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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3442

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3442 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

7 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The State Board of  
8 Education shall implement a system of educator licensure,  
9 whereby individuals employed in school districts who are  
10 required to be licensed must have one of the following  
11 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) an  
12 educator license with stipulations; (iii) a substitute  
13 teaching license; or (iv) until June 30, 2023, a short-term  
14 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding  
15 individuals certified or certificated or required to be  
16 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall

1 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed  
2 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June  
3 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

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

8 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)  
9 have successfully completed an approved educator  
10 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by  
11 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation  
12 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required  
13 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have  
14 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,  
15 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for  
16 the exceptional child, including without limitation  
17 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have  
18 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading  
19 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other  
20 criteria established by rule of the State Board of  
21 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.  
22 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30  
23 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.  
24 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with  
25 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is  
26 eligible to practice. For an early childhood education

1 endorsement, an individual may satisfy the student  
2 teaching requirement of his or her early childhood teacher  
3 preparation program through placement in a setting with  
4 children from birth through grade 2, and the individual  
5 may be paid and receive credit while student teaching. The  
6 student teaching experience must meet the requirements of  
7 and be approved by the individual's early childhood  
8 teacher preparation program.

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

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

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

23 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued  
24 with the following endorsements:

25 (A) (Blank).

26 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An

1 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an  
2 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an  
3 applicant who, at the time of applying for the  
4 endorsement, has done all of the following:

5 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited  
6 college or university with a minimum of a  
7 bachelor's degree.

8 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of  
9 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for  
10 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this  
11 Code.

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

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

18 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An  
19 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on  
20 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the  
21 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant  
22 superintendent in a school district's central office.  
23 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant  
24 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has  
25 done all of the following:

26 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited

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

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

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

10 (iv) Passed a content area test required under  
11 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

12 The endorsement is valid for 2 fiscal years in  
13 order to complete one full year of serving as a  
14 superintendent or assistant superintendent.

15 (D) (Blank).

16 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and  
17 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License  
18 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who  
19 has a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a  
20 regionally accredited institution of higher education  
21 or an accredited trade and technical institution and  
22 has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside of  
23 education in each area to be taught.

24 The career and technical educator endorsement on  
25 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until  
26 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the

1 endorsement being issued and may be renewed.

2 An individual who holds a valid career and  
3 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License  
4 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's  
5 degree may substitute teach in career and technical  
6 education classrooms.

7 (F) (Blank).

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

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

19 (ii) Has the ability to successfully  
20 communicate in English.

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

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

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

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

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

23                 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual  
24                 endorsement.

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

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

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

13 (iv) (Blank).

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

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



1 the following requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

20 A visiting international educator endorsement on  
21 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 5  
22 years and shall not be renewed.

23 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional  
24 educator endorsement on an Educator License with  
25 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a  
26 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and

1 (i) holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60  
2 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited  
3 institution of higher education; (ii) has passed a  
4 paraprofessional competency test under subsection  
5 (c-5) of Section 21B-30; or (iii) is at least 18 years  
6 of age and will be using the Educator License with  
7 Stipulations exclusively for grades prekindergarten  
8 through grade 8, until the individual reaches the age  
9 of 19 years and otherwise meets the criteria for a  
10 paraprofessional educator endorsement pursuant to this  
11 subparagraph (J). The paraprofessional educator  
12 endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately  
13 following 5 years of the endorsement being issued and  
14 may be renewed through application and payment of the  
15 appropriate fee, as required under Section 21B-40 of  
16 this Code. An individual who holds only a  
17 paraprofessional educator endorsement is not subject  
18 to additional requirements in order to renew the  
19 endorsement.

20 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school  
21 business official endorsement on an Educator License  
22 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who  
23 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2  
24 years of full-time administrative experience in school  
25 business management or 2 years of university-approved  
26 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester

1 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the  
2 State Board of Education for the preparation of school  
3 business administrators and by passage of the  
4 applicable State tests, including an applicable  
5 content area test.

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

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

1 Education.

2 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules  
3 necessary to implement Public Act 100-288.

4 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional  
5 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License  
6 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has  
7 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation  
8 program at an Illinois institution of higher education  
9 and who has not successfully completed an  
10 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but  
11 who meets all of the following requirements:

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

13 (ii) Has completed an approved educator  
14 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

15 (iii) Has passed an applicable content area  
16 test, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.

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

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

1 (M) (Blank).

2 (N) Specialized services. A specialized services  
3 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations  
4 may be issued as defined and specified by rule.

5 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching  
6 License may be issued to qualified applicants for  
7 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,  
8 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching  
9 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for  
10 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's  
11 degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution  
12 of higher education or must be enrolled in an approved  
13 educator preparation program in this State and have earned  
14 at least 90 credit hours.

15 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

16 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute  
17 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual  
18 has had his or her Professional Educator License or  
19 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked,  
20 then that individual is not eligible to obtain a  
21 Substitute 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  
26 district may employ a substitute teacher for no longer

1 than 30 calendar days per each vacant position in the  
2 district if the district notifies the appropriate regional  
3 office of education within 5 business days after the  
4 employment of the substitute teacher in that vacant  
5 position ~~the emergency situation~~. A district may continue  
6 to employ that same substitute teacher in that same vacant  
7 position for 90 calendar days or until the end of the  
8 semester, whichever is greater, if, prior to the  
9 expiration of the 30-calendar-day period then current, the  
10 district files a written request with the appropriate  
11 regional office of education for a 30-calendar-day  
12 extension on the basis that the position remains vacant  
13 and the district continues to actively seek qualified  
14 candidates and provides documentation that it has provided  
15 training specific to the position, including training on  
16 meeting the needs of students with disabilities and  
17 English learners if applicable. Each extension request  
18 shall be granted in writing by the regional office of  
19 education. An emergency situation is one in which an  
20 unforeseen vacancy has occurred and (i) a teacher is  
21 unexpectedly unable to fulfill his or her contractual  
22 duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of the district  
23 exceed previous indications or vacancies are unfilled due  
24 to a lack of qualified candidates, and the district is  
25 actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed  
26 teacher for the vacant position.

1           There is no limit on the number of days that a  
2           substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,  
3           provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer  
4           than 120 days beginning with the 2021-2022 school year  
5           through the 2022-2023 school year, otherwise 90 school  
6           days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the  
7           same school year. A substitute teacher who holds a  
8           Professional Educator License or Educator License with  
9           Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school days  
10          for any one licensed teacher under contract in the same  
11          school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on the  
12          number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do not  
13          apply to any school district operating under Article 34 of  
14          this Code.

15          A school district may not require an individual who  
16          holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator  
17          License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute  
18          Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

19          (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning  
20          on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2023, the State Board of  
21          Education may issue a Short-Term Substitute Teaching  
22          License. A Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may be  
23          issued to a qualified applicant for substitute teaching in  
24          all grades of the public schools, prekindergarten through  
25          grade 12. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not  
26          eligible for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term

1 Substitute Teaching License must hold an associate's  
2 degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a  
3 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

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

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

12 An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching  
13 License may teach no more than 15 consecutive days per  
14 licensed teacher who is under contract. For teacher  
15 absences lasting 6 or more days per licensed teacher who  
16 is under contract, a school district may not hire an  
17 individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching  
18 License, unless the Governor has declared a disaster due  
19 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the  
20 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. An individual  
21 holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License must  
22 complete the training program under Section 10-20.67 or  
23 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to teach at a public  
24 school. This paragraph (4) is inoperative on and after  
25 July 1, 2023.

26 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-220, eff. 8-7-19;



1 101-594, eff. 12-5-19; 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 102-711, eff.  
2 1-1-23; 102-712, eff. 4-27-22; 102-713, eff. 1-1-23; 102-717,  
3 eff. 4-29-22; 102-894, eff. 5-20-22; revised 12-13-22.)".