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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 6128

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 6128 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 21B-20 and 21B-30 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

7 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. Before July 1, 2013, the
8 State Board of Education shall implement a system of educator
9 licensure, whereby individuals employed in school districts
10 who are required to be licensed must have one of the following
11 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) a
12 professional educator license with stipulations; or (iii) a
13 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
14 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
15 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
16 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed

1 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
2 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

3 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
4 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
5 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
6 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

7 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
8 have successfully completed an approved educator
9 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
10 the ~~Illinois~~ institution offering the approved educator
11 preparation program in Illinois or a comparable
12 preparation program in another state, (ii) have
13 successfully completed the required testing under Section
14 21B-30 of this Code, including, for a first endorsement in
15 a teaching field, an evidence-based assessment of teacher
16 effectiveness, as set forth in Section 25.720 of Title 23
17 of the Illinois Administrative Code and approved by the
18 State Superintendent of Education in consultation with the
19 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, within the
20 first 2 years of employment as a teacher of record with an
21 Educator License with Stipulations, (iii) have
22 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
23 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
24 the exceptional child, including without limitation
25 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have
26 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading

1 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
2 criteria established by rule of the State Board of
3 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
4 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30
5 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
6 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
7 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
8 eligible to practice.

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

14 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
15 License with Stipulations shall be issued to persons who
16 have satisfied the requirements for a Professional
17 Educator License under item (i) of paragraph (1) of this
18 Section but with an endorsement that limits the license
19 holder to one particular position or does not require
20 completion of an approved educator program or both. An
21 individual with an Educator License with Stipulations who
22 meets all the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Section,
23 including an evidence-based assessment of teacher
24 effectiveness within the first 2 years of employment as a
25 teacher of record, shall be issued a Professional Educator
26 License.

1 An individual with an Educator License with
2 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
3 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
4 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

5 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
6 with the following endorsements:

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

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

26 (ii) Has passed or passes a test of basic

1 skills and content area test, as required by
2 Section 21B-30 of this Code, prior to or within one
3 year after issuance of the provisional educator
4 endorsement on the Educator License with
5 Stipulations. If an individual who holds an
6 Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for
7 provisional educator has not passed a test of basic
8 skills and applicable content area test or tests
9 within one year after issuance of the endorsement,
10 the endorsement shall expire on June 30 following
11 one full year of the endorsement being issued. If
12 such an individual has passed the test of basic
13 skills and applicable content area test or tests
14 either prior to issuance of the endorsement or
15 within one year after issuance of the endorsement,
16 the endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately
17 following 2 years of the license being issued,
18 during which time any and all coursework
19 deficiencies must be met and any and all additional
20 testing requirements ~~deficiencies~~ must be met.

21 In addition, a provisional educator endorsement for
22 principals or superintendents may be issued if the
23 individual meets the requirements set forth in
24 subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (b-5) of Section
25 21B-35 of this Code. Applicants who have not been
26 entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation

1 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
2 shall not receive a provisional educator endorsement
3 if the person completed an alternative licensure
4 program in another state, unless the program has been
5 determined to be equivalent to Illinois program
6 requirements.

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

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

1 A provisional educator endorsement is valid until
2 June 30 immediately following 2 years of the license
3 being issued, provided that any remaining testing and
4 coursework deficiencies are met as set forth in this
5 Section. Failure to satisfy all stated deficiencies
6 shall mean the individual, including any service
7 member or spouse who has obtained a Professional
8 Educator License with Stipulations and a provisional
9 educator endorsement in a specific content area or
10 areas, is ineligible to receive a Professional
11 Educator License at that time. An Educator License with
12 Stipulations endorsed for provisional educator shall
13 not be renewed for individuals who hold an Educator
14 License with Stipulations and who have held a position
15 in a public school or non-public school recognized by
16 the State Board of Education.

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

22 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
23 college or university with a minimum of a
24 bachelor's degree.

25 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
26 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for

1 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
2 Code.

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

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

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

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

21 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
22 years in a management level position in a field
23 other than education.

24 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
25 of an alternative route to superintendent
26 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55

1 of this Code.

2 (iv) Passed a test of basic skills and content
3 area tests required under Section 21B-30 of this
4 Code.

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

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

13 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
14 institution of higher education with a minimum of a
15 bachelor's degree.

16 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator
17 preparation program.

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

21 The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator
22 License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of
23 teaching and shall not be renewed.

24 A resident teacher may teach only under the
25 direction of a licensed teacher, who shall act as the
26 resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of

1 a licensed teacher. A resident teacher endorsement on
2 an Educator License with Stipulations shall no longer
3 be valid after June 30, 2017.

4 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
5 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
6 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
7 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
8 regionally accredited institution of higher education
9 and has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside
10 of education in each area to be taught.

11 The career and technical educator endorsement on
12 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
13 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
14 endorsement being issued and may be renewed. For
15 individuals who were issued the career and technical
16 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
17 Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license
18 may be renewed if the individual passes a test of basic
19 skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

20 (F) Part-time provisional career and technical
21 educator or provisional career and technical educator.
22 A part-time provisional career and technical educator
23 endorsement or a provisional career and technical
24 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
25 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has a
26 minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill

1 for which the applicant is seeking the endorsement. It
2 is the responsibility of each employing school board
3 and regional office of education to provide
4 verification, in writing, to the State Superintendent
5 of Education at the time the application is submitted
6 that no qualified teacher holding a Professional
7 Educator License or an Educator License with
8 Stipulations with a career and technical educator
9 endorsement is available and that actual circumstances
10 require such issuance.

11 The provisional career and technical educator
12 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
13 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
14 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed only
15 one time for 5 years. For individuals who were issued
16 the provisional career and technical educator
17 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
18 on or after January 1, 2015, the license may be renewed
19 one time if the individual passes a test of basic
20 skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this Code,
21 and has completed a minimum of 20 semester hours from a
22 regionally accredited institution.

23 A part-time provisional career and technical
24 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
25 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
26 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time

1 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
2 on an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
3 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
4 endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5 years
5 if the individual makes application for renewal.

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

13 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
14 writing ability in the language other than English
15 in which transitional bilingual education is
16 offered.

17 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
18 communicate in English.

19 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
20 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
21 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
22 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
23 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
24 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
25 a foreign country that the State Educator
26 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be

1 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
2 regionally accredited institution of higher
3 learning in the United States.

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

8 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
9 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
10 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
11 replaced for any reason.

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

19 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
20 endorsement.

21 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
22 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
23 by passing the applicable language content test
24 required by the State Board of Education.

25 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
26 a regionally accredited institution of higher

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

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

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

17 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
18 international educator endorsement on an Educator
19 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
20 individual who is being recruited by a particular
21 school district that conducts formal recruitment
22 programs outside of the United States to secure the
23 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
24 following requirements:

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

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

3 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
4 subject to be taught.

5 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
6 language.

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

17 A visiting international educator endorsement on
18 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
19 years and shall not be renewed.

20 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
21 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
22 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
23 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
24 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
25 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
26 institution of higher education or has passed a test of

1 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this
2 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
3 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
4 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
5 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
6 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
7 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
8 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
9 in order to renew the endorsement.

10 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
11 business official endorsement on an Educator License
12 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who
13 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2
14 years of full-time administrative experience in school
15 business management or 2 years of university-approved
16 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
17 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
18 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
19 business administrators and by passage of the
20 applicable State tests, including a test of basic
21 skills and applicable content area test.

22 The chief school business official endorsement may
23 also be affixed to the Educator License with
24 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
25 master's degree in business administration, finance,
26 or accounting and who completes an additional 6

1 semester hours of internship in school business
2 management from a regionally accredited institution of
3 higher education and passes the applicable State
4 tests, including a test of basic skills and applicable
5 content area test. This endorsement shall be required
6 for any individual employed as a chief school business
7 official.

8 The chief school business official endorsement on
9 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
10 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
11 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the
12 license holder completes renewal requirements as
13 required for individuals who hold a Professional
14 Educator License endorsed for chief school business
15 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such
16 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of
17 Education.

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

26 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years and

1 may be renewed if the individual has passed a test of basic
2 skills, as authorized under Section 21B-30 of this Code. An
3 individual who has passed a test of basic skills for the
4 first licensure renewal is not required to retake the test
5 again for further renewals.

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

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

1 teacher for the vacant position.

2 There is no limit on the number of days that a
3 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
4 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
5 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under
6 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who
7 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
8 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
9 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
10 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
11 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
12 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
13 of this Code.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-28, eff. 7-1-13; 98-751, eff. 1-1-15; 99-35,
15 eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; revised
16 10-14-15.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

18 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

19 (a) This Section applies beginning on July 1, 2012.

20 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
21 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
22 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required
23 prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations
24 and indicators must be based on national and State professional
25 teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of

1 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
2 and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt
3 such rules as may be necessary to implement and administer this
4 Section. No score on a test required under this Section, other
5 than a test of basic skills, shall be more than 10 years old at
6 the time that an individual makes application for an educator
7 license or endorsement.

8 (c) Applicants seeking a Professional Educator License or
9 an Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to pass
10 a test of basic skills before the license is issued, unless the
11 endorsement the individual is seeking does not require passage
12 of the test. All applicants completing Illinois-approved,
13 teacher education or school service personnel preparation
14 programs shall be required to pass the State Board of
15 Education's recognized test of basic skills prior to starting
16 their student teaching or starting the final semester of their
17 internship, unless required earlier at the discretion of the
18 recognized, Illinois institution in which they are completing
19 their approved program. An individual who passes a test of
20 basic skills does not need to do so again for subsequent
21 endorsements or other educator licenses.

22 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
23 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
24 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There
25 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
26 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record

1 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

2 (e) All applicants seeking a State license endorsed in a
3 teaching field shall pass the assessment of professional
4 teaching (APT). Passage of the APT is required for completion
5 of an approved Illinois educator preparation program.

6 (f) ~~All Beginning on September 1, 2015, all~~ candidates
7 completing teacher preparation programs in this State or
8 out-of-state and all candidates subject to Section 21B-35 of
9 this Code are required to pass, within the first 2 years of
10 employment as a teacher of record with an Educator License with
11 Stipulations, an evidence-based assessment of teacher
12 effectiveness approved by the State Board of Education, in
13 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
14 Board. All recognized institutions offering approved teacher
15 preparation programs must begin phasing in the approved teacher
16 performance assessment no later than July 1, 2013.

17 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and
18 the assessment of professional teaching shall be the tests that
19 from time to time are designated by the State Board of
20 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
21 and Licensure Board, and may be tests prepared by an
22 educational testing organization or tests designed by the State
23 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
24 Preparation and Licensure Board. The areas to be covered by a
25 test of basic skills shall include reading, language arts, and
26 mathematics. The test of content area knowledge shall assess

1 content knowledge in a specific subject field. The tests must
2 be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no person
3 taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis of race,
4 color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to the
5 person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The score
6 required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State Board of
7 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
8 and Licensure Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer
9 than 3 times a year at such time and place as may be designated
10 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
11 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

12 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess
13 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of
14 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under
15 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this Code
16 in the English language and in the language of the transitional
17 bilingual education program requested by the applicant.

18 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the
19 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school
20 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

21 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
22 testing requirements under this Section shall include without
23 limitation provisions governing test selection, test
24 validation and determination of a passing score,
25 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,
26 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the

1 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special
2 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop such
3 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year
4 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-361, eff. 1-1-14; 98-581, eff. 8-27-13;
6 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15.)

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