

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 changing Section
5 21B-35 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

9 (a) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
10 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
11 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
12 Educator License endorsed in a teaching field or school support
13 personnel area must meet all of the following requirements:

14 (1) Provide evidence of completing a comparable
15 state-approved educator preparation program, as defined by
16 the State Superintendent of Education, or hold ~~Hold~~ a
17 comparable and valid educator license or certificate with
18 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from
19 another state. The State Board of Education shall have the
20 authority to determine what constitutes similar grade
21 level and subject matter credentials from another state. A
22 comparable educator license or certificate is one that
23 demonstrates that the license or certificate holder meets

1 similar requirements as candidates entitled by an
2 Illinois-approved educator preparation program in teaching
3 or school support personnel areas concerning coursework
4 aligned to standards concerning methods of instruction of
5 the exceptional child, methods of reading and reading in
6 the content area, and instructional strategies for English
7 learners. An applicant who holds a comparable and valid
8 educator license or certificate from another state must
9 submit verification to the State Board of Education that
10 the applicant has completed coursework concerning methods
11 of instruction of the exceptional child, methods of reading
12 and reading in the content area, and instructional
13 strategies for English learners.

14 (2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited
15 institution of higher education.

16 (3) (Blank).

17 (4) (Blank).

18 (5) (Blank).

19 (6) Have successfully met all Illinois examination
20 requirements. Applicants who have successfully completed a
21 test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at the time of
22 initial licensure in another state shall not be required to
23 complete a test of basic skills. Applicants who have
24 successfully completed a test of content, as defined by
25 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another state
26 shall not be required to complete a test of content.

1 Applicants for a teaching endorsement who have
2 successfully completed an evidence-based assessment of
3 teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of
4 initial licensure in another state shall not be required to
5 complete an evidence-based assessment of teacher
6 effectiveness.

7 (7) For applicants for a teaching endorsement, have
8 completed student teaching or an equivalent experience or,
9 for applicants for a school service personnel endorsement,
10 have completed an internship or an equivalent experience.

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

18 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License
19 endorsed in a teaching field, applicants trained in another
20 country must meet all of the following requirements:

21 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
22 another country.

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

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

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

5 (5) (Blank).

6 (6) (Blank).

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

21 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
22 experience.

23 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
24 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
25 institution of higher education and applicants trained in
26 another country applying for a Professional Educator License

1 endorsed for principal or superintendent must meet all of the
2 following requirements:

3 (1) Have completed an educator preparation program
4 approved by another state or comparable educator program in
5 another country leading to the receipt of a license or
6 certificate for the Illinois endorsement sought.

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

17 (3) (Blank).

18 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards
19 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
20 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,
21 and instructional strategies for English learners.

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

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

25 A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a
26 superintendent or principal may be affixed to an Educator

1 License with Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of
2 this Code.

3 (b-7) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
4 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
5 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
6 Educator License endorsed for Director of Special Education
7 must meet all of the following requirements:

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

9 (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing
10 special education services.

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

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

21 A provisional educator endorsement to serve as Director of
22 Special Education may be affixed to an Educator License with
23 Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of this Code.

24 (b-10) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
25 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
26 institution of higher education applying for a Professional

1 Educator License endorsed for chief school business official
2 must meet all of the following requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.