

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 21-28 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-28 new)

7 Sec. 21-28. Special education teachers; categorical
8 certification. The State Teacher Certification Board shall
9 categorically certify a special education teacher in one or
10 more of the following specialized categories of disability if
11 the special education teacher applies and qualifies for such
12 certification:

- 13 (1) Serious emotional disturbance.
- 14 (2) Learning disabilities.
- 15 (3) Autism.
- 16 (4) Mental retardation.
- 17 (5) Orthopedic (physical) impairment.
- 18 (6) Traumatic brain injury.
- 19 (7) Other health impairment.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.