

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 Sections
5 21B-25, 21B-40, and 21B-45 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

7 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued
8 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be
9 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each
10 content area, school support area, and administrative area for
11 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized
12 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs
13 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to
14 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement
15 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The
16 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit
17 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being
18 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being
19 recommended.

20 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
21 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
22 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area
23 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator

1 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for
2 obtaining each endorsement.

3 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content
4 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of
5 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
6 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the
7 requirements for the following endorsements:

8 (A) General administrative endorsement. A general
9 administrative endorsement shall be added to a
10 Professional Educator License, provided that an
11 approved program has been completed. An individual
12 holding a general administrative endorsement may work
13 only as a principal or assistant principal or in a
14 related or similar position, as determined by the State
15 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
16 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

17 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general
18 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued.
19 Individuals who hold a valid and registered
20 administrative certificate with a general
21 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1
22 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a
23 general administrative endorsement issued prior to
24 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one
25 full year during the 5 years prior in a position
26 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,

1 upon request to the State Board of Education and
2 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general
3 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
4 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.
5 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general
6 administrative preparation program after September 1,
7 2012.

8 All other individuals holding a valid and
9 registered administrative certificate with a general
10 administrative endorsement issued pursuant to Section
11 21-7.1 of this Code or a general administrative
12 endorsement on a Professional Educator License issued
13 prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general
14 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
15 endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon
16 request to the State Board of Education and by
17 completing one of the following pathways:

18 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment
19 developed by the State Board of Education.

20 (ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an
21 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by
22 the State Superintendent of Education.

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

26 Individuals who do not choose to convert the

1 general administrative endorsement on the
2 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section
3 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator
4 License shall continue to be able to serve in any
5 position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of
6 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

7 The general administrative endorsement on the
8 Professional Educator License is available only to
9 individuals who, prior to September 1, 2014, had such
10 an endorsement on the administrative certificate
11 issued pursuant to Section 21-7.1 of this Code or who
12 already have a Professional Educator License and have
13 completed a general administrative program and who do
14 not choose to convert the general administrative
15 endorsement to a principal endorsement pursuant to the
16 options in this Section.

17 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement
18 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of
19 any holder who qualifies by having all of the
20 following:

21 (i) Successful completion of a principal
22 preparation program approved in accordance with
23 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable
24 rules.

25 (ii) Four years of teaching in a public school
26 or nonpublic school recognized by the State Board

1 of Education; however, the State Board of
2 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
3 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall allow, by
4 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based
5 on meeting standards set forth in such rules,
6 including without limitation a review of
7 performance evaluations or other evidence of
8 demonstrated qualifications.

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

11 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A
12 chief school business official endorsement shall be
13 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
14 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or
15 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience
16 in school business management or 2 years of
17 university-approved practical experience, and a
18 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a
19 program approved by the State Board of Education for
20 the preparation of school business administrators and
21 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief
22 school business official endorsement may also be
23 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
24 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in
25 business administration, finance, or accounting and
26 who completes an additional 6 semester hours of

1 internship in school business management from a
2 regionally accredited institution of higher education
3 and passes the applicable State tests. This
4 endorsement shall be required for any individual
5 employed as a chief school business official.

6 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent
7 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional
8 Educator License of any holder who has completed a
9 program approved by the State Board of Education for
10 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had
11 at least 2 years of experience employed as a full-time
12 principal, director of special education, or chief
13 school business official in the public schools or in a
14 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief
15 administrator is required to have the licensure
16 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this
17 State and where a majority of the teachers are required
18 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a
19 public school in this State, and has passed the
20 required State tests; or of any holder who has
21 completed a program from out-of-state that has a
22 program with recognition standards comparable to those
23 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and
24 holds the general administrative, principal, or chief
25 school business official endorsement and who has had 2
26 years of experience as a principal, director of special

1 education, or chief school business official while
2 holding a valid educator license or certificate
3 comparable in validity and educational and experience
4 requirements and has passed the appropriate State
5 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The
6 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to
7 serve only as a superintendent or assistant
8 superintendent.

9 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
10 policy of this State to improve the quality of
11 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway
12 for teachers interested in serving in leadership
13 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of
14 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
15 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher
16 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons
17 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of
18 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader
19 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for
20 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may
21 qualify to serve in such positions as department
22 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction
23 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by
24 the district. The endorsement shall be available to
25 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator
26 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a

1 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have
2 completed a program of study that has been approved by
3 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
4 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
5 (iv) have taken coursework in all of the following
6 areas:

7 (I) Leadership.

8 (II) Designing professional development to
9 meet teaching and learning needs.

10 (III) Building school culture that focuses on
11 student learning.

12 (IV) Using assessments to improve student
13 learning and foster school improvement.

14 (V) Building collaboration with teachers and
15 stakeholders.

16 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
17 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may
18 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this
19 Code, provided that the individual has completed the
20 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this
21 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate
22 personnel under the respective school district's
23 collective bargaining agreement.

24 The State Board of Education, in consultation with
25 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
26 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish

1 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program
2 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement
3 shall be required.

4 (F) Special education endorsement. A special
5 education endorsement in one or more areas shall be
6 affixed to a Professional Educator License for any
7 individual that meets those requirements established
8 by the State Board of Education in rules. Special
9 education endorsement areas shall include without
10 limitation the following:

- 11 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;
- 12 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;
- 13 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;
- 14 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;
- 15 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing; and
- 16 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education.

17 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,
18 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
19 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may
20 add additional areas of special education by rule.

21 (G) School support personnel endorsement. School
22 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but
23 are not limited to, school counselor, marriage and
24 family therapist, school psychologist, school speech
25 and language pathologist, school nurse, and school
26 social worker. This endorsement is for individuals who

1 are not teachers or administrators, but still require
2 licensure to work in an instructional support position
3 in a public or State-operated elementary school,
4 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
5 with a governing body or board of control or a charter
6 school operating in compliance with the Charter
7 Schools Law. The school support personnel endorsement
8 shall be affixed to the Professional Educator License
9 and shall meet all of the requirements established in
10 any rules adopted to implement this subdivision (G).
11 The holder of such an endorsement is entitled to all of
12 the rights and privileges granted holders of any other
13 Professional Educator License, including teacher
14 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

15 Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April
16 30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator
17 License with a school speech and language pathologist
18 (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school
19 speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement
20 for a school speech and language pathologist
21 (non-teaching) endorsement through application to the
22 State Board of Education. There shall be no cost for
23 this exchange.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11; 98-413, eff. 8-16-13.)

1 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

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

5 (1) A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator
6 License or an Educator License with Stipulations and for
7 individuals seeking a Substitute Teaching License.
8 However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee
9 for a Professional Educator License, Educator License with
10 Stipulations, or Substitute Teaching License shall be
11 \$100.

12 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have
13 completed an approved educator preparation program outside
14 of this State or who hold a valid, comparable credential
15 from another state or country and are seeking any of the
16 licenses set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection
17 (a).

18 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
19 approval an individual holding a license wishes to add to
20 that license.

21 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
22 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
23 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
24 and control over the school in which the individual holding
25 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
26 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be

1 registered in any county in this State. The registration
2 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
3 individual registers the license for a particular validity
4 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
5 for that validity period should the individual
6 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
7 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
8 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
9 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
10 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
11 Code.

12 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
13 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
14 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
15 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
16 Education to provide the technology and human resources
17 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
18 applications and for the renewal of licenses. The Teacher
19 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to administrative
20 charge transfers, authorized under Section 8h of the State
21 Finance Act, from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund
22 into any other fund of this State, and moneys in the Teacher
23 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund shall not revert back to the
24 General Revenue Fund at any time.

25 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
26 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of

1 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
2 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

3 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
4 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
5 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
6 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
7 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor
8 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
9 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must
10 be paid to that company or vendor.

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

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

18 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

19 Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License ~~Licensure~~
20 renewal.

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

25 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License

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

18 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses ~~licenses~~ not
19 renewed as provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1
20 of that year ~~or registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of~~
21 ~~this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the~~
22 ~~expiration of the last year of registration.~~ Lapsed licenses
23 may be immediately reinstated upon (i) payment by the applicant
24 of a \$500 penalty to the State Board of Education or, for
25 individuals holding an Educator License with Stipulations with
26 a paraprofessional educator endorsement only, payment by the

1 applicant of a \$150 penalty to the State Board of Education or
2 (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by completing 9 semester
3 hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution of
4 higher education in the content area that most aligns with one
5 or more of the educator's endorsement areas. Any and all back
6 fees, including without limitation registration fees owed from
7 the time of expiration of the certificate until the date of
8 reinstatement, shall be paid and kept in accordance with the
9 provisions in Article 3 of this Code concerning an institute
10 fund and the provisions in Article 21B of this Code concerning
11 fees and requirements for registration. Licenses not
12 registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of this Code shall
13 lapse after a period of 6 months from the expiration of the
14 last year of registration. An unregistered license is invalid
15 after September 1 for employment and performance of services in
16 an Illinois public or State-operated school or cooperative and
17 in a charter school. The license may be reinstated once the
18 ~~applicant has demonstrated proficiency by completing 9~~
19 ~~semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited~~
20 ~~institution of higher education in the content area that most~~
21 ~~aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas. Before~~
22 ~~the license may be reinstated, the applicant shall pay all back~~
23 ~~fees owed from the time of expiration of the license until the~~
24 ~~date of reinstatement.~~ Any license or endorsement may be
25 voluntarily surrendered by the license holder. A voluntarily
26 surrendered license, except a substitute teaching license

1 issued under Section 21B-20 of this Code, shall be treated as a
2 revoked license.

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

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

23 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
24 licensee's professional development activities shall align
25 with one or more of the following criteria:

26 (1) activities are of a type that engage participants

1 over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis,
2 discovery, and application as they relate to student
3 learning, social or emotional achievement, or well-being;

4 (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's
5 performance;

6 (3) outcomes for the activities must relate to student
7 growth or district improvement;

8 (4) activities align to State-approved standards; and

9 (5) higher education coursework.

10 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator
11 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.
12 Within 60 days after the conclusion of a professional
13 development activity, the licensee shall enter electronically
14 into the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name,
15 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional
16 development hours, and the provider's name. The following
17 provisions shall apply concerning professional development
18 activities:

19 (1) Each licensee shall complete a total of 120 hours
20 of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in
21 order to renew the license, except as otherwise provided in
22 this Section.

23 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
24 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
25 working in a position requiring such endorsement shall
26 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as

1 described in Article 2 of this Code, in each 5-year renewal
2 cycle in which the administrative endorsement was held for
3 at least one year. The Illinois Administrators' Academy
4 course may count toward the total of 120 hours per 5-year
5 cycle.

6 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement
7 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or
8 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in
9 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall
10 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as
11 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in
12 addition to 100 hours of professional development per
13 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

14 (4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for
15 Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher
16 designation shall complete a total of 60 hours of
17 professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order
18 to renew the license.

19 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not
20 require educator licensure or working in a position for
21 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be
22 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration
23 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the
24 license.

25 (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits
26 from a State retirement system shall notify the State Board

1 of Education using ELIS, and the license shall be
2 maintained in retired status. An individual with a license
3 in retired status shall not be required to complete
4 professional development activities or pay registration
5 fees until returning to a position that requires educator
6 licensure. Upon returning to work in a position that
7 requires the Professional Educator License, the licensee
8 shall immediately pay a registration fee and complete
9 renewal requirements for that year. A license in retired
10 status cannot lapse.

11 (7) For any renewal cycle in which professional
12 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the
13 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the
14 minimum professional development hours required in this
15 Section prior to September 1 of that year. For any fiscal
16 year or renewal cycle in which an Illinois Administrators'
17 Academy course was required but not completed, the licensee
18 shall complete any missed Illinois Administrators' Academy
19 courses prior to September 1 of that year. The licensee may
20 complete all deficient hours and Illinois Administrators'
21 Academy courses while continuing to work in a position that
22 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

23 (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the professional
24 development renewal requirements set forth in this Section
25 at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is ineligible to
26 register his or her license and may submit an appeal to the

1 State Superintendent of Education for reinstatement of the
2 license.

3 (9) If professional development opportunities were
4 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were
5 unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond
6 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be
7 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the
8 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an
9 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid
10 during the extension period.

11 (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to the
12 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
13 Assembly shall commence the annual renewal process with the
14 first scheduled registration due after the effective date
15 of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.

16 (f) At the time of renewal, each licensee shall respond to
17 the required questions under penalty of perjury.

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

21 (1) The State Board of Education.

22 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate
23 service centers.

24 (3) Illinois professional associations representing
25 the following groups that are approved by the State
26 Superintendent of Education:

- 1 (A) school administrators;
2 (B) principals;
3 (C) school business officials;
4 (D) teachers, including special education
5 teachers;
6 (E) school boards;
7 (F) school districts;
8 (G) parents; and
9 (H) school service personnel.

10 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher
11 education that offer Illinois-approved educator
12 preparation programs.

13 (5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools
14 authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint
15 educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this
16 Code for the purposes of providing career and technical
17 education or special education services.

18 (h) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section
19 shall make available professional development opportunities
20 that satisfy at least one of the following:

21 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and
22 district leaders who guide continuous professional
23 development;

24 (2) improve the learning of students;

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

- 1 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;
2 (5) provide educators with research-based
3 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting
4 rigorous academic standards;
5 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various
6 types of classroom assessments;
7 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the
8 intended goals;
9 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to
10 collaborate; or
11 (9) prepare educators to apply research to
12 decision-making.
13 (i) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section
14 shall do the following:
15 (1) align professional development activities to the
16 State-approved national standards for professional
17 learning;
18 (2) meet the professional development criteria for
19 Illinois licensure renewal;
20 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains
21 how it aligns to State standards and identify the
22 assessment for determining the expected impact on student
23 learning or school improvement;
24 (4) maintain original documentation for completion of
25 activities; and
26 (5) provide license holders with evidence of

1 completion of activities.

2 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual
3 audits of approved providers, except for school districts,
4 which shall be audited by regional offices of education and
5 intermediate service centers. The State Board of Education
6 shall complete random audits of licensees.

7 (1) Approved providers shall annually submit to the
8 State Board of Education a list of subcontractors used for
9 delivery of professional development activities for which
10 renewal credit was issued and other information as defined
11 by rule.

12 (2) Approved providers shall annually submit data to
13 the State Board of Education demonstrating how the
14 professional development activities impacted one or more
15 of the following:

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

18 (B) educator and student social and emotional
19 growth; or

20 (C) alignment to district or school improvement
21 plans.

22 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review
23 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,
24 regional offices of education, and intermediate service
25 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has
26 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved

1 provider or if further action should be taken as provided
2 in rules.

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

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

24 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
25 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from
26 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not

1 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of
2 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State
3 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed
4 by rule.

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

9 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
10 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license
11 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to
12 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of
13 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure
14 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its
15 determination based upon the record of review, which shall
16 consist of the following:

17 (A) the regional superintendent of education's
18 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,
19 if applicable;

20 (B) any evidence submitted to the State
21 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic
22 statement of assurance for renewal; and

23 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for
24 nonrenewal of the license.

25 (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
26 shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license

1 renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no
2 later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt
3 of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall
4 pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle
5 using a form of credit or debit card.

6 (n) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as may be
7 necessary to implement this Section.

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

9 (105 ILCS 5/21-14 rep.)

10 Section 10. The School Code is amended by repealing Section
11 21-14.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.