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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1947

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1947 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 ~~held~~ a

1 comparable and valid educator license or certificate with
2 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from
3 another state. The State Board of Education shall have the
4 authority to determine what constitutes similar grade
5 level and subject matter credentials from another state. A
6 comparable educator license or certificate is one that
7 demonstrates that the license or certificate holder meets
8 similar requirements as candidates entitled by an
9 Illinois-approved educator preparation program in teaching
10 or school support personnel areas concerning coursework
11 aligned to standards concerning methods of instruction of
12 the exceptional child, methods of reading and reading in
13 the content area, and instructional strategies for English
14 learners. An applicant who holds a comparable and valid
15 educator license or certificate from another state must
16 submit verification to the State Board of Education that
17 the applicant has completed coursework concerning methods
18 of instruction of the exceptional child, methods of reading
19 and reading in the content area, and instructional
20 strategies for English learners.

21 (2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited
22 institution of higher education and the degreed major or a
23 constructed major must directly correspond to the license
24 or endorsement sought.

25 (3) (Blank).

26 (4) (Blank).

1 (5) (Blank).

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

16 (7) For applicants for a teaching endorsement, have
17 completed student teaching or an equivalent experience or,
18 for applicants for a school service personnel endorsement,
19 have completed an internship or an equivalent experience.

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

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

4 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
5 another country.

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

8 (3) Hold a degreed major that must directly correspond
9 to the license or endorsement sought.

10 (4) (Blank).

11 (5) (Blank).

12 (6) (Blank).

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

1 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
2 experience.

3 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
4 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
5 institution of higher education and applicants trained in
6 another country applying for a Professional Educator License
7 endorsed for principal or superintendent must meet all of the
8 following requirements:

9 (1) Have completed an educator preparation program
10 approved by another state or comparable educator program in
11 another country leading to the receipt of a license or
12 certificate for the Illinois endorsement sought.

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

23 (3) (Blank).

24 A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a
25 superintendent or principal may be affixed to an Educator
26 License with Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of

1 this Code.

2 (b-10) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
3 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
4 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
5 Educator License endorsed for chief school business official
6 must meet all of the following requirements:

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

9 (2) Have successfully completed an internship in
10 school business management or have 2 years of experience as
11 a school business administrator.

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

18 (4) Have successfully completed modules in reading
19 methods, special education, and English Learners.

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

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

26 (Source: P.A. 98-581, eff. 8-27-13; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15;

1 99-920, eff. 1-6-17.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.".