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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5627

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5627 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
5 changing Section 16-118 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/16-118) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-118)

7 Sec. 16-118. Retirement. "Retirement": Entry upon a
8 retirement annuity or receipt of a single-sum retirement
9 benefit granted under this Article after termination of active
10 service as a teacher.

11 (a) An annuitant receiving a retirement annuity other than
12 a disability retirement annuity may accept employment as a
13 teacher from a school board or other employer specified in
14 Section 16-106 without impairing retirement status, if that
15 employment: (1) is not within the school year during which
16 service was terminated; and (2) does not exceed the following:

1 (i) before July 1, 2001, 100 paid days or 500 paid
2 hours in any school year;

3 ~~(ii) during the period beginning July 1, 2001 through~~
4 June 30, 2011, 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each
5 school year;

6 (iii) during the period beginning July 1, 2011 through
7 June 30, 2018, 100 paid days or 500 paid hours in each
8 school year;

9 (iv) beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020, 120
10 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year, but not
11 more than 100 paid days in the same classroom; and

12 (v) beginning July 1, 2020, 100 paid days or 500 paid
13 hours in each school year.

14 Where such permitted employment is partly on a daily and
15 partly on an hourly basis, a day shall be considered as 5
16 hours.

17 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an annuitant who
18 returns to teaching under the program established in Section
19 16-150.1, for the duration of his or her participation in that
20 program.

21 (Source: P.A. 93-320, eff. 7-23-03; 94-914, eff. 6-23-06.)

22 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
23 21B-5, 21B-10, 21B-20, 21B-25, 21B-30, 21B-35, 21B-40, 21B-45,
24 21B-50, 21B-55, and 21B-105 and by adding Sections 10-20.67 and
25 34-18.60 as follows:

1 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.67 new)

2 Sec. 10-20.67. Short-term substitute teacher training.

3 (a) Each school board shall, in collaboration with its
4 teachers or, if applicable, the exclusive bargaining
5 representative of its teachers, jointly develop a short-term
6 substitute teacher training program that provides individuals
7 who hold a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License under Section
8 21B-20 of this Code with information on curriculum, classroom
9 management techniques, school safety, and district and
10 building operations. The State Board of Education may develop a
11 model short-term substitute teacher training program for use by
12 a school board under this subsection (a) if the school board
13 and its teachers or, if applicable, the exclusive bargaining
14 representative of its teachers agree to use the State Board's
15 model. A school board with a substitute teacher training
16 program in place before the effective date of this amendatory
17 Act of the 100th General Assembly may utilize that program to
18 satisfy the requirements of this subsection (a).

19 (b) Nothing in this Section prohibits a school board from
20 offering substitute training to substitute teachers licensed
21 under paragraph (3) of Section 21B-20 of this Code or to
22 substitute teachers holding a Professional Educator License.

23 (c) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2023.

24 (105 ILCS 5/21B-5)

1 Sec. 21B-5. Licensure powers of the State Board of
2 Education.

3 (a) Recognizing that the education of our citizens is the
4 single most important influence on the prosperity and success
5 of this State and recognizing that new developments in
6 education require a flexible approach to our educational
7 system, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
8 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the
9 power and authority to do all of the following:

10 (1) Set standards for teaching, supervising, or
11 otherwise holding licensed employment in the public
12 schools of this State and administer the licensure process
13 as provided in this Article.

14 (2) Approve, evaluate, and sanction educator
15 preparation programs.

16 (3) Enter into agreements with other states relative to
17 reciprocal approval of educator preparation programs.

18 (4) Establish standards for the issuance of new types
19 of educator licenses.

20 (5) Establish a code of ethics for all educators.

21 (6) Maintain a system of licensure examination aligned
22 with standards determined by the State Board of Education.

23 (7) Take such other action relating to the improvement
24 of instruction in the public schools as is appropriate and
25 consistent with applicable laws.

26 (b) Only the State Board ~~Superintendent~~ of Education,

1 acting in accordance with the applicable provisions of this
2 Article and rules, shall have the authority to issue or endorse
3 any license required for teaching, supervising, or otherwise
4 holding licensed employment in the public schools; and no other
5 State agency shall have any power or authority (i) to establish
6 or prescribe any qualifications or other requirements
7 applicable to the issuance or endorsement of any such license
8 or (ii) to establish or prescribe any licensure or equivalent
9 requirement that must be satisfied in order to teach,
10 supervise, or hold licensed employment in the public schools.

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

12 (105 ILCS 5/21B-10)

13 Sec. 21B-10. State Educator Preparation and Licensure
14 Board.

15 (a) The State Teacher Certification Board, which had been
16 established under Section 21-13 of the School Code prior to
17 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, shall be
18 renamed the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
19 References in law to the State Teacher Certification Board
20 shall mean the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
21 The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall
22 consist of the State Superintendent of Education or a
23 representative appointed by him or her, who shall be ex-officio
24 chairperson, 5 administrative or faculty members of public or
25 private colleges or universities located in this State, 3

1 administrators and 10 classroom teachers employed in the public
2 schools (5 of whom must be members of and nominated by a
3 statewide professional teachers' organization and 5 of whom
4 must be members of and nominated by a different statewide
5 professional teachers' organization), and one regional
6 superintendent of schools, all of whom shall be appointed by
7 the State Board of Education; provided that at least one of the
8 administrators and at least 3 of the classroom teachers so
9 appointed must be employees of a school district that is
10 subject to the provisions of Article 34 of this Code. A
11 statewide professional teachers' organization and a different
12 statewide professional teachers' organization shall submit to
13 the State Board of Education for consideration at least 3 names
14 of accomplished teachers for every one vacancy or expiring term
15 in a classroom teacher position. The nominations submitted to
16 the State Board of Education under this Section to fill a
17 vacancy or an expiring term shall be advisory. Nomination for
18 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board members must be
19 submitted to the State Board of Education within 30 days after
20 the vacancy or vacancies occur. Nominations to fill an expiring
21 term must be submitted to the State Board of Education at least
22 30 days before the expiration of that term. Notwithstanding any
23 other provisions of this Section, if a sufficient number of
24 nominations are not received by the State Board of Education
25 for a vacancy or expiring term within the 30-day period, then
26 the State Board of Education may appoint any qualified person,

1 in the same manner as the original appointment, to fill the
2 vacancy or expiring term. The regular term of each member is 3
3 years, and an individual may be appointed for no more than 2
4 consecutive terms. The term of an appointed member of the State
5 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall expire on June
6 30 of his or her final year.

7 (b) The State Board of Education shall appoint a secretary
8 of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

9 (c) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
10 shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly and such other
11 special meetings as may be necessary.

12 (d) The necessary expenses of the State Educator
13 Preparation and Licensure Board shall be provided through the
14 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, in
15 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
16 Board, may adopt such rules as may be necessary for the
17 administration of this Article.

18 (e) (Blank). ~~Individuals serving on the State Teacher~~
19 ~~Certification Board on June 30, 2011 under Section 21-13 of~~
20 ~~this Code shall continue to serve on the State Educator~~
21 ~~Preparation and Licensure Board until the scheduled expiration~~
22 ~~of their respective terms.~~

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

24 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

25 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The ~~Before July 1, 2013,~~

1 ~~the~~ State Board of Education shall implement a system of
2 educator licensure, whereby individuals employed in school
3 districts who are required to be licensed must have one of the
4 following licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii)
5 an a professional educator license with stipulations; ~~or~~ (iii)
6 a substitute teaching license; or (iv) until June 30, 2023, a
7 short-term substitute teaching license. References in law
8 regarding individuals certified or certificated or required to
9 be certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code
10 shall also include individuals licensed or required to be
11 licensed under this Article. The first year of all licenses
12 ends on June 30 following one full year of the license being
13 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
26 the exceptional child, including without limitation

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

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

17 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
18 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
19 that limits the license holder to one particular position
20 or does not require completion of an approved educator
21 program or both.

22 An individual with an Educator License with
23 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
24 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
25 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

26 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued

1 with the following endorsements:

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

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

20 ~~(ii) Has passed or passes a test of basic~~
21 ~~skills and content area test prior to or within one~~
22 ~~year after issuance of the provisional educator~~
23 ~~endorsement on the Educator License with~~
24 ~~Stipulations. If an individual who holds an~~
25 ~~Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for~~
26 ~~provisional educator has not passed a test of basic~~

1 ~~skills and applicable content area test or tests~~
2 ~~within one year after issuance of the endorsement,~~
3 ~~the endorsement shall expire on June 30 following~~
4 ~~one full year of the endorsement being issued. If~~
5 ~~such an individual has passed the test of basic~~
6 ~~skills and applicable content area test or tests~~
7 ~~either prior to issuance of the endorsement or~~
8 ~~within one year after issuance of the endorsement,~~
9 ~~the endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately~~
10 ~~following 2 years of the license being issued,~~
11 ~~during which time any and all coursework~~
12 ~~deficiencies must be met and any and all additional~~
13 ~~testing deficiencies must be met.~~

14 ~~In addition, a provisional educator endorsement~~
15 ~~for principals or superintendents may be issued if the~~
16 ~~individual meets the requirements set forth in~~
17 ~~subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (b 5) of Section~~
18 ~~21B-35 of this Code. Applicants who have not been~~
19 ~~entitled by an Illinois approved educator preparation~~
20 ~~program at an Illinois institution of higher education~~
21 ~~shall not receive a provisional educator endorsement~~
22 ~~if the person completed an alternative licensure~~
23 ~~program in another state, unless the program has been~~
24 ~~determined to be equivalent to Illinois program~~
25 ~~requirements.~~

26 ~~Notwithstanding any other requirements of this~~

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

13 ~~In this Section, "service member" means any person~~
14 ~~who, at the time of application under this Section, is~~
15 ~~an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces~~
16 ~~or any reserve component of the United States Armed~~
17 ~~Forces or the National Guard of any state,~~
18 ~~commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the~~
19 ~~District of Columbia.~~

20 ~~A provisional educator endorsement is valid until~~
21 ~~June 30 immediately following 2 years of the license~~
22 ~~being issued, provided that any remaining testing and~~
23 ~~coursework deficiencies are met as set forth in this~~
24 ~~Section. Failure to satisfy all stated deficiencies~~
25 ~~shall mean the individual, including any service~~
26 ~~member or spouse who has obtained a Professional~~

1 ~~Educator License with Stipulations and a provisional~~
2 ~~educator endorsement in a specific content area or~~
3 ~~areas, is ineligible to receive a Professional~~
4 ~~Educator License at that time. An Educator License with~~
5 ~~Stipulations endorsed for provisional educator shall~~
6 ~~not be renewed for individuals who hold an Educator~~
7 ~~License with Stipulations and who have held a position~~
8 ~~in a public school or non public school recognized by~~
9 ~~the State Board of Education.~~

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

15 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
16 college or university with a minimum of a
17 bachelor's degree.

18 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
19 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
20 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
21 Code.

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

25 The alternative provisional educator endorsement is
26 valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for a

1 third year by an individual meeting the requirements set
2 forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

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

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

14 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
15 years in a management level position in a field
16 other than education.

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

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

24 The endorsement is valid ~~may be registered~~ for 2
25 fiscal years in order to complete one full year of
26 serving as a superintendent or assistant

1 superintendent.

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

7 ~~(i) Graduated from a regionally accredited~~
8 ~~institution of higher education with a minimum of a~~
9 ~~bachelor's degree.~~

10 ~~(ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator~~
11 ~~preparation program.~~

12 ~~(iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content~~
13 ~~area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this~~
14 ~~Code.~~

15 ~~The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator~~
16 ~~License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of~~
17 ~~teaching and shall not be renewed.~~

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

24 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
25 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
26 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has

1 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
2 regionally accredited institution of higher education
3 or an accredited trade and technical institution and
4 has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside of
5 education in each area to be taught.

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

16 An individual who holds a valid career and
17 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
18 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree
19 may substitute teach in career and technical education
20 classrooms.

21 (F) Part-time provisional career and technical
22 educator or provisional career and technical educator.
23 A part-time provisional career and technical educator
24 endorsement or a provisional career and technical
25 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
26 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has a

1 minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill
2 for which the applicant is seeking the endorsement. It
3 is the responsibility of each employing school board
4 and regional office of education to provide
5 verification, in writing, to the State Superintendent
6 of Education at the time the application is submitted
7 that no qualified teacher holding a Professional
8 Educator License or an Educator License with
9 Stipulations with a career and technical educator
10 endorsement is available and that actual circumstances
11 require such issuance.

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

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 An individual who holds a provisional or part-time
7 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
8 on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not
9 hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career
10 and technical education classrooms.

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

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

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

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

1 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
2 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
3 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
4 a 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 A transitional bilingual educator endorsement
10 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12, is
11 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
12 the endorsement being issued, and shall not be renewed.

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

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

24 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
25 endorsement.

26 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the

1 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
2 by passing the applicable language content test
3 required by the State Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

1 programs outside of the United States to secure the
2 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
3 following requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
26 educator endorsement on an Educator License with

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

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

1 The chief school business official endorsement may
2 also be affixed to the Educator License with
3 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
4 master's degree in business administration, finance,
5 accounting, or public administration and who completes
6 an additional 6 semester hours of internship in school
7 business management from a regionally accredited
8 institution of higher education and passes the
9 applicable State tests, including a test of basic
10 skills and applicable content area test. This
11 endorsement shall be required for any individual
12 employed as a chief school business official.

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

23 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules
24 necessary to implement Public Act 100-288 ~~this~~
25 ~~amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly.~~

26 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional

1 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
2 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
3 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation
4 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
5 and who has not successfully completed an
6 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
7 who meets all of the following requirements:

8 (i) Holds at least a bachelor's degree.

9 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
10 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

11 (iii) Has passed a test of basic skills and
12 applicable content area test, as required by
13 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

14 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
15 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a
16 minimum score on that assessment, as established
17 by the State Board of Education in consultation
18 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
19 Board.

20 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
21 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
22 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
23 be renewed.

24 (M) School support personnel intern. A school
25 support personnel intern endorsement on an Educator
26 License with Stipulations may be issued as specified by

1 rule.

2 (N) Special education area. A special education
3 area endorsement on an Educator License with
4 Stipulations may be issued as defined and specified by
5 rule.

6 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
7 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
8 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
9 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
10 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
11 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
12 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
13 higher education.

14 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

15 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
16 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
17 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
18 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked ~~or~~
19 ~~has not met the renewal requirements for licensure,~~ then
20 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute
21 Teaching License.

22 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
23 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
24 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
25 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district
26 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30

1 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if
2 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of
3 education within 5 business days after the employment of
4 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An
5 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy
6 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or
7 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of
8 the district exceed previous indications, and the district
9 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed
10 teacher for the vacant position.

11 There is no limit on the number of days that a
12 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
13 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
14 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under
15 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who
16 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
17 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
18 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
19 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
20 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
21 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
22 of this Code.

23 A school district may not require an individual who
24 holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator
25 License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute
26 Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

1 (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning
2 on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2023, the State Board of
3 Education may issue a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
4 License. A Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may be
5 issued to a qualified applicant for substitute teaching in
6 all grades of the public schools, prekindergarten through
7 grade 12. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not
8 eligible for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term
9 Substitute Teaching License must hold an associate's
10 degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a
11 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

12 Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for
13 substitute teaching in every county of this State. If an
14 individual has had his or her Professional Educator License
15 or Educator License with Stipulations suspended or
16 revoked, then that individual is not eligible to obtain a
17 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License.

18 The provisions of Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of this
19 Code apply to short-term substitute teachers.

20 An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
21 License may teach no more than 5 consecutive days per
22 licensed teacher who is under contract. For teacher
23 absences lasting 6 or more days per licensed teacher who is
24 under contract, a school district may not hire an
25 individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
26 License. An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute

1 Teaching License must complete the training program under
2 Section 10-20.67 or 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to
3 teach at a public school. This paragraph (4) is inoperative
4 on and after July 1, 2023.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-35, eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143,
6 eff. 7-27-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-8,
7 eff. 7-1-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17;
8 revised 9-25-17.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

10 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued
11 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be
12 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each
13 content area, school support area, and administrative area for
14 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized
15 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs
16 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to
17 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement
18 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The
19 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit
20 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being
21 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being
22 recommended.

23 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
24 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
25 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area

1 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator
2 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for
3 obtaining each endorsement.

4 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content
5 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of
6 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
7 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the
8 requirements for the following endorsements:

9 (A) (Blank). ~~General administrative endorsement. A~~
10 ~~general administrative endorsement shall be added to a~~
11 ~~Professional Educator License, provided that an~~
12 ~~approved program has been completed. An individual~~
13 ~~holding a general administrative endorsement may work~~
14 ~~only as a principal or assistant principal or in a~~
15 ~~related or similar position, as determined by the State~~
16 ~~Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the~~
17 ~~State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.~~

18 ~~Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general~~
19 ~~administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued~~
20 ~~except to individuals who completed all coursework~~
21 ~~requirements for the receipt of the general~~
22 ~~administrative endorsement by September 1, 2014, who~~
23 ~~have completed all testing requirements by June 30,~~
24 ~~2016, and who apply for the endorsement on or before~~
25 ~~June 30, 2016. Individuals who hold a valid and~~
26 ~~registered administrative certificate with a general~~

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

14 ~~All other individuals holding a valid and~~
15 ~~registered administrative certificate with a general~~
16 ~~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 ~~prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general~~
20 ~~administrative endorsement converted to a principal~~
21 ~~endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon~~
22 ~~request to the State Board of Education and by~~
23 ~~completing one of the following pathways:~~

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

26 ~~(ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an~~

1 ~~Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by~~
2 ~~the State Superintendent of Education.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A
23 chief school business official endorsement shall be
24 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
25 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or
26 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience

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

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

1 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief
2 administrator is required to have the licensure
3 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this
4 State and where a majority of the teachers are required
5 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a
6 public school in this State, and has passed the
7 required State tests; or of any holder who has
8 completed a program that is not an Illinois-approved
9 educator preparation program at an Illinois
10 institution of higher education and that has
11 recognition standards comparable to those approved by
12 the State Superintendent of Education and holds the
13 general administrative, principal, or chief school
14 business official endorsement and who has had 2 years
15 of experience as a principal, director of special
16 education, or chief school business official while
17 holding a valid educator license or certificate
18 comparable in validity and educational and experience
19 requirements and has passed the appropriate State
20 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The
21 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to
22 serve only as a superintendent or assistant
23 superintendent.

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

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

22 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
23 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may
24 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this
25 Code, provided that the individual has completed the
26 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this

1 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate
2 personnel under the respective school district's
3 collective bargaining agreement.

4 The State Board of Education, in consultation with
5 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
6 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish
7 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program
8 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement
9 shall be required.

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

- 17 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;
18 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;
19 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;
20 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;
21 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing;
22 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education; and
23 (vii) Director of Special Education.

24 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,
25 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
26 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may

1 add additional areas of special education by rule.

2 (G) School support personnel endorsement. School
3 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but
4 are not limited to, school counselor, marriage and
5 family therapist, school psychologist, school speech
6 and language pathologist, school nurse, and school
7 social worker. This endorsement is for individuals who
8 are not teachers or administrators, but still require
9 licensure to work in an instructional support position
10 in a public or State-operated elementary school,
11 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
12 with a governing body or board of control or a charter
13 school operating in compliance with the Charter
14 Schools Law. The school support personnel endorsement
15 shall be affixed to the Professional Educator License
16 and shall meet all of the requirements established in
17 any rules adopted to implement this subdivision (G).
18 The holder of such an endorsement is entitled to all of
19 the rights and privileges granted holders of any other
20 Professional Educator License, including teacher
21 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

22 ~~Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April~~
23 ~~30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator~~
24 ~~License with a school speech and language pathologist~~
25 ~~(teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school~~
26 ~~speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement~~

1 ~~for a school speech and language pathologist~~
2 ~~(non-teaching) endorsement through application to the~~
3 ~~State Board of Education. There shall be no cost for~~
4 ~~this exchange.~~

5 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-623, eff. 7-22-16;
6 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-267, eff.
7 8-22-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17; revised 9-25-17.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

9 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

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

11 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
12 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
13 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required
14 prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations
15 and indicators must be based on national and State professional
16 teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of
17 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
18 and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt
19 such rules as may be necessary to implement and administer this
20 Section.

21 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this Article,
22 applicants ~~Applicants~~ seeking a Professional Educator License
23 or an Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to
24 pass a test of basic skills before the license is issued,
25 unless the endorsement the individual is seeking does not

1 require passage of the test. All applicants completing
2 Illinois-approved, teacher education or school service
3 personnel preparation programs shall be required to pass the
4 State Board of Education's recognized test of basic skills
5 prior to starting their student teaching or starting the final
6 semester of their internship, unless required earlier at the
7 discretion of the recognized, Illinois institution in which
8 they are completing their approved program. An individual who
9 passes a test of basic skills does not need to do so again for
10 subsequent endorsements or other educator licenses.

11 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
12 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
13 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There
14 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
15 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record
16 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

17 (e) (Blank). ~~and completing their student teaching~~
18 ~~experience no later than August 31, 2015 Prior to September 1,~~
19 ~~2015, passage The APT shall be available through August 31,~~
20 ~~2020.~~

21 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, beginning
22 on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing teacher
23 preparation programs in this State and all candidates subject
24 to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a teacher
25 performance assessment ~~an evidence based assessment of teacher~~
26 ~~effectiveness~~ approved by the State Board of Education, in

1 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
2 Board. ~~All recognized institutions offering approved teacher
3 preparation programs must begin phasing in the approved teacher
4 performance assessment no later than July 1, 2013.~~

5 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and
6 the teacher performance assessment ~~assessment of professional
7 teaching~~ shall be the tests that from time to time are
8 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
9 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
10 may be tests prepared by an educational testing organization or
11 tests designed by the State Board of Education, in consultation
12 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The
13 areas to be covered by a test of basic skills shall include
14 reading, language arts, and mathematics. The test of content
15 area knowledge shall assess content knowledge in a specific
16 subject field. The tests must be designed to be racially
17 neutral to ensure that no person taking the tests is
18 discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national
19 origin, or other factors unrelated to the person's ability to
20 perform as a licensed employee. The score required to pass the
21 tests shall be fixed by the State Board of Education, in
22 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
23 Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer than 3 times a
24 year at such time and place as may be designated by the State
25 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
26 Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

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

10 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
11 testing requirements under this Section shall include without
12 limitation provisions governing test selection, test
13 validation and determination of a passing score,
14 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,
15 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
16 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special
17 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop such
18 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year
19 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-361, eff. 1-1-14; 98-581, eff. 8-27-13;
21 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-657, eff.
22 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; revised 1-23-17.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

24 Sec. 21B-35. Minimum requirements for educators trained in
25 other states or countries.

1 (a) Any applicant who has ~~All applicants who have~~ not been
2 entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation program
3 at an Illinois institution of higher education applying for a
4 Professional Educator License endorsed in a teaching field or
5 school support personnel area must meet ~~all of~~ the following
6 requirements:

7 (1) the applicant must:

8 (A) hold a comparable and valid educator license or
9 certificate, as defined by rule, with similar grade
10 level and content area credentials from another state,
11 with the State Board of Education having the authority
12 to determine what constitutes similar grade level and
13 content area credentials from another state; and

14 (B) have a bachelor's degree from a regionally
15 accredited institution of higher education; or

16 (2) the applicant must:

17 (A) have completed a state-approved program for
18 the licensure area sought, including coursework
19 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
20 child, methods of reading and reading in the content
21 area, and instructional strategies for English
22 learners;

23 (B) have a bachelor's degree from a regionally
24 accredited institution of higher education;

25 (C) have successfully met all Illinois examination
26 requirements, except that:

1 (i) an applicant who has successfully
2 completed a test of basic skills, as defined by
3 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another
4 state is not required to complete a test of basic
5 skills;

6 (ii) an applicant who has successfully
7 completed a test of content, as defined by rules,
8 at the time of initial licensure in another state
9 is not required to complete a test of content; and

10 (iii) an applicant for a teaching endorsement
11 who has successfully completed an evidence-based
12 assessment of teacher effectiveness, as defined by
13 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another
14 state is not required to complete an
15 evidence-based assessment of teacher
16 effectiveness; and

17 (D) for an applicant for a teaching endorsement,
18 have completed student teaching or an equivalent
19 experience or, for an applicant for a school service
20 personnel endorsement, have completed an internship or
21 an equivalent experience. ~~(1) Provide evidence of~~
22 ~~completing a comparable state-approved educator~~
23 ~~preparation program, as defined by the State~~
24 ~~Superintendent of Education, or hold a comparable and~~
25 ~~valid educator license or certificate with similar~~
26 ~~grade level and subject matter credentials from~~

1 ~~another state. The State Board of Education shall have~~
2 ~~the authority to determine what constitutes similar~~
3 ~~grade level and subject matter credentials from~~
4 ~~another state. A comparable educator license or~~
5 ~~certificate is one that demonstrates that the license~~
6 ~~or certificate holder meets similar requirements as~~
7 ~~candidates entitled by an Illinois approved educator~~
8 ~~preparation program in teaching or school support~~
9 ~~personnel areas concerning coursework aligned to~~
10 ~~standards concerning methods of instruction of the~~
11 ~~exceptional child, methods of reading and reading in~~
12 ~~the content area, and instructional strategies for~~
13 ~~English learners. An applicant who holds a comparable~~
14 ~~and valid educator license or certificate from another~~
15 ~~state must submit verification to the State Board of~~
16 ~~Education that the applicant has completed coursework~~
17 ~~concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional~~
18 ~~child, methods of reading and reading in the content~~
19 ~~area, and instructional strategies for English~~
20 ~~learners.~~

21 ~~(2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited~~
22 ~~institution of higher education.~~

23 ~~(3) (Blank).~~

24 ~~(4) (Blank).~~

25 ~~(5) (Blank).~~

26 ~~(6) Have successfully met all Illinois examination~~

1 ~~requirements. Applicants who have successfully completed a~~
2 ~~test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at the time of~~
3 ~~initial licensure in another state shall not be required to~~
4 ~~complete a test of basic skills. Applicants who have~~
5 ~~successfully completed a test of content, as defined by~~
6 ~~rules, at the time of initial licensure in another state~~
7 ~~shall not be required to complete a test of content.~~
8 ~~Applicants for a teaching endorsement who have~~
9 ~~successfully completed an evidence based assessment of~~
10 ~~teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of~~
11 ~~initial licensure in another state shall not be required to~~
12 ~~complete an evidence based assessment of teacher~~
13 ~~effectiveness.~~

14 ~~(7) For applicants for a teaching endorsement, have~~
15 ~~completed student teaching or an equivalent experience or,~~
16 ~~for applicants for a school service personnel endorsement,~~
17 ~~have completed an internship or an equivalent experience.~~

18 ~~If one or more of the criteria in this subsection (a) are~~
19 ~~not met, then applicants who have not been entitled by an~~
20 ~~Illinois approved educator preparation program at an Illinois~~
21 ~~institution of higher education who hold a valid, comparable~~
22 ~~certificate from another state may qualify for a provisional~~
23 ~~educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations,~~
24 ~~in accordance with Section 21B-20 of this Code.~~

25 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License
26 endorsed in a teaching field or school support personnel area,

1 applicants trained in another country must meet all of the
2 following requirements:

3 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
4 another country.

5 (2) Have had transcripts evaluated by an evaluation
6 service approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

7 (3) Have a degree comparable to a degree from a
8 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

9 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards
10 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
11 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,
12 and instructional strategies for English learners.

13 (5) (Blank).

14 (6) (Blank).

15 (7) Have successfully met all State licensure
16 examination requirements. Applicants who have successfully
17 completed a test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at
18 the time of initial licensure in another country shall not
19 be required to complete a test of basic skills. Applicants
20 who have successfully completed a test of content, as
21 defined by rules, at the time of initial licensure in
22 another country shall not be required to complete a test of
23 content. Applicants for a teaching endorsement who have
24 successfully completed an evidence-based assessment of
25 teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of
26 initial licensure in another country shall not be required

1 to complete an evidence-based assessment of teacher
2 effectiveness.

3 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
4 experience.

5 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
6 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
7 institution of higher education and applicants trained in
8 another country applying for a Professional Educator License
9 endorsed for principal or superintendent must hold a master's
10 degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher
11 education and must hold a comparable and valid educator license
12 or certificate with similar grade level and subject matter
13 credentials, with the State Board of Education having the
14 authority to determine what constitutes similar grade level and
15 subject matter credentials from another state, or must meet all
16 of the following requirements:

17 (1) Have completed an educator preparation program
18 approved by another state or comparable educator program in
19 another country leading to the receipt of a license or
20 certificate for the Illinois endorsement sought.

21 (2) Have successfully met all State licensure
22 examination requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of
23 this Code. Applicants who have successfully completed a
24 test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at the time of
25 initial licensure in another state or country shall not be
26 required to complete a test of basic skills. Applicants who

1 have successfully completed a test of content, as defined
2 by rules, at the time of initial licensure in another state
3 or country shall not be required to complete a test of
4 content.

5 (2.5) Have completed an internship, as defined by rule.

6 (3) (Blank).

7 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards
8 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
9 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,
10 and instructional strategies for English learners.

11 (5) Have completed a master's degree.

12 (6) Have successfully completed teaching, school
13 support, or administrative experience as defined by rule.

14 ~~A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a~~
15 ~~superintendent or principal may be affixed to an Educator~~
16 ~~License with Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of~~
17 ~~this Code.~~

18 (b-7) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
19 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
20 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
21 Educator License endorsed for Director of Special Education
22 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited
23 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and
24 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level
25 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of
26 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes

1 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another
2 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

3 (1) Have completed a master's degree.

4 (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing
5 special education services.

6 (3) Have successfully completed all examination
7 requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.
8 Applicants who have successfully completed a test of
9 content, as identified by rules, at the time of initial
10 licensure in another state or country shall not be required
11 to complete a test of content.

12 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards
13 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
14 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,
15 and instructional strategies for English learners.

16 ~~A provisional educator endorsement to serve as Director of~~
17 ~~Special Education may be affixed to an Educator License with~~
18 ~~stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of this Code.~~

19 (b-10) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
20 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
21 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
22 Educator License endorsed for chief school business official
23 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited
24 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and
25 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level
26 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of

1 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes
2 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another
3 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

4 (1) Have completed a master's degree in school business
5 management, finance, or accounting.

6 (2) Have successfully completed an internship in
7 school business management or have 2 years of experience as
8 a school business administrator.

9 (3) Have successfully met all State examination
10 requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.
11 Applicants who have successfully completed a test of
12 content, as identified by rules, at the time of initial
13 licensure in another state or country shall not be required
14 to complete a test of content.

15 (4) Have completed modules aligned to standards
16 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
17 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,
18 and instructional strategies for English learners.

19 ~~A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a chief~~
20 ~~school business official may be affixed to an Educator License~~
21 ~~with Stipulations.~~

22 (c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
24 rules as may be necessary to implement this Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-13,
26 eff. 7-1-17; 100-584, eff. 4-6-18.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

2 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

3 (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system
4 established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall
5 be charged to applicants:

6 (1) A \$100 ~~\$75~~ application fee for a Professional
7 Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations.
8 ~~However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee~~
9 ~~for a Professional Educator License and Educator License~~
10 ~~with Stipulations shall be \$100.~~

11 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching
12 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching
13 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
14 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
15 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
16 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
17 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
18 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
19 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
20 within one year of issuance.

21 (1.7) A \$25 application fee for a Short-Term Substitute
22 Teaching License. The Short-Term Substitute Teaching
23 License must be registered in at least one region in this
24 State, but does not require a registration fee. The
25 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee

1 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
2 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
3 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
4 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
5 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full
6 school days within one year of issuance.

7 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have not
8 been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation
9 program at an Illinois institution of higher education and
10 are seeking any of the licenses set forth in subdivision
11 (1) of this subsection (a).

12 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
13 approval ~~an individual holding a license wishes to add to~~
14 ~~that license.~~

15 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
16 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
17 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
18 and control over the school in which the individual holding
19 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
20 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
21 registered in any county in this State. The registration
22 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
23 individual registers the license for a particular validity
24 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
25 for that validity period should the individual
26 subsequently register the license in additional regions.

1 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
2 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
3 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
4 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
5 Code.

6 Beginning on July 1, 2017, at the beginning of each
7 renewal cycle, individuals who hold a Substitute Teaching
8 License may apply for a reimbursement of the registration
9 fee within 18 months of renewal and shall be issued that
10 reimbursement by the State Board of Education from funds
11 appropriated for that purpose if the licensee provides
12 evidence to the State Board of Education that the licensee
13 has taught pursuant to the Substitute Teaching License at
14 least 10 full school days within one year of renewal.

15 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
16 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
17 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
18 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
19 Education to provide the technology and human resources
20 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
21 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available
22 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be
23 used by the State Board of Education to support the recruitment
24 and retention of educators, to support educator preparation
25 programs as they seek national accreditation, and to provide
26 professional development aligned with the requirements set

1 forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A majority of the funds
2 in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund must be dedicated
3 to the timely and efficient processing of applications and for
4 the renewal of licenses. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
5 Fund is not subject to administrative charge transfers,
6 authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act, from the
7 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of
8 this State, and moneys in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
9 Fund shall not revert back to the General Revenue Fund at any
10 time.

11 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
12 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of
13 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
14 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

15 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
16 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
17 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
18 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
19 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor
20 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
21 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must
22 be paid to that company or vendor.

23 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
24 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
25 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
26 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not

1 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must
2 be applied to the registration of the new license.

3 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;
4 100-550, eff. 11-8-17.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

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

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

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

18 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as
19 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that
20 year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, if
21 a license holder's electronic mail address is available, the
22 State Board of Education shall send him or her notification
23 electronically that his or her license will lapse if not
24 renewed, to be sent no more than 6 months prior to the license
25 lapsing. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon (i)

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

25 (c) From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in order to
26 satisfy the requirements for licensure renewal provided for in

1 this Section, each professional educator licensee with an
2 administrative endorsement who is working in a position
3 requiring such endorsement shall complete one Illinois
4 Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of
5 this Code, per fiscal year.

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

19 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
20 licensee's professional development activities shall align
21 with one or more of the following criteria:

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

26 (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's

1 performance;

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

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

5 (5) higher education coursework.

6 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator
7 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.
8 Prior to renewal, the licensee shall enter electronically into
9 the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name,
10 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional
11 development hours, and the provider's name. The following
12 provisions shall apply concerning professional development
13 activities:

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

18 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
19 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
20 working in a position requiring such endorsement is not
21 required to complete Illinois Administrators' Academy
22 courses, as described in Article 2 of this Code. Such
23 licensees must complete one Illinois Administrators'
24 Academy course within one year after returning to a
25 position that requires the administrative endorsement.

26 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement

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

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

13 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not
14 require educator licensure or working in a position for
15 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be
16 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration
17 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the
18 license.

19 (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits
20 from a State of Illinois retirement system shall notify the
21 State Board of Education using ELIS, and the license shall
22 be maintained in retired status. For any renewal cycle in
23 which a licensee retires during the renewal cycle, the
24 licensee must complete professional development activities
25 on a prorated basis depending on the number of years during
26 the renewal cycle the educator held an active license. If a

1 licensee retires during a renewal cycle, the licensee must
2 notify the State Board of Education using ELIS that the
3 licensee wishes to maintain the license in retired status
4 and must show proof of completion of professional
5 development activities on a prorated basis for all years of
6 that renewal cycle for which the license was active. An
7 individual with a license in retired status shall not be
8 required to complete professional development activities
9 or pay registration fees until returning to a position that
10 requires educator licensure. Upon returning to work in a
11 position that requires the Professional Educator License,
12 the licensee shall immediately pay a registration fee and
13 complete renewal requirements for that year. A license in
14 retired status cannot lapse. Beginning on January 6, 2017
15 (the effective date of Public Act 99-920) through December
16 31, 2017, any licensee who has retired and whose license
17 has lapsed for failure to renew as provided in this Section
18 may reinstate that license and maintain it in retired
19 status upon providing proof to the State Board of Education
20 using ELIS that the licensee is retired and is not working
21 in a position that requires a Professional Educator
22 License.

23 (7) For any renewal cycle in which professional
24 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the
25 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the
26 minimum professional development hours required in this

1 Section prior to September 1 of that year. Professional
2 development hours used to fulfill the minimum required
3 hours for a renewal cycle may be used for only one renewal
4 cycle. For any fiscal year or renewal cycle in which an
5 Illinois Administrators' Academy course was required but
6 not completed, the licensee shall complete any missed
7 Illinois Administrators' Academy courses prior to
8 September 1 of that year. The licensee may complete all
9 deficient hours and Illinois Administrators' Academy
10 courses while continuing to work in a position that
11 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

12 (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the professional
13 development renewal requirements set forth in this Section
14 at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is ineligible to
15 register his or her license and may submit an appeal to the
16 State Superintendent of Education for reinstatement of the
17 license.

18 (9) If professional development opportunities were
19 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were
20 unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond
21 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be
22 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the
23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an
24 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid
25 during the extension period.

26 (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to

1 December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-610)
2 shall commence the annual renewal process with the first
3 scheduled registration due after December 27, 2013 (the
4 effective date of Public Act 98-610).

5 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
6 subsection (e), if a licensee earns more than the required
7 number of professional development hours during a renewal
8 cycle, then the licensee may carry over any hours earned
9 from April 1 through June 30 of the last year of the
10 renewal cycle. Any hours carried over in this manner must
11 be applied to the next renewal cycle. Illinois
12 Administrators' Academy courses or hours earned in those
13 courses may not be carried over.

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

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

19 (1) The State Board of Education.

20 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate
21 service centers.

22 (3) Illinois professional associations representing
23 the following groups that are approved by the State
24 Superintendent of Education:

25 (A) school administrators;

26 (B) principals;

1 (C) school business officials;

2 (D) teachers, including special education
3 teachers;

4 (E) school boards;

5 (F) school districts;

6 (G) parents; and

7 (H) school service personnel.

8 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher
9 education that offer Illinois-approved educator
10 preparation programs and public community colleges subject
11 to the Public Community College Act.

12 (5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools
13 authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint
14 educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this
15 Code for the purposes of providing career and technical
16 education or special education services.

17 (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December
18 31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147), has
19 had or has a grant from or a contract with the State Board
20 of Education to provide professional development services
21 in the area of English Learning to Illinois school
22 districts, teachers, or administrators.

23 (7) State agencies, State boards, and State
24 commissions.

25 (8) Museums as defined in Section 10 of the Museum
26 Disposition of Property Act.

1 (h) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section
2 shall make available professional development opportunities
3 that satisfy at least one of the following:

4 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and
5 district leaders who guide continuous professional
6 development;

7 (2) improve the learning of students;

8 (3) organize adults into learning communities whose
9 goals are aligned with those of the school and district;

10 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

11 (5) provide educators with research-based
12 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting
13 rigorous academic standards;

14 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various
15 types of classroom assessments;

16 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the
17 intended goals;

18 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to
19 collaborate; or

20 (9) prepare educators to apply research to
21 decision-making.

22 (i) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section
23 shall do the following:

24 (1) align professional development activities to the
25 State-approved national standards for professional
26 learning;

1 (2) meet the professional development criteria for
2 Illinois licensure renewal;

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

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

9 (5) provide license holders with evidence of
10 completion of activities; ~~and~~.

11 (6) request an Illinois Educator Identification Number
12 (IEIN) for each educator during each professional
13 development activity.

14 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual
15 audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school
16 districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of
17 education and intermediate service centers. The State Board of
18 Education shall ensure that each approved provider, except for
19 a school district, is audited at least once every 5 years. The
20 State Board of Education may conduct more frequent audits of
21 providers if evidence suggests the requirements of this Section
22 or administrative rules are not being met. ~~Each approved~~
23 provider, except for school districts, that is audited by a
24 regional office of education or intermediate service center
25 must be audited at least once every 5 years. The State Board of
26 Education shall complete random audits of licensees.

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

6 (2) Approved providers shall comply with the
7 requirements in subsections (h) and (i) of this Section by
8 annually submitting ~~submit~~ data to the State Board of
9 Education demonstrating how the professional development
10 activities impacted one or more of the following:

11 (A) educator and student growth in regards to
12 content knowledge or skills, or both;

13 (B) educator and student social and emotional
14 growth; or

15 (C) alignment to district or school improvement
16 plans.

17 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review
18 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,
19 regional offices of education, and intermediate service
20 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has
21 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved
22 provider or if further action should be taken as provided
23 in rules.

24 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal
25 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each
26 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional

1 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and
2 entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the
3 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or
4 debit card.

5 (1) Any professional educator licensee endorsed for school
6 support personnel who is employed and performing services in
7 Illinois public schools and who holds an active and current
8 professional license issued by the Department of Financial and
9 Professional Regulation or a national certification board, as
10 approved by the State Board of Education, related to the
11 endorsement areas on the Professional Educator License shall be
12 deemed to have satisfied the continuing professional
13 development requirements provided for in this Section. Such
14 individuals shall be required to pay only registration fees to
15 renew the Professional Educator License. An individual who does
16 not hold a license issued by the Department of Financial and
17 Professional Regulation shall complete professional
18 development requirements for the renewal of a Professional
19 Educator License provided for in this Section.

20 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
21 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from
22 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not
23 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of
24 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State
25 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed
26 by rule.

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

5 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
6 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license
7 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to
8 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of
9 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure
10 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its
11 determination based upon the record of review, which shall
12 consist of the following:

13 (A) the regional superintendent of education's
14 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,
15 if applicable;

16 (B) any evidence submitted to the State
17 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic
18 statement of assurance for renewal; and

19 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for
20 nonrenewal of the license.

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

1 using a form of credit or debit card.

2 (n) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as may be
3 necessary to implement this Section.

4 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-130, eff. 7-24-15;
5 99-591, eff. 1-1-17; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;
6 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-339, eff. 8-25-17; revised 9-22-17.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50)

8 Sec. 21B-50. Alternative educator licensure program.

9 (a) There is established an alternative educator licensure
10 program, to be known as the Alternative Educator Licensure
11 Program for Teachers.

12 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2013, the Alternative Educator
13 Licensure Program for Teachers may be offered by a recognized
14 institution approved to offer educator preparation programs by
15 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
16 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

17 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases:

18 (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes
19 instructional planning; instructional strategies,
20 including special education, reading, and English language
21 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of
22 students and use of data to drive instruction.

23 (2) A year of residency, which is a candidate's
24 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a
25 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must

1 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an
2 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to
3 enter the residency and must complete additional program
4 requirements that address required State and national
5 standards, pass the assessment of professional teaching
6 before entering the second residency year, as required
7 under phase (3) of this subsection (b), and be recommended
8 by the principal and program coordinator to continue with
9 the second year of the residency.

10 (3) A second year of residency, which shall include the
11 candidate's assignment to a full-time teaching position
12 for one school year. The candidate must be assigned an
13 experienced teacher to act as a mentor and coach the
14 candidate through the second year of residency.

15 (4) A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's
16 teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal and
17 the program coordinator, at the end of the second year of
18 residency. If there is disagreement between the 2
19 evaluators about the candidate's teaching effectiveness,
20 the candidate may complete one additional year of residency
21 teaching under a professional development plan developed
22 by the principal and preparation program. At the completion
23 of the third year, a candidate must have positive
24 evaluations and a recommendation for full licensure from
25 both the principal and the program coordinator or no
26 Professional Educator License shall be issued.

1 Successful completion of the program shall be deemed to
2 satisfy any other practice or student teaching and content
3 matter requirements established by law.

4 (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
5 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 2 years of
6 teaching in the public schools, including without limitation a
7 charter school, or in a State-recognized nonpublic school in
8 which the chief administrator is required to have the licensure
9 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this State
10 and in which a majority of the teachers are required to have
11 the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public school in
12 this State, but may be renewed for a third year if needed to
13 complete the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
14 Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued only once to an
15 individual who meets all of the following requirements:

16 (1) Has graduated from a regionally accredited college
17 or university with a bachelor's degree or higher.

18 (2) Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or
19 greater on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on another scale.

20 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if
21 seeking a middle or secondary level endorsement or, if
22 seeking an early childhood, elementary, or special
23 education endorsement, has completed a major in the content
24 area of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, or
25 one of the sciences. If the individual does not have a
26 major in a content area for any level of teaching, he or

1 she must submit transcripts to the State Board
2 ~~Superintendent~~ of Education to be reviewed for
3 equivalency.

4 (4) Has successfully completed phase (1) of subsection
5 (b) of this Section.

6 (5) Has passed a test of basic skills and content area
7 test required for the specific endorsement for admission
8 into the program, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
9 Code.

10 A candidate possessing the alternative provisional
11 educator endorsement may receive a salary, benefits, and any
12 other terms of employment offered to teachers in the school who
13 are members of an exclusive bargaining representative, if any,
14 but a school is not required to provide these benefits during
15 the years of residency if the candidate is serving only as a
16 co-teacher. If the candidate is serving as the teacher of
17 record, the candidate must receive a salary, benefits, and any
18 other terms of employment. Residency experiences must not be
19 counted towards tenure.

20 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative
21 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a
22 school district, including without limitation a charter
23 school, or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this State
24 in which the chief administrator is required to have the
25 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in
26 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required

1 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public
2 school in this State. The program presented for approval by the
3 State Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are
4 to be provided to assist the provisional teacher during the
5 2-year residency period. These supports must provide
6 additional contact hours with mentors during the first year of
7 residency.

8 (e) Upon completion of the 4 phases outlined in subsection
9 (b) of this Section and all assessments required under Section
10 21B-30 of this Code, an individual shall receive a Professional
11 Educator License.

12 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
13 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
14 rules as may be necessary to establish and implement the
15 Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers.

16 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/21B-55)

18 Sec. 21B-55. Alternative route to superintendent
19 endorsement.

20 (a) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
21 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may approve
22 programs designed to provide an alternative route to
23 superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

24 (b) Entities offering an alternative route to
25 superintendent endorsement program must have the program

1 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
2 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

3 (c) All programs approved under this Section shall be
4 comprised of the following 3 phases:

5 (1) A course of study offered on an intensive basis in
6 education management, governance, organization, and
7 instructional and district planning.

8 (2) The person's assignment to a full-time position for
9 one school year as a superintendent.

10 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the person's
11 performance by school officials and a recommendation to the
12 State Board Superintendent of Education that the person be
13 issued a superintendent endorsement on a Professional
14 Educator License.

15 (d) ~~In order to be admitted to an alternative route to~~
16 ~~superintendent endorsement program, a candidate shall pass a~~
17 ~~test of basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this~~
18 ~~Code.~~ In order to serve as a superintendent under phase (2) of
19 subsection (c) of this Section, an individual must be issued an
20 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an
21 Educator License with Stipulations, to be valid for only one
22 year of serving as a superintendent. In order to receive the
23 provisional alternative superintendent endorsement under this
24 Section, an individual must meet all of the following
25 requirements:

26 (1) Have graduated from a regionally accredited

1 college or university with a minimum of a master's degree
2 in a management field ~~other than education~~.

3 (2) Have been employed for a period of at least 5 years
4 in a management level position other than education.

5 (3) Have successfully completed phase (1) of
6 subsection (c) of this Section.

7 (4) Have passed a test of basic skills and a content
8 area test for admission into the program, as ~~examinations~~
9 required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.

10 (e) Successful completion of an alternative route to
11 superintendent endorsement program shall be deemed to satisfy
12 any other supervisory, administrative, or management
13 experience requirements established by law, and, once
14 completed, an individual shall be eligible for a superintendent
15 endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

16 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
17 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
18 rules as may be needed to establish and implement these
19 alternative route to superintendent endorsement programs.

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

21 (105 ILCS 5/21B-105)

22 Sec. 21B-105. Granting of recognition; regional
23 accreditation; definitions.

24 (a) "Recognized", as used in this Article in connection
25 with the word "school" or "institution", means such college,

1 university, or for-profit or not-for-profit entity that meets
2 requirements set by the State Board of Education, in
3 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
4 Board. Application for recognition of the school or institution
5 as an educator preparation institution must be made to the
6 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, in
7 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
8 Board, shall set the criteria by which the school or
9 institution is to be judged and, through the secretary of the
10 State Board, arrange for an official inspection and shall grant
11 recognition of such school or institution as may meet the
12 required standards. If the standards include requirements with
13 regard to education in acquiring skills in working with
14 culturally distinctive students, as defined by the State Board
15 of Education, then the rules of the State Board of Education
16 shall include the criteria used to evaluate compliance with
17 this requirement. No school or institution may make assignments
18 of student teachers or teachers for practice teaching so as to
19 promote segregation on the basis of race, creed, color,
20 religion, sex, or national origin.

21 Any for-profit or not-for-profit entity must also be
22 approved by the Board of Higher Education.

23 All recommendations or entitlements for educator licensure
24 shall be made by a recognized institution operating a program
25 of preparation for the license that is approved by the State
26 Board Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the

1 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board
2 of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
3 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the power to define
4 a major or minor when used as a basis for recognition and
5 licensure purposes.

6 (b) "Regionally accredited", or "accredited", as used in
7 this Article in connection with a university or institution,
8 means an institution of higher education accredited by the
9 North Central Association or other comparable regional
10 accrediting association.

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

12 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.60 new)

13 Sec. 34-18.60. Short-term substitute teacher training.

14 (a) The board shall, in collaboration with its teachers or,
15 if applicable, the exclusive bargaining representative of its
16 teachers, jointly develop a short-term substitute teacher
17 training program that provides individuals who hold a
18 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License under Section 21B-20 of
19 this Code with information on curriculum, classroom management
20 techniques, school safety, and district and building
21 operations. The State Board of Education may develop a model
22 short-term substitute teacher training program for use by the
23 board under this subsection (a) if the board and its teachers
24 or, if applicable, the exclusive bargaining representative of
25 its teachers agree to use the State Board's model. If the board

1 has a substitute teacher training program in place before the
2 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General
3 Assembly, it may utilize that program to satisfy the
4 requirements of this subsection (a).

5 (b) Nothing in this Section prohibits the board from
6 offering substitute training to substitute teachers licensed
7 under paragraph (3) of Section 21B-20 of this Code or to
8 substitute teachers holding a Professional Educator License.

9 (c) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2023.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
11 2018.".