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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 496

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 496 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 21-14, 21B-25, 21B-40, and 21B-45 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

7 Sec. 21-14. Registration and renewal of certificates.

8 (a) A limited four-year certificate or a certificate issued
9 after July 1, 1955, shall be renewable at its expiration or
10 within 60 days thereafter by the county superintendent of
11 schools having supervision and control over the school where
12 the teacher is teaching upon certified evidence of meeting the
13 requirements for renewal as required by this Act and prescribed
14 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State
15 Teacher Certification Board. An elementary supervisory
16 certificate shall not be renewed at the end of the first

1 four-year period covered by the certificate unless the holder
2 thereof has filed certified evidence with the State Teacher
3 Certification Board that he has a master's degree or that he
4 has earned 8 semester hours of credit in the field of
5 educational administration and supervision in a recognized
6 institution of higher learning. The holder shall continue to
7 earn 8 semester hours of credit each four-year period until
8 such time as he has earned a master's degree.

9 (b) All certificates not renewed as provided in this
10 Section or registered in accordance with this Code shall lapse
11 after a period of 6 months from the expiration of the last year
12 of registration. Such certificates may be immediately
13 reinstated upon payment by the applicant to the State Board of
14 Education of (1) any and all back fees, including without
15 limitation registration fees, owed from the time of expiration
16 of the certificate until the date of reinstatement; and (2) a
17 \$500 penalty or the demonstration of proficiency by completing
18 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited
19 institution of higher education in the content area that most
20 aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas; provided
21 that, until September 1, 2012, certificates that have lapsed
22 solely for the failure to pay a registration fee may be
23 immediately reinstated upon payment only of any and all back
24 fees, including without limitation registration fees, owed
25 from the time of expiration of the certificate until the date
26 of reinstatement. Any and all back fees and penalty amounts

1 shall be deposited by the State Board of Education into the
2 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund. Any certificate may be
3 voluntarily surrendered by the certificate holder. A
4 voluntarily surrendered certificate shall be treated as a
5 revoked certificate.

6 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before
7 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after February
8 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be exchanged for
9 Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in subsection (c) of
10 Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard Teaching Certificates,
11 including those issued to persons who previously held teaching
12 certificates issued before February 15, 2000, shall be
13 renewable under the conditions set forth in this subsection
14 (b).

15 Initial Teaching Certificates are valid for 4 years of
16 teaching, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this
17 Code, and are renewable every 4 years until the person
18 completes 4 years of teaching. If the holder of an Initial
19 Certificate has completed 4 years of teaching but has not
20 completed the requirements set forth in paragraph (2) of
21 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, then the Initial
22 Certificate may be reinstated for one year, during which the
23 requirements must be met. A holder of an Initial Certificate
24 who has not completed 4 years of teaching may continuously
25 register the certificate for additional 4-year periods without
26 penalty. Initial Certificates that are not registered shall

1 lapse consistent with subsection (a) of this Section and may be
2 reinstated only in accordance with subsection (a). Standard
3 Teaching Certificates are renewable every 5 years as provided
4 in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and subsection (c) of this
5 Section. For purposes of this Section, "teaching" is defined as
6 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or
7 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
8 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
9 of control, in a certificated teaching position, or a charter
10 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law.

11 (c) In compliance with subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of
12 this Code, which provides that a Standard Teaching Certificate
13 may be renewed by the State Teacher Certification Board based
14 upon proof of continuing professional development, the State
15 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board
16 shall jointly:

17 (1) establish a procedure for renewing Standard
18 Teaching Certificates, which shall include but not be
19 limited to annual timelines for the renewal process and the
20 components set forth in subsections (d) through (k) of this
21 Section;

22 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

23 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing
24 professional development activities;

25 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category of
26 continuing professional development activities, based upon

1 recommendations submitted by a continuing professional
2 development activity task force, which shall consist of 6
3 staff members from the State Board of Education, appointed
4 by the State Superintendent of Education, and 6 teacher
5 representatives, 3 of whom are selected by the Illinois
6 Education Association and 3 of whom are selected by the
7 Illinois Federation of Teachers;

8 (5) designate the type and amount of documentation
9 required to show that continuing professional development
10 activities have been completed; and

11 (6) provide, on a timely basis to all Illinois
12 teachers, certificate holders, regional superintendents of
13 schools, school districts, and others with an interest in
14 continuing professional development, information about the
15 standards and requirements established pursuant to this
16 subsection (c).

17 (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an individual
18 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
19 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
20 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
21 of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter
22 school in compliance with the Charter Schools Law must be
23 maintained Valid and Active through certificate renewal
24 activities specified in the certificate renewal procedure
25 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section,
26 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is

1 only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis
2 as a substitute teacher shall pay only the required
3 registration fee to renew his or her certificate and maintain
4 it as Valid and Active. All other Standard Teaching
5 Certificates held may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through
6 the registration process provided for in the certificate
7 renewal procedure established pursuant to subsection (c) of
8 this Section. A Valid and Exempt certificate must be
9 immediately activated, through procedures developed jointly by
10 the State Board of Education and the State Teacher
11 Certification Board, upon the certificate holder becoming
12 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
13 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
14 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
15 of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter
16 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A
17 holder of a Valid and Exempt certificate may activate his or
18 her certificate through procedures provided for in the
19 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to
20 subsection (c) of this Section.

21 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been
22 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
23 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
24 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree
25 from an approved institution in an education-related field;
26 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as

1 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this
2 subsection (e); (iii) (blank); (iv) completing the National
3 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as described
4 in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or
5 (v) earning 120 continuing professional development units
6 ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of
7 this subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional
8 development units for each continuing professional development
9 activity identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
10 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly
11 determined by the State Board of Education and the State
12 Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the certificate
13 holder has maintained the certificate as Valid and Exempt for a
14 portion of the 5-year period of validity, the number of
15 continuing professional development units needed to renew the
16 certificate as Valid and Active shall be proportionately
17 reduced by the amount of time the certificate was Valid and
18 Exempt. Furthermore, if a certificate holder is employed and
19 performs teaching services on a part-time basis for all or a
20 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the
21 number of continuing professional development units needed to
22 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by
23 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been
24 employed and performed teaching services on a part-time basis.
25 Part-time shall be defined as less than 50% of the school day
26 or school term.

1 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary, if
2 a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as Valid
3 and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's validity and
4 the certificate holder has completed his or her certificate
5 renewal plan before July 1, 2002, the certificate shall be
6 renewed as Valid and Active.

7 (2) Beginning July 1, 2004, in order to satisfy the
8 requirements for continuing professional development provided
9 for in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, each Valid
10 and Active Standard Teaching Certificate holder shall complete
11 professional development activities that address the
12 certificate or those certificates that are required of his or
13 her certificated teaching position, if the certificate holder
14 is employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
15 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
16 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
17 of control, or that certificate or those certificates most
18 closely related to his or her teaching position, if the
19 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except as
20 otherwise provided in this subsection (e), the certificate
21 holder's activities must address purposes (A), (B), (C), or (D)
22 and must reflect purpose (E) of the following continuing
23 professional development purposes:

24 (A) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge
25 and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois
26 Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content

1 Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of
2 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in
3 order to keep the certificate holder current in those
4 areas.

5 (B) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and
6 skills in areas determined to be critical for all Illinois
7 teachers, as defined by the State Board of Education, known
8 as "State priorities".

9 (C) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the
10 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if the
11 teacher is employed in an Illinois public or State-operated
12 elementary school, secondary school, or cooperative or
13 joint agreement with a governing body or board of control.

14 (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and
15 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the
16 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,
17 or relevant education degree.

18 (E) Address the needs of serving students with
19 disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general
20 curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to
21 meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving
22 such students in the least restrictive environment.
23 Teachers who hold certificates endorsed for special
24 education must devote at least 50% of their continuing
25 professional development activities to this purpose.
26 Teachers holding other certificates must devote at least

1 20% of their activities to this purpose.

2 A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is
3 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
4 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing education
5 requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated under that
6 Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
7 professional development requirements established by the State
8 Board of Education and the Teacher Certification Board to renew
9 a Standard Certificate.

10 (3) Continuing professional development activities may
11 include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

12 (A) completion of an advanced degree from an approved
13 institution in an education-related field;

14 (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an
15 approved education-related program, of which at least 2
16 semester hours relate to the continuing professional
17 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph
18 (2) of this subsection (e), completion of which means no
19 other continuing professional development activities are
20 required;

21 (C) (blank);

22 (D) completion of the National Board for Professional
23 Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for certification or
24 recertification, completion of which means no other
25 continuing professional development activities are
26 required;

1 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional
2 development units that satisfy the continuing professional
3 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this
4 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the
5 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
6 this paragraph (3);

7 (F) collaboration and partnership activities related
8 to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a
9 teacher, including the following:

10 (i) participating on collaborative planning and
11 professional improvement teams and committees;

12 (ii) peer review and coaching;

13 (iii) mentoring in a formal mentoring program,
14 including service as a consulting teacher
15 participating in a remediation process formulated
16 under Section 24A-5 of this Code;

17 (iv) participating in site-based management or
18 decision making teams, relevant committees, boards, or
19 task forces directly related to school improvement
20 plans;

21 (v) coordinating community resources in schools,
22 if the project is a specific goal of the school
23 improvement plan;

24 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a
25 school, school district, or regional office of
26 education directly related to student achievement or

1 school improvement plans;

2 (vii) participating in business, school, or
3 community partnerships directly related to student
4 achievement or school improvement plans; or

5 (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher
6 education candidate in clinical supervision, provided
7 that the supervision may only be counted once during
8 the course of 5 years;

9 (G) college or university coursework related to
10 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher
11 as follows:

12 (i) completing undergraduate or graduate credit
13 earned from a regionally accredited institution in
14 coursework relevant to the certificate area being
15 renewed, including coursework that incorporates
16 induction activities and development of a portfolio of
17 both student and teacher work that provides experience
18 in reflective practices, provided the coursework meets
19 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or Illinois
20 Content Area Standards and supports the essential
21 characteristics of quality professional development;
22 or

23 (ii) teaching college or university courses in
24 areas relevant to the certificate area being renewed,
25 provided that the teaching may only be counted once
26 during the course of 5 years;

1 (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
2 symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge
3 and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the
4 activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board
5 acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including
6 the following:

7 (i) completing non-university credit directly
8 related to student achievement, school improvement
9 plans, or State priorities;

10 (ii) participating in or presenting at workshops,
11 seminars, conferences, institutes, and symposiums;

12 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality
13 Assurance;

14 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher
15 preparation programs; or

16 (v) participating in or presenting at in-service
17 training programs on suicide prevention or on sexual
18 abuse and assault awareness and prevention.

19 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,
20 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are
21 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial
22 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.
23 The State Superintendent of Education and regional
24 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the
25 activities and events provided or to be provided under this
26 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding

1 those activities and events, and either the State
2 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent
3 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher
4 Certification Board and the State Board of Education
5 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered
6 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

7 (I) other educational experiences related to improving
8 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including
9 the following:

10 (i) participating in action research and inquiry
11 projects;

12 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,
13 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
14 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

15 (iii) traveling related to one's teaching
16 assignment, directly related to student achievement or
17 school improvement plans and approved by the regional
18 superintendent of schools or his or her designee at
19 least 30 days prior to the travel experience, provided
20 that the traveling shall not include time spent
21 commuting to destinations where the learning
22 experience will occur;

23 (iv) participating in study groups related to
24 student achievement or school improvement plans;

25 (v) serving on a statewide education-related
26 committee, including but not limited to the State

1 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of Education
2 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council
3 on Education of Children with Disabilities;

4 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or
5 internships; or

6 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and
7 teacher work;

8 (J) professional leadership experiences related to
9 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
10 including the following:

11 (i) participating in curriculum development or
12 assessment activities at the school, school district,
13 regional office of education, State, or national
14 level;

15 (ii) participating in team or department
16 leadership in a school or school district;

17 (iii) participating on external or internal school
18 or school district review teams;

19 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns, or
20 books relevant to the certificate area being renewed;
21 or

22 (v) participating in non-strike related
23 professional association or labor organization service
24 or activities related to professional development;

25 (K) receipt of a subsequent Illinois certificate or
26 endorsement pursuant to this Article;

1 (L) completion of requirements for meeting the
2 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for
3 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public
4 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area;

5 (M) successful completion of 4 semester hours of
6 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own
7 performance in relation to the Illinois Teaching
8 Standards, as described in clause (B) of paragraph (2) of
9 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code; or

10 (N) successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester
11 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation
12 to meet the requirements for certification by the National
13 Board for Professional Teaching Standards, as described in
14 clause (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section
15 21-2 of this Code.

16 (4) A person must complete the requirements of this
17 subsection (e) before the expiration of his or her Standard
18 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance to the regional
19 superintendent of schools or, if applicable, a local
20 professional development committee authorized by the regional
21 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this
22 purpose. The statement of assurance shall contain a list of the
23 activities completed, the provider offering each activity, the
24 number of credits earned for each activity, and the purposes to
25 which each activity is attributed. The certificate holder shall
26 maintain the evidence of completion of each activity for at

1 least one certificate renewal cycle. The certificate holder
2 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has
3 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required
4 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the
5 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall
6 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting
7 documentation.

8 (5) (Blank).

9 (6) (Blank).

10 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, a
11 school district is authorized to enter into an agreement with
12 the exclusive bargaining representative, if any, to form a
13 local professional development committee (LPDC). The
14 membership and terms of members of the LPDC may be determined
15 by the agreement. Provisions regarding LPDCs contained in a
16 collective bargaining agreement in existence on the effective
17 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly
18 between a school district and the exclusive bargaining
19 representative shall remain in full force and effect for the
20 term of the agreement, unless terminated by mutual agreement.
21 The LPDC shall make recommendations to the regional
22 superintendent of schools on renewal of teaching certificates.
23 The regional superintendent of schools for each region shall
24 perform the following functions:

25 (1) review recommendations for certificate renewal, if
26 any, received from LPDCs;

1 (2) (blank);

2 (3) (blank);

3 (4) (blank);

4 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the
5 requirements for certificate renewal and notify
6 certificate holders if the decision is not to renew the
7 certificate;

8 (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity
9 to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to
10 renew the certificate to the regional professional
11 development review committee;

12 (7) issue and forward recommendations for renewal or
13 nonrenewal of certificate holders' Standard Teaching
14 Certificates to the State Teacher Certification Board; and

15 (8) (blank).

16 (g)(1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall
17 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for
18 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he or
19 she receives from a local professional development committee,
20 if any, or, if a certificate holder appeals the recommendation
21 to the regional professional development review committee, the
22 recommendation for renewal or nonrenewal he or she receives
23 from a regional professional development review committee and,
24 within 14 days of receipt of the recommendation, shall provide
25 the State Teacher Certification Board with verification of the
26 following, if applicable:

1 (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily
2 completed professional development and continuing
3 education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of
4 subsection (e) of this Section;

5 (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement
6 of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)
7 of this Section, and this statement has been attached to
8 the application for renewal;

9 (C) the local professional development committee, if
10 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate
11 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the
12 recommendation to the regional superintendent of schools;

13 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her
14 local professional development committee's recommendation
15 of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional professional
16 development review committee and the result of that appeal;

17 (E) the regional superintendent of schools has
18 concurred or nonconcurred with the local professional
19 development committee's or regional professional
20 development review committee's recommendation, if any, to
21 renew or nonrenew the certificate holder's Standard
22 Teaching Certificate and made a recommendation to that
23 effect; and

24 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard
25 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

26 If the notice required by this subsection (g) includes a

1 recommendation of certificate nonrenewal, then, at the same
2 time the regional superintendent of schools provides the State
3 Teacher Certification Board with the notice, he or she shall
4 also notify the certificate holder in writing, by certified
5 mail, return receipt requested, that this notice has been
6 provided to the State Teacher Certification Board.

7 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
8 his or her local professional development committee's
9 recommendation of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional
10 professional development review committee, within 14 days of
11 receipt of notice that the recommendation has been sent to the
12 regional superintendent of schools. Each regional
13 superintendent of schools shall establish a regional
14 professional development review committee or committees for
15 the purpose of advising the regional superintendent of schools,
16 upon request, and handling certificate holder appeals. This
17 committee shall consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one
18 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2
19 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either (i)
20 a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a
21 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference
22 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed
23 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure representation
24 of an interest not already represented on the committee. The
25 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational
26 employee members of the review committee shall be selected by

1 their exclusive representative, if any, and the administrators
2 and at-large member shall be selected by the regional
3 superintendent of schools. A regional superintendent of
4 schools may add additional members to the committee, provided
5 that the same proportion of teachers to administrators and
6 at-large members on the committee is maintained. Any additional
7 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational
8 employee members shall be selected by their exclusive
9 representative, if any. Vacancies in positions on a regional
10 professional development review committee shall be filled in
11 the same manner as the original selections. Committee members
12 shall serve staggered 3-year terms. All individuals selected to
13 serve on regional professional development review committees
14 must be known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or
15 their respective field of practice.

16 (h) (1) The State Teacher Certification Board shall review
17 the regional superintendent of schools' recommendations to
18 renew or nonrenew Standard Teaching Certificates and notify
19 certificate holders in writing whether their certificates have
20 been renewed or nonrenewed within 90 days of receipt of the
21 recommendations, unless a certificate holder has appealed a
22 regional superintendent of schools' recommendation of
23 nonrenewal, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection
24 (h). The State Teacher Certification Board shall verify that
25 the certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth
26 in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section.

1 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
2 a regional superintendent of school's recommendation to
3 nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the State
4 Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt of
5 notice that the decision has been sent to the State Teacher
6 Certification Board, which shall hold an appeal hearing within
7 60 days of receipt of the appeal. When such an appeal is taken,
8 the certificate holder's Standard Teaching Certificate shall
9 continue to be valid until the appeal is finally determined.
10 The State Teacher Certification Board shall review the regional
11 superintendent of school's recommendation, the regional
12 professional development review committee's recommendation, if
13 any, and the local professional development committee's
14 recommendation, if any, and all relevant documentation to
15 verify whether the certificate holder has met the renewal
16 criteria set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this
17 Section. The State Teacher Certification Board may request that
18 the certificate holder appear before it. All actions taken by
19 the State Teacher Certification Board shall require a quorum
20 and be by a simple majority of those present and voting. A
21 record of all votes shall be maintained. The State Teacher
22 Certification Board shall notify the certificate holder in
23 writing, within 7 days of completing the review, whether his or
24 her Standard Teaching Certificate has been renewed or
25 nonrenewed, provided that if the State Teacher Certification
26 Board determines to nonrenew a certificate, the written notice

1 provided to the certificate holder shall be by certified mail,
2 return receipt requested. All certificate renewal or
3 nonrenewal decisions of the State Teacher Certification Board
4 are final and subject to administrative review.

5 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet the
6 same requirements and follow the same procedures as holders of
7 Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their renewal
8 cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2
9 of this Code and their renewal requirements shall be subject to
10 paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

11 A holder of a teaching certificate endorsed as a
12 speech-language pathologist who has been granted the
13 Certificate of Clinical Competence by the American
14 Speech-Language Hearing Association may renew his or her
15 Standard Teaching Certificate pursuant to the 10-year renewal
16 cycle set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

17 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master
18 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing
19 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary
20 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
21 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated
22 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their certificates
23 through the regional superintendent of schools of the regional
24 office of education for the geographic area where their
25 teaching is done. These certificate holders shall follow the
26 same renewal criteria and procedures as all other Standard and

1 Master Teaching Certificate holders, except that their
2 continuing professional development activities need not
3 reflect or address the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local
4 school improvement plan.

5 (k) (Blank).

6 (l) (Blank).

7 (m) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act
8 of the 93rd General Assembly that affect renewal of Standard
9 and Master Certificates shall apply to those persons who hold
10 Standard or Master Certificates on or after the effective date
11 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall
12 be given effect upon renewal of those certificates.

13 (n) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-951, eff. 6-28-10; 97-607, eff. 8-26-11;
15 97-682, eff. 5-8-12; 97-1147, eff. 1-24-13.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

17 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued
18 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be
19 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each
20 content area, school support area, and administrative area for
21 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized
22 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs
23 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to
24 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement
25 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The

1 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit
2 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being
3 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being
4 recommended.

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

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

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

25 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general
26 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued.

1 Individuals who hold a valid and registered
2 administrative certificate with a general
3 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1
4 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a
5 general administrative endorsement issued prior to
6 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one
7 full year during the 5 years prior in a position
8 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,
9 upon request to the State Board of Education and
10 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general
11 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
12 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.
13 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general
14 administrative preparation program after September 1,
15 2012.

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

26 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment

1 developed by the State Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

25 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement
26 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of

1 any holder who qualifies by having all of the
2 following:

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

7 (ii) Four years of teaching in a public school
8 or nonpublic school recognized by the State Board
9 of Education; however, the State Board of
10 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
11 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall allow, by
12 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based
13 on meeting standards set forth in such rules,
14 including without limitation a review of
15 performance evaluations or other evidence of
16 demonstrated qualifications.

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

19 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A
20 chief school business official endorsement shall be
21 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
22 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or
23 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience
24 in school business management or 2 years of
25 university-approved practical experience, and a
26 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a

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

14 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent
15 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional
16 Educator License of any holder who has completed a
17 program approved by the State Board of Education for
18 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had
19 at least 2 years of experience employed as a full-time
20 principal, director of special education, or chief
21 school business official in the public schools or in a
22 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief
23 administrator is required to have the licensure
24 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this
25 State and where a majority of the teachers are required
26 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a

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

17 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
18 policy of this State to improve the quality of
19 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway
20 for teachers interested in serving in leadership
21 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of
22 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
23 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher
24 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons
25 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of
26 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader

1 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for
2 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may
3 qualify to serve in such positions as department
4 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction
5 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by
6 the district. The endorsement shall be available to
7 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator
8 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a
9 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have
10 completed a program of study that has been approved by
11 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
12 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
13 (iv) have taken coursework in all of the following
14 areas:

15 (I) Leadership.

16 (II) Designing professional development to
17 meet teaching and learning needs.

18 (III) Building school culture that focuses on
19 student learning.

20 (IV) Using assessments to improve student
21 learning and foster school improvement.

22 (V) Building collaboration with teachers and
23 stakeholders.

24 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
25 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may
26 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this

1 Code, provided that the individual has completed the
2 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this
3 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate
4 personnel under the respective school district's
5 collective bargaining agreement.

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

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

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

25 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,
26 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the

1 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may
2 add additional areas of special education by rule.

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

23 Beginning on October 1, 2013 and ending on January
24 31, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator
25 License with a school speech and language pathologist
26 (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school

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

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

7 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

8 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

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

12 (1) A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator
13 License or an Educator License with Stipulations and for
14 individuals seeking a Substitute Teaching License.
15 However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee
16 for a Professional Educator License, Educator License with
17 Stipulations, or Substitute Teaching License shall be
18 \$100.

19 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have
20 completed an approved educator preparation program outside
21 of this State or who hold a valid, comparable credential
22 from another state or country and are seeking any of the
23 licenses set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection
24 (a).

25 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or

1 approval an individual holding a license wishes to add to
2 that license.

3 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
4 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
5 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
6 and control over the school in which the individual holding
7 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
8 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
9 registered in any county in this State. The registration
10 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
11 individual registers the license for a particular validity
12 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
13 for that validity period should the individual
14 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
15 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
16 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
17 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
18 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
19 Code.

20 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
21 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
22 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
23 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
24 Education to provide the technology and human resources
25 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
26 applications and for the renewal of licenses. The Teacher

1 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to administrative
2 charge transfers, authorized under Section 8h of the State
3 Finance Act, from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund
4 into any other fund of this State, and moneys in the Teacher
5 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund shall not revert back to the
6 General Revenue Fund at any time.

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

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

19 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
20 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
21 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
22 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not
23 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must
24 be applied to the registration of the new license.

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

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

2 Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License ~~Licensure~~
3 renewal.

4 (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
5 ~~All licenses with endorsements~~ are required to complete the
6 licensure renewal requirements as specified in this Section,
7 unless otherwise provided in this Code.

8 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
9 ~~endorsed in a teaching field~~ shall meet the renewal
10 requirements set forth in this subsection (e) of Section,
11 unless otherwise provided in this Code 21-14 of this Code. ~~An~~
12 ~~individual holding a Professional Educator License with a~~
13 ~~general administrative, principal, chief school business~~
14 ~~official, or superintendent endorsement issued under this~~
15 ~~Article who is also working in a position using or requiring~~
16 ~~that endorsement is subject to the renewal requirements in~~
17 ~~subsection (c 10) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.~~ ~~An individual~~
18 ~~holding a Professional Educator License with a school personnel~~
19 ~~support endorsement and working in a position for which that~~
20 ~~endorsement is required must complete the licensure renewal~~
21 ~~requirements under Section 21-25 of this Code.~~ If an individual
22 holds a license endorsed licensure in more than one area that
23 has different renewal requirements, that individual shall
24 follow the renewal requirements for the position for which he
25 or she spends the majority of his or her time working.

26 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses ~~licenses~~ not

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

1 ~~educator's endorsement area or areas. Before the license may be~~
2 ~~reinstated, the applicant shall pay all back fees owed from the~~
3 ~~time of expiration of the license until the date of~~
4 ~~reinstatement.~~ Any license or endorsement may be voluntarily
5 surrendered by the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered
6 license shall be treated as a revoked license.

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

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

1 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
2 licensee's activities shall align with one or more of the
3 following criteria:

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

8 (2) professional development that aligns to the
9 licensee's performance;

10 (3) expected outcomes for the activities that relate to
11 student growth or district improvement;

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

14 (5) higher education coursework as defined by rule.

15 (e) For each fiscal year of the registration cycle (July 1
16 to June 30) each professional educator licensee shall engage in
17 professional development activities aligned to his or her
18 professional development plan or performance evaluation.
19 Within 60 days after the conclusion of a professional
20 development activity, the approved provider responsible for
21 the activity shall enter electronically into the Educator
22 Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name, date, and
23 location of the activity, name and Illinois educator
24 information number of each participant completing the
25 activity, the number of professional development hours, and the
26 provider's name. The following provisions shall apply

1 concerning professional development activities:

2 (1) Each licensee shall complete a minimum of 10 hours
3 of professional development during each fiscal year of the
4 renewal cycle. A total of 100 hours per 5-year renewal
5 cycle shall be completed in order to renew the license.

6 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
7 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
8 working in a position requiring such endorsement shall
9 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course as
10 described in Article 2 of this Code in each 5-year renewal
11 cycle in which the administrative endorsement was held for
12 at least one year. The Illinois Administrators' Academy
13 course may count toward the annual minimum of 10 hours and
14 the total of 100 hours per 5-year cycle.

15 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement
16 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement, or
17 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in
18 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day, shall
19 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course as
20 described in Article 2 of this Code each fiscal year in
21 addition to any required professional development
22 activities in accordance with this Code.

23 (4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for
24 Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher
25 designation during any particular fiscal year shall
26 complete a minimum of 5 hours of professional development,

1 which may include providing professional development that
2 aligns to NBPTS standards, for each year of the renewal
3 cycle. A total of 50 hours per 5-year renewal cycle shall
4 be completed in order to renew the license.

5 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not
6 require educator licensure or working in a position for
7 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be
8 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration
9 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the
10 license.

11 (6) Licensees who are retired from a State retirement
12 system shall notify the State Board of Education using
13 ELIS, and the license shall be maintained in retired
14 status. An individual with a license in retired status
15 shall not be required to complete professional development
16 activities or pay registration fees until returning to a
17 position that requires educator licensure. Upon returning
18 to work in a position that requires the Professional
19 Educator License, the licensee shall immediately pay a
20 registration fee and complete renewal requirements for
21 that year. A license in retired status cannot lapse.

22 (7) For any fiscal year in which professional
23 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the
24 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the
25 minimum professional development hours required in this
26 Section prior to September 1 of that year. For any fiscal

1 year or renewal cycle in which an Illinois Administrators'
2 Academy course was required but not completed, the licensee
3 shall complete any missed Illinois Administrators' Academy
4 courses prior to September 1 of that year. The licensee may
5 complete all deficient hours and Illinois Administrators'
6 Academy courses while continuing to work on that license
7 until September 1 of that year.

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

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

22 (10) Individuals who hold exempt certificates prior to
23 July 1, 2013 shall commence the annual renewal process with
24 the first scheduled registration due after July 1, 2013.

25 (f) Each licensee shall log into ELIS annually between
26 April 1 and June 30 to (i) attest to a statement, under penalty

1 of perjury, that he or she completed the professional
2 development requirements in this Section for renewal of his or
3 her Professional Educator License and (ii) respond to the
4 required legal questions.

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

8 (1) The State Board of Education.

9 (2) regional offices of education and intermediate
10 service centers.

11 (3) Illinois professional associations representing
12 the following groups and approved by the State
13 Superintendent of Education:

14 (A) school administrators;

15 (B) principals;

16 (C) school business officials;

17 (D) teachers;

18 (E) school boards; and

19 (F) local school districts.

20 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher
21 education that offer Illinois-approved educator
22 preparation programs.

23 (5) Illinois public school districts and special
24 education cooperatives.

25 (h) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section
26 shall make available professional development opportunities

1 that satisfy at least one of the following:

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

5 (2) improve the learning of students;

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

8 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

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

12 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various
13 types of classroom assessments;

14 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the
15 intended goals;

16 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to
17 collaborate; or

18 (9) prepare educators to apply research to
19 decision-making.

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

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

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

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

5 (4) enter completion data into ELIS for all
6 participants within 60 days after the activity; and

7 (5) maintain original documentation for completion of
8 activities.

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

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

18 (2) Approved providers shall annually submit data
19 demonstrating how the professional development activities
20 impacted one or more of the following:

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

23 (B) educator and student social and emotional
24 growth; or

25 (C) alignment to district or school improvement
26 plans.

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

8 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal
9 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each
10 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional
11 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and
12 entered by the providers, the licensee shall pay the
13 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or
14 debit card.

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

1 development requirements for the renewal of a Professional
2 Educator License provided for in this Section.

3 (m) Appeals to the State Superintendent of Education to
4 ensure professional development credit is received from
5 approved providers shall be as follows:

6 (1) If, after 65 days after a professional development
7 activity, the licensee has not received credit in his or
8 her ELIS file, the State Superintendent of Education shall
9 be notified using the electronic format in ELIS.

10 (2) The State Superintendent of Education shall
11 contact the provider within 15 days after receipt of the
12 notice to determine the cause of the professional
13 development activity not being credited.

14 (3) If the determination by the State Superintendent of
15 Education is that the licensee is entitled to the credit,
16 the provider shall enter the appropriate data into ELIS
17 within 15 days. If the determination is that the licensee
18 is not entitled to the professional development credit, he
19 or she shall be contacted within 15 days with that
20 information.

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

1 by rule.

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

6 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
7 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license in
8 order to determine whether the licensee has met the
9 requirements of this Section. The State Educator
10 Preparation and Licensure Board may hold an appeal hearing
11 or may make its determination based upon the record of
12 review, which shall 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 non-renewal 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 shall pay the
26 applicable registration fee for the next cycle using a form

1 of credit or debit card.

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

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

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