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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3610

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3610 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 21-7.6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.6 new)

7 Sec. 21-7.6. Principal endorsement.

8 (a) It is the policy of this State that an essential
9 element of improving student learning is supporting and
10 employing highly effective school principals in leadership
11 roles who improve teaching and learning and increase academic
12 achievement and the development of all students.

13 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2014, all institutions of higher
14 education wishing to offer principal preparation programs must
15 do all of the following:

16 (1) Meet the standards and requirements for such

1 programs in accordance with this Section and any rules
2 adopted by the State Board of Education.

3 (2) Prepare candidates to meet approved standards for
4 principal skills, knowledge, and responsibilities, which
5 shall include a focus on instruction and student learning
6 and which must be used for principal professional
7 development, mentoring, and evaluation.

8 (3) Include specific requirements for the selection
9 and assessment of candidates, partnerships with public
10 schools in this State, training in the evaluation of staff,
11 and an internship.

12 (c) In order to obtain the principal endorsement
13 established under this Section, an individual must
14 successfully complete an approved principal preparation
15 program established pursuant to this Section, hold a master's
16 degree or higher, and have a minimum of 4 years of teaching or
17 school service personnel experience on a valid certificate;
18 however, the State Board of Education may, by rule, allow for
19 fewer than 4 years of experience based on performance
20 evaluations.

21 (d) No candidates may be admitted to an approved general
22 administrative preparation program after September 1, 2012.
23 Institutions of higher education currently offering general
24 administrative preparation programs may no longer entitle
25 principals with a general administrative endorsement after
26 June 30, 2014.

1 (e) Candidates successfully completing principal
2 preparation programs established pursuant to this Section
3 shall obtain a principal endorsement on an administrative
4 certificate and are eligible to serve as a principal or
5 assistant principal. Beginning on July 1, 2014, the current
6 general administrative endorsement must no longer be issued for
7 principals. Individuals holding the general administrative
8 endorsement prior to July 1, 2014 shall continue to be able to
9 serve as principals or assistant principals or hold any
10 positions that they were qualified to hold prior to the
11 principal endorsement taking effect under this Section. If an
12 individual holding a valid and registered general
13 administrative endorsement wishes to receive the principal
14 endorsement established pursuant to this Section, he or she may
15 complete one of the following pathways:

16 (1) Take a State principal assessment developed by the
17 State Board of Education. If such an individual passes the
18 State principal assessment, he or she shall receive the new
19 principal endorsement and does not need to complete a new
20 principal preparation program.

21 (2) Through July 1, 2018, complete an Illinois
22 Administrators' Academy course designated by the State
23 Board of Education upon the recommendation of the State
24 Superintendent of Education. If such an individual
25 successfully completes the Illinois Administrators'
26 Academy course, he or she shall receive the new principal

1 endorsement and does not need to complete a new principal
2 preparation program.

3 (3) Complete the new principal preparation program.

4 (f) To the extent that any provision in this Section
5 conflicts with Section 21-7.1 of this Code, this Section shall
6 govern.

7 (g) The State Board of Education may adopt rules necessary
8 to implement and administer principal preparation programs
9 under this Section.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.".