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1	AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2711
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend Senate Bill 2711 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4 5	"Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections 21B-25 and 21B-45 as follows:
6	(105 ILCS 5/21B-25)
7	Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued
8	under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be
9	specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each
10	content area, school support area, and administrative area for
11	which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized
12	institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs
13	shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to
14	applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement
15	or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The
16	State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit

institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being recommended.

4 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
5 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
6 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area
7 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator
8 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for
9 obtaining each endorsement.

10 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content 11 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of 12 Education, in consultation with the State Educator 13 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the 14 requirements for the following endorsements:

15 (A) General administrative endorsement. A general 16 administrative endorsement shall be added to а 17 Professional Educator License, provided that an 18 approved program has been completed. An individual 19 holding a general administrative endorsement may work 20 only as a principal or assistant principal or in a 21 related or similar position, as determined by the State 22 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the 23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

24 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general 25 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued. 26 Individuals who hold a valid and registered -3- LRB098 14599 NHT 62041 a

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1 administrative certificate with general а administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1 2 3 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a general administrative endorsement issued prior to 4 5 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one full year during the 5 years prior in a position 6 7 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall, 8 upon request to the State Board of Education and 9 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general 10 administrative endorsement converted to a principal 11 endorsement on the Professional Educator License. 12 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general 13 administrative preparation program after September 1, 14 2012.

15 All other individuals holding a valid and 16 registered administrative certificate with a general administrative endorsement issued pursuant to Section 17 21-7.1 of this Code or a general administrative 18 endorsement on a Professional Educator License issued 19 20 prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general 21 administrative endorsement converted to a principal endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon 22 23 request to the State Board of Education and by 24 completing one of the following pathways:

(i) Passage of the State principal assessment
 developed by the State Board of Education.

(ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an
 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by
 the State Superintendent of Education.

4 (iii) Completion of a principal preparation 5 program established and approved pursuant to 6 Section 21B-60 of this Code and applicable rules.

Individuals who do not choose to convert the 7 8 general administrative endorsement on the 9 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section 10 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator 11 License shall continue to be able to serve in any position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of 12 13 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

14 The general administrative endorsement on the 15 Professional Educator License is available only to 16 individuals who, prior to September 1, 2014, had such endorsement on the administrative certificate 17 an issued pursuant to Section 21-7.1 of this Code or who 18 19 already have a Professional Educator License and have 20 completed a general administrative program and who do 21 not choose to convert the general administrative 22 endorsement to a principal endorsement pursuant to the 23 options in this Section.

(B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement
 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of
 any holder who qualifies by having all of the

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(i) Successful completion of a principal preparation program approved in accordance with Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable rules.

(ii) At least 4 total Four years of teaching 6 or, until June 30, 2019, working in the capacity of 7 8 school support personnel in an Illinois a public 9 school or nonpublic school recognized by the State 10 Board of Education or in an out-of-state public 11 school or out-of-state nonpublic school meeting out-of-state recognition standards comparable to 12 13 those approved by the State Superintendent of Education; however, the State Board of Education, 14 15 in consultation with the State Educator 16 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall allow, by rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based 17 18 on meeting standards set forth in such rules, 19 including without limitation a review of 20 performance evaluations or other evidence of 21 demonstrated qualifications.

(iii) A master's degree or higher from a
 regionally accredited college or university.

(C) Chief school business official endorsement. A
 chief school business official endorsement shall be
 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any

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holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or 1 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience 2 3 in school business management or 2 years of university-approved practical experience, and 4 а 5 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the State Board of Education for 6 7 the preparation of school business administrators and 8 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief 9 school business official endorsement may also be 10 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any 11 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in business administration, finance, or accounting and 12 13 who completes an additional 6 semester hours of 14 internship in school business management from a 15 regionally accredited institution of higher education 16 applicable State tests. and passes the This 17 endorsement shall be required for any individual 18 employed as a chief school business official.

19 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent 20 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional 21 Educator License of any holder who has completed a 22 program approved by the State Board of Education for 23 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had 24 at least 2 years of experience employed full-time in a 25 general administrative position or as a full-time 26 principal, director of special education, or chief

1 school business official in the public schools or in a State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief 2 3 administrator is required to have the licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in this 4 5 State and where a majority of the teachers are required to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a 6 public school in this State, and has passed the 7 8 required State tests; or of any holder who has 9 completed a program from out-of-state that has a 10 program with recognition standards comparable to those 11 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and holds the general administrative, principal, or chief 12 13 school business official endorsement and who has had 2 14 years of experience as a principal, director of special 15 education, or chief school business official while 16 holding a valid educator license or certificate comparable in validity and educational and experience 17 18 requirements and has passed the appropriate State tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The 19 20 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to 21 only as superintendent assistant serve а or superintendent. 22

23 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the 24 policy of this State to improve the quality of 25 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway 26 for teachers interested in serving in leadership

roles, but not as principals. The State Board of 1 Education, in consultation with the State Educator 2 3 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons 4 5 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader 6 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for 7 8 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may 9 qualify to serve in such positions as department 10 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction 11 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by the district. The endorsement shall be available to 12 13 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator 14 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a 15 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have 16 completed a program of study that has been approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the 17 18 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and 19 (iv) have taken coursework in all of the following 20 areas:

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(I) Leadership.

(II) Designing professional development tomeet teaching and learning needs.

24 (III) Building school culture that focuses on25 student learning.

(IV) Using assessments to improve student

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learning and foster school improvement.

2 (V) Building collaboration with teachers and
3 stakeholders.

A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in 4 5 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this 6 7 Code, provided that the individual has completed the 8 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this 9 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate 10 personnel under the respective school district's 11 collective bargaining agreement.

12 The State Board of Education, in consultation with 13 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, 14 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish 15 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program 16 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement 17 shall be required.

(F) Special education endorsement. A special
education endorsement in one or more areas shall be
affixed to a Professional Educator License for any
individual that meets those requirements established
by the State Board of Education in rules. Special
education endorsement areas shall include without
limitation the following:

25 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;

(ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;

(iii) Speech Language Pathologist; 1 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired; 2 3 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing; and 4 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education. 5 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the 6 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may 7 8 add additional areas of special education by rule. 9 (G) School support personnel endorsement. School 10 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but 11 are not limited to, school counselor, marriage and 12 family therapist, school psychologist, school speech 13 and language pathologist, school nurse, and school 14 social worker. This endorsement is for individuals who 15 are not teachers or administrators, but still require 16 licensure to work in an instructional support position 17 in a public or State-operated elementary school, 18 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement 19 with a governing body or board of control or a charter 20 school operating in compliance with the Charter 21 Schools Law. The school support personnel endorsement 22 shall be affixed to the Professional Educator License 23 and shall meet all of the requirements established in 24 any rules adopted to implement this subdivision (G). 25 The holder of such an endorsement is entitled to all of 26 the rights and privileges granted holders of any other

Professional Educator License, including teacher
 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April 3 4 30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator 5 License with a school speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school 6 speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement 7 8 for а school speech and language pathologist 9 (non-teaching) endorsement through application to the 10 State Board of Education. There shall be no cost for 11 this exchange.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11; 98-413, eff. 8-16-13; 13 98-610, eff. 12-27-13; 98-872, eff. 8-11-14; 98-917, eff. 14 8-15-14; revised 9-2-14.)

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(105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

16 Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License renewal.

(a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
are required to complete the licensure renewal requirements as
specified in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this
Code.

Individuals holding a Professional Educator License shall meet the renewal requirements set forth in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this Code. If an individual holds a license endorsed in more than one area that has different renewal requirements, that individual shall follow the renewal 1 requirements for the position for which he or she spends the 2 majority of his or her time working.

(b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as 3 4 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that 5 year. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon (i) 6 payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State Board of Education or, for individuals holding an Educator License 7 8 with Stipulations with a paraprofessional educator endorsement only, payment by the applicant of a \$150 penalty to the State 9 10 Board of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by 11 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the content area 12 13 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's endorsement areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation 14 15 registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the 16 certificate until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid and kept in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this 17 Code concerning an institute fund and the provisions in Article 18 19 Code concerning fees and requirements 21B of this for 20 registration. Licenses not registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 21 22 months from the expiration of the last year of registration. An 23 is invalid after September 1 unregistered license for 24 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or 25 State-operated school or cooperative and in a charter school. 26 Any license or endorsement may be voluntarily surrendered by

the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered license, except a
 substitute teaching license issued under Section 21B-20 of this
 Code, shall be treated as a revoked license.

4 (c) From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in order to 5 satisfy the requirements for licensure renewal provided for in 6 this Section, each professional educator licensee with an administrative endorsement who is working in a position 7 8 requiring such endorsement shall complete one Illinois 9 Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of 10 this Code, per fiscal year.

11 (d) Beginning July 1, 2014, in order to satisfy the requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this 12 13 Section, each professional educator licensee may create a 14 professional development plan each year. The plan shall address 15 one or more of the endorsements that are required of his or her 16 educator position if the licensee is employed and performing services in an Illinois public or State-operated school or 17 cooperative. If the licensee is employed in a charter school, 18 19 the plan shall address that endorsement or those endorsements 20 most closely related to his or her educator position. Licensees 21 employed and performing services in any other Illinois schools 22 may participate in the renewal requirements by adhering to the 23 same process.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the licensee's professional development activities shall align with one or more of the following criteria: 09800SB2711ham001 -14

1 (1) activities are of a type that engage participants 2 over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis, 3 discovery, and application as they relate to student 4 learning, social or emotional achievement, or well-being;

5 (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's
6 performance;

7 (3) outcomes for the activities must relate to student
8 growth or district improvement;

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(4) activities align to State-approved standards; and

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(5) higher education coursework.

(e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator 11 licensee shall engage in professional development activities. 12 13 Within 60 days after the conclusion of a professional 14 development activity, the licensee shall enter electronically 15 into the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name, 16 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional development hours, and the provider's name. The following 17 provisions shall apply concerning professional development 18 19 activities:

(1) Each licensee shall complete a total of 120 hours
of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in
order to renew the license, except as otherwise provided in
this Section.

(2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
 working in a position requiring such endorsement shall

complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of this Code, in each 5-year renewal cycle in which the administrative endorsement was held for at least one year. The Illinois Administrators' Academy course may count toward the total of 120 hours per 5-year cycle.

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7 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement 8 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or 9 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in 10 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as 11 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in 12 13 addition to 100 hours of professional development per 14 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

(4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for
Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher
designation shall complete a total of 60 hours of
professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order
to renew the license.

20 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not 21 require educator licensure or working in a position for 22 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be 23 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration 24 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the 25 license.

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(6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits

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from a State retirement system shall notify the State Board 1 of Education using ELIS, and the license shall 2 be maintained in retired status. An individual with a license 3 in retired status shall not be required to complete 4 5 professional development activities or pay registration fees until returning to a position that requires educator 6 7 licensure. Upon returning to work in a position that 8 requires the Professional Educator License, the licensee 9 shall immediately pay a registration fee and complete 10 renewal requirements for that year. A license in retired 11 status cannot lapse.

any renewal cycle in which professional 12 For (7) 13 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the 14 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the 15 minimum professional development hours required in this 16 Section prior to September 1 of that year. For any fiscal year or renewal cycle in which an Illinois Administrators' 17 18 Academy course was required but not completed, the licensee 19 shall complete any missed Illinois Administrators' Academy 20 courses prior to September 1 of that year. The licensee may 21 complete all deficient hours and Illinois Administrators' 22 Academy courses while continuing to work in a position that 23 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

(8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the professional
development renewal requirements set forth in this Section
at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is ineligible to

register his or her license and may submit an appeal to the
 State Superintendent of Education for reinstatement of the
 license.

(9) If professional development opportunities were 4 5 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond 6 7 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be 8 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the 9 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an 10 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid 11 during the extension period.

(10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly shall commence the annual renewal process with the first scheduled registration due after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.

17 (f) At the time of renewal, each licensee shall respond to 18 the required questions under penalty of perjury.

(g) The following entities shall be designated as approved
to provide professional development activities for the renewal
of Professional Educator Licenses:

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(1) The State Board of Education.

23 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate24 service centers.

(3) Illinois professional associations representing
 the following groups that are approved by the State

1	Superintendent of Education:		
2	(A) school administrators;		
3	(B) principals;		
4	(C) school business officials;		
5	(D) teachers, including special education		
6	teachers;		
7	(E) school boards;		
8	(F) school districts;		
9	(G) parents; and		
10	(H) school service personnel.		
11	(4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher		
12	education that offer Illinois-approved educator		
13	preparation programs.		
14	(5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools		
15	authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint		
16	educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this		
17	Code for the purposes of providing career and technical		
18	education or special education services.		
19	(6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of the		
20	effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General		
21	Assembly, has had or has a grant from or a contract with		
22	the State Board of Education to provide professional		
23	development services in the area of English Language		
24	Learning to Illinois school districts, teachers, or		
25	administrators.		
26	(h) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section		

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1 shall make available professional development opportunities that satisfy at least one of the following: 2 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and 3 district leaders who guide continuous professional 4 5 development; (2) improve the learning of students; 6 (3) organize adults into learning communities whose 7 8 goals are aligned with those of the school and district; 9 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge; 10 (5) provide educators with research-based 11 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting rigorous academic standards; 12 13 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various 14 types of classroom assessments; 15 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the 16 intended goals; (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to 17 18 collaborate; or 19 (9) prepare educators to apply research to 20 decision-making. 21 (i) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section 22 shall do the following: 23 (1) align professional development activities to the 24 State-approved national standards for professional learning; 25 (2) meet the professional development criteria for 26

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Illinois licensure renewal;

2 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains 3 how it aligns to State standards and identify the 4 assessment for determining the expected impact on student 5 learning or school improvement;

6 (4) maintain original documentation for completion of 7 activities; and

8 (5) provide license holders with evidence of 9 completion of activities.

10 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual 11 audits of approved providers, except for school districts, 12 which shall be audited by regional offices of education and 13 intermediate service centers. The State Board of Education 14 shall complete random audits of licensees.

(1) Approved providers shall annually submit to the
State Board of Education a list of subcontractors used for
delivery of professional development activities for which
renewal credit was issued and other information as defined
by rule.

20 (2) Approved providers shall annually submit data to 21 the State Board of Education demonstrating how the 22 professional development activities impacted one or more 23 of the following:

24 (A) educator and student growth in regards to25 content knowledge or skills, or both;

(B) educator and student social and emotional

1 growth; or

2 (C) alignment to district or school improvement 3 plans.

4 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review 5 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education, 6 regional offices of education, and intermediate service 7 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has 8 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved 9 provider or if further action should be taken as provided 10 in rules.

11 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal 12 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each 13 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional 14 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and 15 entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the 16 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or 17 debit card.

(1) Beginning July 1, 2014, any professional educator 18 licensee endorsed for school support personnel who is employed 19 20 and performing services in Illinois public schools and who 21 holds an active and current professional license issued by the 22 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation related to the endorsement areas on the Professional Educator License 23 24 shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing professional 25 development requirements provided for in this Section. Such 26 individuals shall be required to pay only registration fees to renew the Professional Educator License. An individual who does not hold a license issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall complete professional development requirements for the renewal of a Professional Educator License provided for in this Section.

6 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure 7 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from 8 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not 9 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of 10 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State 11 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed 12 by rule.

(1) Each appeal shall state the reasons why the State
Superintendent's decision should be reversed and shall be
sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the
State Board of Education.

17 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board 18 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license 19 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to 20 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of 21 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure 22 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its 23 determination based upon the record of review, which shall 24 consist of the following:

(A) the regional superintendent of education's
 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,

1	if applicable;

2 (B) any evidence submitted to the State 3 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic 4 statement of assurance for renewal; and

5 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for 6 nonrenewal of the license.

(3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license
renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no
later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt
of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall
pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle
using a form of credit or debit card.

(n) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as may benecessary to implement this Section.

16 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11; 98-610, eff. 12-27-13.)

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