

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 21B-27 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-27 new)

7 Sec. 21B-27. Provisional certificate.

8 (a) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board may
9 issue a provisional certificate valid for teaching in early
10 childhood, elementary school, high school, or special subject
11 fields, for providing services as school service personnel, or
12 for administering schools, subject to the following
13 conditions: a provisional certificate may be issued to a person
14 who meets the requirements for a regular teaching, school
15 service personnel, or administrative certificate in another
16 state and who presents certified evidence of having earned a
17 bachelor's degree from a recognized institution of higher
18 learning. The academic and professional courses offered as a
19 basis of the provisional certificate shall be courses approved
20 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
21 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. A certificate earned
22 under this plan is valid for a period of 2 years and shall not
23 be renewed.

1 (b) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board may
2 also issue a provisional vocational certificate and a temporary
3 provisional vocational certificate.

4 (1) The requirements for a provisional vocational
5 certificate shall be determined by the State Board of
6 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
7 Preparation and Licensure Board, provided the following
8 minimum requirements are met: at least 60 semester hours of
9 credit from a recognized institution of higher learning. A
10 bachelor's degree is not required for this certificate.

11 (2) The requirements for a temporary provisional
12 vocational certificate shall be determined by the State
13 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
14 Preparation and Licensure Board, provided the following
15 minimum requirements are met: at least 8,000 hours of work
16 experience in the skill to be certified for teaching. Any
17 certificate issued under the provisions of this paragraph
18 (2) shall expire on June 30 following the date of issue.
19 Renewals may be granted on a yearly basis, but shall not be
20 granted to any person who does not file with the State
21 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board a transcript
22 showing at least 3 semester hours of credit earned during
23 the previous year in a recognized institution of learning.
24 No such certificate shall be issued except upon
25 certification by the employing board, subject to the
26 approval of the regional superintendent of schools, that no

1 qualified teacher holding a regular certificate or license
2 or a provisional vocational certificate is available and
3 that actual circumstances and need require such issuance.

4 The courses or work experience offered as a basis for the
5 issuance of the provisional vocational certificate or the
6 temporary provisional vocational certificate shall be approved
7 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
8 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

9 (c) Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,
10 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall issue
11 part-time provisional certificates to eligible individuals who
12 are professionals and craftsmen.

13 The requirements for a part-time provisional certificate
14 shall be determined by the State Board of Education, in
15 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
16 Board, provided the following minimum requirements are met: 60
17 semester hours of credit from a recognized institution of
18 higher learning or 4,000 hours of work experience in the skill
19 to be certified for teaching.

20 A part-time provisional certificate may be issued for
21 teaching no more than 2 courses of study for grades 6 through
22 12. A part-time provisional certificate shall be valid for 2
23 years and may be renewed at the end of each 2 year period.

24 (d) A person who qualifies for a certificate under this
25 Section is not required to hold a license under this Article.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

1 2013.