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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 275

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 275 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
5 amended by adding Section 5-715 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5/5-715 new)

7 Sec. 5-715. Expedited licensure for service members and
8 spouses.

9 (a) In this Section, "service member" means any person who,
10 at the time of application under this Section, is an active
11 duty member of the United States Armed Forces or any reserve
12 component of the United States Armed Forces or the National
13 Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United
14 States or the District of Columbia or whose active duty service
15 concluded within the preceding 2 years before application.

16 (b) Each director of a department that issues an

1 occupational or professional license is authorized to and shall
2 issue an expedited temporary occupational or professional
3 license to a service member who meets the requirements under
4 this Section. The temporary occupational or professional
5 license shall be valid for 6 months after the date of issuance
6 or until a license is granted or a notice to deny a license is
7 issued in accordance with rules adopted by the department
8 issuing the license, whichever occurs first. No temporary
9 occupational or professional license shall be renewed. The
10 service member shall apply to the department on forms provided
11 by the department. An application must include proof that:

12 (1) the applicant is a service member;

13 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good
14 standing for the occupation or profession issued by another
15 state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of the
16 United States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign
17 jurisdiction and the requirements for licensure in the
18 other jurisdiction are determined by the department to be
19 substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure of
20 this State;

21 (3) the applicant is assigned to a duty station in this
22 State or has established legal residence in this State;

23 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has
24 been submitted to the Department of State Police for
25 statewide and national criminal history checks, if
26 applicable to the requirements of the department issuing

1 the license; the applicant shall pay the fee to the
2 Department of State Police or to the fingerprint vendor for
3 electronic fingerprint processing; no temporary
4 occupational or professional license shall be issued to an
5 applicant if the statewide or national criminal history
6 check discloses information that would cause the denial of
7 an application for licensure under any applicable
8 occupational or professional licensing Act;

9 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure
10 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative
11 Code of Illinois;

12 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for full
13 licensure; and

14 (7) the applicant has paid the required fee; fees shall
15 not be refundable.

16 (c) Each director of a department that issues an
17 occupational or professional license is authorized to and shall
18 issue an expedited temporary occupational or professional
19 license to the spouse of a service member who meets the
20 requirements under this Section. The temporary occupational or
21 professional license shall be valid for 6 months after the date
22 of issuance or until a license is granted or a notice to deny a
23 license is issued in accordance with rules adopted by the
24 department issuing the license, whichever occurs first. No
25 temporary occupational or professional license shall be
26 renewed. The spouse of a service member shall apply to the

1 department on forms provided by the department. An application
2 must include proof that:

3 (1) the applicant is the spouse of a service member;

4 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good
5 standing for the occupation or profession issued by another
6 state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of the
7 United States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign
8 jurisdiction and the requirements for licensure in the
9 other jurisdiction are determined by the department to be
10 substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure of
11 this State;

12 (3) the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty
13 station in this State or has established legal residence in
14 this State;

15 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has
16 been submitted to the Department of State Police for
17 statewide and national criminal history checks, if
18 applicable to the requirements of the department issuing
19 the license; the applicant shall pay the fee to the
20 Department of State Police or to the fingerprint vendor for
21 electronic fingerprint processing; no temporary
22 occupational or professional license shall be issued to an
23 applicant if the statewide or national criminal history
24 check discloses information that would cause the denial of
25 an application for licensure under any applicable
26 occupational or professional licensing Act;

1 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure
2 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative
3 Code of Illinois;

4 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for full
5 licensure; and

6 (7) the applicant has paid the required fee; fees shall
7 not be refundable.

8 (d) All relevant experience of a service member in the
9 discharge of official duties, including full-time and
10 part-time experience, shall be credited in the calculation of
11 any years of practice in an occupation or profession as may be
12 required under any applicable occupational or professional
13 licensing Act. All relevant training provided by the military
14 and completed by a service member shall be credited to that
15 service member as meeting any training or education requirement
16 under any applicable occupational or professional licensing
17 Act, provided that the training or education is determined by
18 the department to be substantially equivalent to that required
19 under any applicable Act and is not otherwise contrary to any
20 other licensure requirement.

21 (e) A department may adopt any rules necessary for the
22 implementation and administration of this Section and shall by
23 rule provide for fees for the administration of this Section.

24 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing Section
25 21B-20 as follows:

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

2 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. Before July 1, 2013, the
3 State Board of Education shall implement a system of educator
4 licensure, whereby individuals employed in school districts
5 who are required to be licensed must have one of the following
6 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) a
7 professional educator license with stipulations; or (iii) a
8 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
9 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
10 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
11 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed
12 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
13 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

14 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
15 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
16 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
17 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

18 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
19 have successfully completed an approved educator
20 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
21 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
22 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
23 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
24 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
25 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for

1 the exceptional child, including without limitation the
2 learning disabled, (iv) have successfully completed
3 coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content
4 area, and (v) have met all other criteria established by
5 rule of the State Board of Education shall be issued a
6 Professional Educator License. All Professional Educator
7 Licenses are valid until June 30 immediately following 5
8 years of the license being issued. The Professional
9 Educator License shall be endorsed with specific areas and
10 grade levels in which the individual is eligible to
11 practice.

12 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
13 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
14 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
15 in the endorsement area, unless otherwise specified by
16 rule, and passage of the applicable content area test.

17 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
18 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
19 that (i) is non-renewable, (ii) limits the license holder
20 to one particular position, or (iii) does not require
21 completion of an approved educator program or any
22 combination of items (i) through (iii) of this paragraph
23 (2).

24 An individual with an Educator License with
25 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
26 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher

1 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

2 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
3 with the following endorsements:

4 (A) Provisional educator. A provisional educator
5 endorsement in a specific content area or areas on an
6 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
7 applicant who holds an educator license with a minimum
8 of 15 semester hours in content coursework from another
9 state, U.S. territory, or foreign country and who, at
10 the time of applying for an Illinois license, does not
11 meet the minimum requirements under Section 21B-35 of
12 this Code, but does, at a minimum, meet both of the
13 following requirements:

14 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
15 bachelor's degree, unless a master's degree is
16 required for the endorsement, from a regionally
17 accredited college or university or, for
18 individuals educated in a country other than the
19 United States, the equivalent of a minimum of a
20 bachelor's degree issued in the United States,
21 unless a master's degree is required for the
22 endorsement.

23 (ii) Has passed a test of basic skills and
24 content area test, as required by Section 21B-30 of
25 this Code.

26 However, a provisional educator endorsement for principals

1 may not be issued, nor may any person with a provisional
2 educator endorsement serve as a principal in a public
3 school in this State. In addition, out-of-state applicants
4 shall not receive a provisional educator endorsement if the
5 person completed an alternative licensure program in
6 another state, unless the program has been determined to be
7 equivalent to Illinois program requirements.

8 Notwithstanding any other requirements of this
9 Section, a service member or spouse of a service member may
10 obtain a Professional Educator License with Stipulations,
11 and a provisional educator endorsement in a specific
12 content area or areas, if he or she holds a valid teaching
13 certificate or license in good standing from another state,
14 meets the qualifications of educators outlined in Section
15 21B-15 of this Code, and has not engaged in any misconduct
16 that would prohibit an individual from obtaining a license
17 pursuant to Illinois law, including without limitation any
18 administrative rules of the State Board of Education;
19 however, the service member or spouse may not serve as a
20 principal under the Professional Educator License with
21 Stipulations or provisional educator endorsement.

22 In this Section, "service member" means any person who,
23 at the time of application under this Section, is an active
24 duty member of the United States Armed Forces or any
25 reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the
26 National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of

1 the United States or the District of Columbia.

2 A provisional educator endorsement is valid until June
3 30 immediately following 2 years of the license being
4 issued, during which time any remaining testing and
5 coursework deficiencies must be met. Failure to satisfy all
6 stated deficiencies shall mean the individual, including
7 any service member or spouse who has obtained a
8 Professional Educator License with Stipulations and a
9 provisional educator endorsement in a specific content
10 area or areas, is ineligible to receive a Professional
11 Educator License at that time. A provisional educator
12 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations shall
13 not be renewed.

14 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
15 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
16 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
17 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
18 endorsement, has done all of the following:

19 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
20 college or university with a minimum of a
21 bachelor's degree.

22 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
23 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
24 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
25 Code.

26 (iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content

1 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
2 Code.

3 The alternative provisional educator endorsement
4 is valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for
5 a third year by an individual meeting the requirements
6 set forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

7 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An
8 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
9 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
10 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant
11 superintendent in a school district's central office.
12 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
13 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
14 done all of the following:

15 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
16 college or university with a minimum of a master's
17 degree in a management field other than education.

18 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
19 years in a management level position in a field
20 other than education.

21 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
22 of an alternative route to superintendent
23 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
24 of this Code.

25 (iv) Passed a test of basic skills and content
26 area tests required under Section 21B-30 of this

1 Code.

2 The endorsement may be registered for 2 fiscal
3 years in order to complete one full year of serving as
4 a superintendent or assistant superintendent.

5 (D) Resident teacher endorsement. A resident
6 teacher endorsement on an Educator License with
7 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at the
8 time of applying for the endorsement, has done all of
9 the following:

10 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
11 institution of higher education with a minimum of a
12 bachelor's degree.

13 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator
14 preparation program.

15 (iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content
16 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
17 Code.

18 The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator
19 License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of
20 teaching and shall not be renewed.

21 A resident teacher may teach only under the
22 direction of a licensed teacher, who shall act as the
23 resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of
24 a licensed teacher. A resident teacher endorsement on
25 an Educator License with Stipulations shall no longer
26 be valid after June 30, 2017.

1 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
2 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
3 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
4 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
5 regionally accredited institution of higher education,
6 has passed a test of basic skills required under
7 Section 21B-30 of this Code, and has a minimum of 2,000
8 hours of experience in the last 10 years outside of
9 education in each area to be taught.

10 The career and technical educator endorsement on
11 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
12 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
13 endorsement being issued.

14 (F) Provisional career and technical educator. A
15 Provisional career and technical educator endorsement
16 on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
17 to an applicant who has a minimum of 8,000 hours of
18 work experience in the skill for which the applicant is
19 seeking the endorsement. It is the responsibility of
20 each employing school board and regional office of
21 education to provide verification, in writing, to the
22 State Superintendent of Education at the time the
23 application is submitted that no qualified teacher
24 holding a Professional Educator License or an Educator
25 License with Stipulations with a career and technical
26 educator endorsement is available and that actual

1 circumstances require such issuance.

2 The provisional career and technical educator
3 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
4 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
5 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed only
6 one time for 5 years if the individual passes a test of
7 basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
8 Code, and has completed a minimum of 20 semester hours
9 from a regionally accredited institution.

10 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
11 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
12 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
13 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
14 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
15 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all
16 of the following requirements:

17 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
18 writing ability in the language other than English
19 in which transitional bilingual education is
20 offered.

21 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
22 communicate in English.

23 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
24 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
25 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
26 comparable teaching certificate or comparable

1 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
2 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
3 a foreign country that the State Educator
4 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
5 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
6 regionally accredited institution of higher
7 learning in the United States.

8 A transitional bilingual educator endorsement
9 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12, is
10 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
11 the endorsement being issued, and shall not be renewed.

12 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
13 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
14 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
15 replaced for any reason.

16 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
17 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
18 other than English in the public schools, an individual
19 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may
20 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that
21 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he
22 or she meets all of the following requirements:

23 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
24 endorsement.

25 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
26 language for which the endorsement is to be issued

1 by passing the applicable language content test
2 required by the State Board of Education.

3 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
4 a regionally accredited institution of higher
5 education or, for individuals educated in a
6 country other than the United States, holds a
7 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
8 foreign country that the State Educator
9 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
10 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
11 regionally accredited institution of higher
12 learning in the United States.

13 (iv) Has passed a test of basic skills, as
14 required under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

15 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
16 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
17 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
18 individual's transitional bilingual educator
19 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
20 and shall not be renewed.

21 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
22 international educator endorsement on an Educator
23 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
24 individual who is being recruited by a particular
25 school district that conducts formal recruitment
26 programs outside of the United States to secure the

1 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
2 following requirements:

3 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
4 bachelor's degree issued in the United States.

5 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the
6 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

7 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
8 subject to be taught.

9 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
10 language.

11 A holder of a visiting international educator
12 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
13 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
14 programs in the language that was the medium of
15 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
16 provided that he or she passes the English Language
17 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
18 skills in English identified by the State Board of
19 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
20 Preparation and Licensure Board.

21 A visiting international educator endorsement on
22 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
23 years and shall not be renewed.

24 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
25 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
26 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a

1 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
2 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
3 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
4 institution of higher education or has passed a test of
5 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this
6 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
7 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
8 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
9 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
10 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
11 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
12 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
13 in order to renew the endorsement.

14 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
15 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
16 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
17 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
18 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
19 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
20 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
21 higher education.

22 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years and
23 may be renewed if the individual has passed a test of basic
24 skills, as authorized under Section 21B-30 of this Code. An
25 individual who has passed a test of basic skills for the
26 first licensure renewal is not required to retake the test

1 again for further renewals.

2 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
3 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
4 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
5 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or
6 has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then
7 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute
8 Teaching License.

9 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
10 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
11 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
12 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district
13 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30
14 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if
15 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of
16 education within 5 business days after the employment of
17 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An
18 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy
19 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or
20 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of
21 the district exceed previous indications, and the district
22 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed
23 teacher for the vacant position.

24 There is no limit on the number of days that a
25 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
26 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer

1 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under
2 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who
3 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
4 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
5 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
6 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
7 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
8 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
9 of this Code.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11.)"