accredited college or university  
18 with a bachelor's degree;

19           (2) successfully completed the first phase of the  
20 Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program, as  
21 provided in subsection (c) of this Section; and

22           (3) passed the tests of basic skills and subject matter  
23 knowledge required by Section 21-1a of this Code.

24       A person possessing a provisional alternative teaching  
25 certificate under this Section shall be treated as a regularly  
26 certified teacher for purposes of compensation, benefits, and

1 other terms and conditions of employment afforded teachers in  
2 the school who are members of a bargaining unit represented by  
3 an exclusive bargaining representative, if any.

4 (f) The institution of higher education shall submit an  
5 annual report to the State Board of Education on the status of  
6 the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program,  
7 including data on program candidates and program completers for  
8 5 years following completion of the program and recommendation  
9 for the initial teaching certificate.

10 (g) Each person who was issued a standard alternative  
11 teaching certificate under Section 21-5b of this Code may  
12 apply, on the same basis as holders of an initial teaching  
13 certificate issued under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this  
14 Code, for a standard teaching certificate. An individual who  
15 continues to hold a standard alternative teaching certificate  
16 is eligible to teach only in schools situated in a school  
17 district that is located in a city having a population in  
18 excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

19 (h) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules that are  
20 consistent with this Section and that the State Board of  
21 Education deems necessary to establish and implement the  
22 Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program.

23 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.5)

24 Sec. 21-7.5. Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the  
25 policy of the State of Illinois to improve the quality of

1 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway for  
2 teachers interested in serving in leadership roles. Beginning  
3 on July 1, 2007, the State Board, in consultation with the  
4 State Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and  
5 implement a teacher leader endorsement, to be known as a  
6 teacher leader endorsement. Persons who meet the requirements  
7 of and successfully complete the requirements of the  
8 endorsement established under this Section shall be issued a  
9 teacher leader endorsement for serving in schools in this  
10 State. The endorsement shall be a career path endorsement but  
11 not a restrictive endorsement available to: (i) teachers who  
12 are certified through the National Board for Professional  
13 Teaching Standards and complete a specially designed strand of  
14 teacher leadership courses; (ii) teachers who have completed a  
15 master's degree program in teacher leadership; and (iii) proven  
16 teacher leaders with a master's degree who complete a specially  
17 designed strand of teacher leadership courses. Colleges and  
18 universities shall have the authority to qualify the  
19 proficiency of proven teacher leaders under clause (iii) of  
20 this Section. A teacher who meets any of clauses (i) through  
21 (iii) of this Section shall be deemed to satisfy the  
22 requirements for the teacher leader endorsement. The teacher  
23 leadership courses shall articulate to a master's degree in  
24 educational administration at the same institution of higher  
25 learning. The State Board may adopt rules that are consistent  
26 with this Section and that the State Board deems necessary to

1 establish and implement this teacher leadership endorsement  
2 program.

3 (Source: P.A. 94-1039, eff. 7-20-06.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
5 2007.".