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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3610

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3610 on page 1,
3 line 5, after "2-3.25g", by inserting "and by adding Section
4 21-7.6"; and

5 on page 9, immediately below line 5, by inserting the
6 following:

7 "(105 ILCS 5/21-7.6 new)

8 Sec. 21-7.6. Principal endorsement.

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

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

1 (1) Meet the standards and requirements for such
2 programs in accordance with this Section and any rules
3 adopted by the State Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

1 June 30, 2014.

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

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

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

1 Academy course, he or she shall receive the new principal
2 endorsement and does not need to complete a new principal
3 preparation program.

4 (3) Complete the new principal preparation program.

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

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