

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB5783

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-7.10

Amends the School Code. Provides that "master principal designation program" includes the Illinois Distinguished Principal Leadership Institute. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

- 4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
- 5 21-7.10 as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.10)
- 7 Sec. 21-7.10. Master principal designation program.
- 8 (a) The General Assembly recognizes the important role a
- 9 principal serves as a school's instructional leader and
- 10 believes it is in the best interest of the State to establish a
- 11 mechanism for training and recognizing master level
- 12 principals.
- 13 (b) The State Board of Education shall certify statewide
- 14 organizations representing principals, institutions of higher
- 15 education, and regional offices of education and one school
- 16 district or organization representing principals in a school
- district organized under Article 34 of this Code to establish a
- 18 master principal designation program if these entities meet the
- 19 criteria established by the State Board. These entities shall
- 20 work with a statewide design team made up of institutions of
- 21 higher education, regional offices of education, statewide
- 22 organizations, and other appropriate entities, as determined
- 23 by the State Board, to conceptualize the master principal

- designation program. The State Board shall adopt rules, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, for entities seeking to provide a program under this Section, including an approval process and other criteria. A master principal designation program aligned with the Illinois Professional Leadership Standards shall include at least the following components:
- 8 (1) Expansion of the principal's knowledge base and leadership.
 - (2) Application of strategies and collection of evidence of student learning and school processes.
 - (3) Demonstration of the ability and skills necessary to lead sustained academic improvement in a school or district.
 - (c) An individual serving as a principal for at least 3 years is eligible for participation in a master principal designation program. Each year, those entities approved to offer a master principal designation program must submit to the State Board a report indicating the number of individuals enrolled in the program, the progress of candidates, anticipated changes to the program, and any other relevant information requested by the State Board. All substantive changes to an entity's master principal designation program shall require prior written approval from the State Board. An entity that fails to meet the requirements of this Section or any other criteria established by the State Board by rule shall

- 1 have its authority to offer a master principal designation
- 2 program revoked pursuant to procedures established by rule by
- 3 the State Board.
- 4 (d) In this Section, "master principal designation
- 5 program" includes the Illinois Distinguished Principal
- 6 <u>Leadership Institute.</u>
- 7 (Source: P.A. 94-1039, eff. 7-20-06.)
- 8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 9 becoming law.