

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 21-7.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-7.1)

7 Sec. 21-7.1. Administrative certificate.

8 (a) After July 1, 1999, an administrative certificate  
9 valid for 5 years of supervising and administering in the  
10 public common schools may be issued to persons who have  
11 graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher  
12 learning with a master's degree and who have been recommended  
13 by a recognized institution of higher learning as having  
14 completed a program of preparation for one or more of these  
15 endorsements. The Such programs of academic and professional  
16 preparation required for endorsement shall be administered by  
17 the institution in accordance with standards set forth by the  
18 State Superintendent of Education in consultation with the  
19 State Teacher Certification Board.

20 (b) No administrative certificate shall be issued for  
21 the first time after June 30, 1987 and no endorsement  
22 provided for by this Section shall be made or affixed to an  
23 administrative certificate for the first time after June 30,  
24 1987 unless the person to whom such administrative  
25 certificate is to be issued or to whose administrative  
26 certificate such endorsement is to be affixed has been  
27 required to demonstrate as a part of a program of academic or  
28 professional preparation for such certification or  
29 endorsement: (i) an understanding of the knowledge called for  
30 in establishing productive parent-school relationships and of  
31 the procedures fostering the involvement which such

1 relationships demand; and (ii) an understanding of the  
2 knowledge required for establishing a high quality school  
3 climate and promoting good classroom organization and  
4 management, including rules of conduct and instructional  
5 procedures appropriate to accomplishing the tasks of  
6 schooling; and (iii) a demonstration of the knowledge and  
7 skills called for in providing instructional leadership. The  
8 standards for demonstrating an understanding of such  
9 knowledge shall be set forth by the State Board of Education  
10 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,  
11 and shall be administered by the recognized institutions of  
12 higher learning as part of the programs of academic and  
13 professional preparation required for certification and  
14 endorsement under this Section. As used in this subsection:  
15 "establishing productive parent-school relationships" means  
16 the ability to maintain effective communication between  
17 parents and school personnel, to encourage parental  
18 involvement in schooling, and to motivate school personnel to  
19 engage parents in encouraging student achievement, including  
20 the development of programs and policies which serve to  
21 accomplish this purpose; and "establishing a high quality  
22 school climate" means the ability to promote academic  
23 achievement, to maintain discipline, to recognize substance  
24 abuse problems among students and utilize appropriate law  
25 enforcement and other community resources to address these  
26 problems, to support teachers and students in their education  
27 endeavors, to establish learning objectives and to provide  
28 instructional leadership, including the development of  
29 policies and programs which serve to accomplish this purpose;  
30 and "providing instructional leadership" means the ability to  
31 effectively evaluate school personnel, to possess general  
32 communication and interpersonal skills, and to establish and  
33 maintain appropriate classroom learning environments. The  
34 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect

1 the initial issuance or making on or before June 30, 1987 of  
2 any administrative certificate or endorsement provided for  
3 under this Section, nor shall such provisions apply to or  
4 affect the renewal after June 30, 1987 of any such  
5 certificate or endorsement initially issued or made on or  
6 before June 30, 1987.

7 (c) Administrative certificates shall be renewed every  
8 five years with the first renewal being five years following  
9 the initial receipt of an administrative certificate. Renewal  
10 requirements for administrators whose positions require  
11 certification shall be based upon evidence of continuing  
12 professional education which promotes the following goals:

13 (1) Improving administrators' knowledge of instructional  
14 practices and administrative procedures; (2) Maintaining the  
15 basic level of competence required for initial certification;  
16 and (3) Improving the mastery of skills and knowledge  
17 regarding the improvement of teaching performance in clinical  
18 settings and assessment of the levels of student performance  
19 in their schools. Evidence of continuing professional  
20 education must include verification of biennial attendance in  
21 a program developed by the Illinois Administrators' Academy  
22 and verification of annual participation in a school district  
23 approved activity which contributes to continuing  
24 professional education. The State Board of Education, in  
25 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,  
26 shall develop procedures for implementing this Section and  
27 shall administer the renewal of administrative certificates.  
28 Failure to submit satisfactory evidence of continuing  
29 professional education which contributes to promoting the  
30 goals of this Section shall result in a loss of  
31 administrative certification.

32 (d) Any limited or life supervisory certificate issued  
33 prior to July 1, 1968 shall continue to be valid for all  
34 administrative and supervisory positions in the public

1 schools for which it is valid as of that date as long as its  
2 holder meets the requirements for registration or renewal as  
3 set forth in the statutes or until revoked according to law.

4 (e) The administrative or supervisory positions for  
5 which the certificate shall be valid shall be determined by  
6 one or more of 3 endorsements: general supervisory, general  
7 administrative and superintendent.

8 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, endorsements  
9 shall be made under conditions set forth in this Section.  
10 The State Board of Education shall, in consultation with the  
11 State Teacher Certification Board, adopt rules pursuant to  
12 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, establishing  
13 requirements for obtaining administrative certificates where  
14 the minimum administrative or supervisory requirements  
15 surpass those set forth in this Section.

16 The State Teacher Certification Board shall file with the  
17 State Board of Education a written recommendation when  
18 considering additional administrative or supervisory  
19 requirements. All additional requirements shall be based  
20 upon the requisite knowledge necessary to perform those tasks  
21 required by the certificate. The State Board of Education  
22 shall in consultation with the State Teacher Certification  
23 Board, establish standards within its rules which shall  
24 include the academic and professional requirements necessary  
25 for certification. These standards shall at a minimum  
26 contain, but not be limited to, those used by the State Board  
27 of Education in determining whether additional knowledge will  
28 be required. Additionally, the State Board of Education  
29 shall in consultation with the State Teacher Certification  
30 Board, establish provisions within its rules whereby any  
31 member of the educational community or the public may file a  
32 formal written recommendation or inquiry regarding  
33 requirements.

34 (1) Until July 1, 2003, the general supervisory

1 endorsement shall be affixed to the administrative  
2 certificate of any holder who has at least 16 semester  
3 hours of graduate credit in professional education  
4 including 8 semester hours of graduate credit in  
5 curriculum and research and who has at least 2 years of  
6 full-time teaching experience or school service personnel  
7 experience in public schools, schools under the  
8 supervision of the Department of Corrections, schools  
9 under the administration of the Department of  
10 Rehabilitation Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the  
11 standards established by the State Superintendent of  
12 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition  
13 standards approved by the State Superintendent of  
14 Education.

15 Such endorsement shall be required for supervisors,  
16 curriculum directors and for such similar and related  
17 positions as determined by the State Superintendent of  
18 Education in consultation with the State Teacher  
19 Certification Board.

20 (2) The general administrative endorsement shall be  
21 affixed to the administrative certificate of any holder  
22 who has at least 20 semester hours of graduate credit in  
23 educational administration and supervision and who has at  
24 least 2 years of full-time teaching experience or school  
25 service personnel experience in public schools, schools  
26 under the supervision of the Department of Corrections,  
27 schools under the administration of the Department of  
28 Rehabilitation Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the  
29 standards established by the State Superintendent of  
30 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition  
31 standards approved by the State Superintendent of  
32 Education.

33 Such endorsement shall be required for principal,  
34 assistant principal, assistant or associate

1 superintendent, junior college dean and for related or  
2 similar positions as determined by the State  
3 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the  
4 State Teacher Certification Board.

5 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act,  
6 after January 1, 1990 and until January 1, 1991, any  
7 teacher employed by a district subject to Article 34  
8 shall be entitled to receive an administrative  
9 certificate with a general administrative endorsement  
10 affixed thereto if he or she: (i) had at least 3 years of  
11 experience as a certified teacher for such district prior  
12 to August 1, 1985; (ii) obtained a Master's degree prior  
13 to August 1, 1985; (iii) completed at least 20 hours of  
14 graduate credit in education courses (including at least  
15 12 hours in educational administration and supervision)  
16 prior to September 1, 1987; and (iv) has received a  
17 rating of superior for at least each of the last 5 years.  
18 Any person who obtains an administrative certificate with  
19 a general administrative endorsement affixed thereto  
20 under this paragraph shall not be qualified to serve in  
21 any administrative position except assistant principal.

22 (3) The chief school business official endorsement  
23 shall be affixed to the administrative certificate of any  
24 holder who qualifies by having a Master's degree, two  
25 years of administrative experience in school business  
26 management, and a minimum of 20 semester hours of  
27 graduate credit in a program established by the State  
28 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the  
29 State Teacher Certification Board for the preparation of  
30 school business administrators. Such endorsement shall  
31 also be affixed to the administrative certificate of any  
32 holder who qualifies by having a Master's Degree in  
33 Business Administration, Finance or Accounting from a  
34 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

1           After June 30, 1977, such endorsement shall be  
2           required for any individual first employed as a chief  
3           school business official.

4           (4) The superintendent endorsement shall be affixed to  
5           the administrative certificate of any holder who has  
6           completed 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the  
7           master's degree in a program for the preparation of  
8           superintendents of schools including 16 semester hours of  
9           graduate credit in professional education and who has at  
10          least 2 years experience as an administrator or supervisor in  
11          the public schools or the State Board of Education or  
12          education service regions or in nonpublic schools meeting the  
13          standards established by the State Superintendent of  
14          Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards  
15          approved by the State Superintendent of Education and holds  
16          general supervisory or general administrative endorsement, or  
17          who has had 2 years of experience as a supervisor or  
18          administrator while holding an all-grade supervisory  
19          certificate or a certificate comparable in validity and  
20          educational and experience requirements.

21          After June 30, 1968, such endorsement shall be required  
22          for a superintendent of schools, except as provided in the  
23          second paragraph of this Section and in Section 34-6.

24          Any person appointed to the position of superintendent  
25          between the effective date of this Act and June 30, 1993 in a  
26          school district organized pursuant to Article 32 with an  
27          enrollment of at least 20,000 pupils shall be exempt from the  
28          provisions of this Subsection (4) until June 30, 1996.

29          (f) All official interpretations or acts of issuing or  
30          denying administrative certificates or endorsements by the  
31          State Teacher's Certification Board, State Board of Education  
32          or the State Superintendent of Education, from the passage of  
33          P.A. 81-1208 on November 8, 1979 through September 24, 1981  
34          are hereby declared valid and legal acts in all respects and

1 further that the purported repeal of the provisions of this  
2 Section by P.A. 81-1208 and P.A. 81-1509 is declared null and  
3 void.

4 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)