

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-15, 21B-20, 21B-25, 21B-35, and 21B-45 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-15)

7 Sec. 21B-15. Qualifications of educators.

8 (a) No one may be licensed to teach or supervise or be
9 otherwise employed in the public schools of this State who is
10 not of good character and at least 19 ~~20~~ years of age.

11 In determining good character under this Section, the State
12 Superintendent of Education shall take into consideration the
13 disciplinary actions of other states or national entities
14 against certificates or licenses issued by those states and
15 held by individuals from those states. In addition, any felony
16 conviction of the applicant may be taken into consideration;
17 however, no one may be licensed to teach or supervise in the
18 public schools of this State who has been convicted of (i) an
19 offense set forth in subsection (b) of Section 21B-80 of this
20 Code until 7 years following the end of the sentence for the
21 criminal offense or (ii) an offense set forth in subsection (c)
22 of Section 21B-80 of this Code. Unless the conviction is for an
23 offense set forth in Section 21B-80 of this Code, an applicant

1 must be permitted to submit character references or other
2 written material before such a conviction or other information
3 regarding the applicant's character may be used by the State
4 Superintendent of Education as a basis for denying the
5 application.

6 (b) No person otherwise qualified shall be denied the right
7 to be licensed or to receive training for the purpose of
8 becoming an educator because of a physical disability,
9 including, but not limited to, visual and hearing disabilities;
10 nor shall any school district refuse to employ a teacher on
11 such grounds, provided that the person is able to carry out the
12 duties of the position for which he or she applies.

13 (c) No person may be granted or continue to hold an
14 educator license who has knowingly altered or misrepresented
15 his or her qualifications, in this State or any other state, in
16 order to acquire or renew the license. Any other license issued
17 under this Article held by the person may be suspended or
18 revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
19 depending upon the severity of the alteration or
20 misrepresentation.

21 (d) No one may teach or supervise in the public schools nor
22 receive for teaching or supervising any part of any public
23 school fund who does not hold an educator license granted by
24 the State Superintendent of Education as provided in this
25 Article. However, the provisions of this Article do not apply
26 to a member of the armed forces who is employed as a teacher of

1 subjects in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of any school,
2 nor to an individual teaching a dual credit course as provided
3 for in the Dual Credit Quality Act.

4 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the
5 school board of a school district may grant to a teacher of the
6 district a leave of absence with full pay for a period of not
7 more than one year to permit the teacher to teach in a foreign
8 state under the provisions of the Exchange Teacher Program
9 established under Public Law 584, 79th Congress, and Public Law
10 402, 80th Congress, as amended. The school board granting the
11 leave of absence may employ, with or without pay, a national of
12 the foreign state wherein the teacher on the leave of absence
13 is to teach if the national is qualified to teach in that
14 foreign state and if that national is to teach in a grade level
15 similar to the one that was taught in the foreign state. The
16 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
17 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt rules as
18 may be necessary to implement this subsection (e).

19 (Source: P.A. 99-667, eff. 7-29-16.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

21 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. Before July 1, 2013, the
22 State Board of Education shall implement a system of educator
23 licensure, whereby individuals employed in school districts
24 who are required to be licensed must have one of the following
25 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) a

1 professional educator license with stipulations; or (iii) a
2 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
3 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
4 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
5 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed
6 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
7 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

8 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
9 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
10 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
11 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

12 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
13 have successfully completed an approved educator
14 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
15 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
16 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
17 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
18 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
19 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
20 the exceptional child, including without limitation
21 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have
22 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
23 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
24 criteria established by rule of the State Board of
25 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
26 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30

1 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
2 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
3 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
4 eligible to practice.

5 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
6 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
7 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
8 in the endorsement area, unless otherwise specified by
9 rule, and passage of the applicable content area test.

10 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
11 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
12 that limits the license holder to one particular position
13 or does not require completion of an approved educator
14 program or both.

15 An individual with an Educator License with
16 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
17 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
18 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

19 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
20 with the following endorsements:

21 (A) Provisional educator. A provisional educator
22 endorsement in a specific content area or areas on an
23 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
24 applicant who holds an educator license from another
25 state, U.S. territory, or foreign country and who, at
26 the time of applying for an Illinois license, does not

1 meet the minimum requirements under Section 21B-35 of
2 this Code, but does, at a minimum, meet the following
3 requirements:

4 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
5 bachelor's degree, unless a master's degree is
6 required for the endorsement, from a regionally
7 accredited college or university or, for
8 individuals educated in a country other than the
9 United States, the equivalent of a minimum of a
10 bachelor's degree issued in the United States,
11 unless a master's degree is required for the
12 endorsement.

13 (ii) Has passed or passes a test of basic
14 skills and content area test prior to or within one
15 year after issuance of the provisional educator
16 endorsement on the Educator License with
17 Stipulations. If an individual who holds an
18 Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for
19 provisional educator has not passed a test of basic
20 skills and applicable content area test or tests
21 within one year after issuance of the endorsement,
22 the endorsement shall expire on June 30 following
23 one full year of the endorsement being issued. If
24 such an individual has passed the test of basic
25 skills and applicable content area test or tests
26 either prior to issuance of the endorsement or

1 within one year after issuance of the endorsement,
2 the endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately
3 following 2 years of the license being issued,
4 during which time any and all coursework
5 deficiencies must be met and any and all additional
6 testing deficiencies must be met.

7 In addition, a provisional educator endorsement
8 for principals or superintendents may be issued if the
9 individual meets the requirements set forth in
10 subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (b-5) of Section
11 21B-35 of this Code. Applicants who have not been
12 entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation
13 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
14 shall not receive a provisional educator endorsement
15 if the person completed an alternative licensure
16 program in another state, unless the program has been
17 determined to be equivalent to Illinois program
18 requirements.

19 Notwithstanding any other requirements of this
20 Section, a service member or spouse of a service member
21 may obtain a Professional Educator License with
22 Stipulations, and a provisional educator endorsement
23 in a specific content area or areas, if he or she holds
24 a valid teaching certificate or license in good
25 standing from another state, meets the qualifications
26 of educators outlined in Section 21B-15 of this Code,

1 and has not engaged in any misconduct that would
2 prohibit an individual from obtaining a license
3 pursuant to Illinois law, including without limitation
4 any administrative rules of the State Board of
5 Education.

6 In this Section, "service member" means any person
7 who, at the time of application under this Section, is
8 an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces
9 or any reserve component of the United States Armed
10 Forces or the National Guard of any state,
11 commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the
12 District of Columbia.

13 A provisional educator endorsement is valid until
14 June 30 immediately following 2 years of the license
15 being issued, provided that any remaining testing and
16 coursework deficiencies are met as set forth in this
17 Section. Failure to satisfy all stated deficiencies
18 shall mean the individual, including any service
19 member or spouse who has obtained a Professional
20 Educator License with Stipulations and a provisional
21 educator endorsement in a specific content area or
22 areas, is ineligible to receive a Professional
23 Educator License at that time. An Educator License with
24 Stipulations endorsed for provisional educator shall
25 not be renewed for individuals who hold an Educator
26 License with Stipulations and who have held a position

1 in a public school or non-public school recognized by
2 the State Board of Education.

3 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
4 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
5 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
6 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
7 endorsement, has done all of the following:

8 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
9 college or university with a minimum of a
10 bachelor's degree.

11 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
12 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
13 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
14 Code.

15 (iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content
16 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
17 Code.

18 The alternative provisional educator endorsement
19 is valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for
20 a third year by an individual meeting the requirements
21 set forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

22 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An
23 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
24 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
25 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant
26 superintendent in a school district's central office.

1 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
2 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
3 done all of the following:

4 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
5 college or university with a minimum of a master's
6 degree in a management field other than education.

7 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
8 years in a management level position in a field
9 other than education.

10 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
11 of an alternative route to superintendent
12 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
13 of this Code.

14 (iv) Passed a test of basic skills and content
15 area tests required under Section 21B-30 of this
16 Code.

17 The endorsement may be registered for 2 fiscal
18 years in order to complete one full year of serving as
19 a superintendent or assistant superintendent.

20 (D) Resident teacher endorsement. A resident
21 teacher endorsement on an Educator License with
22 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at the
23 time of applying for the endorsement, has done all of
24 the following:

25 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
26 institution of higher education with a minimum of a

1 bachelor's degree.

2 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator
3 preparation program.

4 (iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content
5 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
6 Code.

7 The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator
8 License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of
9 teaching and shall not be renewed.

10 A resident teacher may teach only under the
11 direction of a licensed teacher, who shall act as the
12 resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of
13 a licensed teacher. A resident teacher endorsement on
14 an Educator License with Stipulations shall no longer
15 be valid after June 30, 2017.

16 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
17 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
18 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
19 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
20 regionally accredited institution of higher education
21 and has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside
22 of education in each area to be taught.

23 The career and technical educator endorsement on
24 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
25 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
26 endorsement being issued and may be renewed. For

1 individuals who were issued the career and technical
2 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
3 Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license
4 may be renewed if the individual passes a test of basic
5 skills or test of work proficiency, as required under
6 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

7 An individual who holds a valid career and
8 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
9 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree
10 may substitute teach in career and technical education
11 classrooms.

12 (F) Part-time provisional career and technical
13 educator or provisional career and technical educator.
14 A part-time provisional career and technical educator
15 endorsement or a provisional career and technical
16 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
17 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has a
18 minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill
19 for which the applicant is seeking the endorsement. It
20 is the responsibility of each employing school board
21 and regional office of education to provide
22 verification, in writing, to the State Superintendent
23 of Education at the time the application is submitted
24 that no qualified teacher holding a Professional
25 Educator License or an Educator License with
26 Stipulations with a career and technical educator

1 endorsement is available and that actual circumstances
2 require such issuance.

3 The provisional career and technical educator
4 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
5 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
6 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed only
7 one time for 5 years. For individuals who were issued
8 the provisional career and technical educator
9 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
10 on or after January 1, 2015, the license may be renewed
11 one time if the individual passes a test of basic
12 skills or test of work proficiency, as required under
13 Section 21B-30 of this Code, ~~and has completed a~~
14 ~~minimum of 20 semester hours from a regionally~~
15 ~~accredited institution.~~

16 A part-time provisional career and technical
17 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
18 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
19 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time
20 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
21 on an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
22 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
23 endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5 years
24 if the individual makes application for renewal.

25 An individual who holds a provisional or part-time
26 provisional career and technical educator endorsement

1 on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not
2 hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career
3 and technical education classrooms.

4 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
5 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
6 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
7 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
8 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
9 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all
10 of the following requirements:

11 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
12 writing ability in the language other than English
13 in which transitional bilingual education is
14 offered.

15 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
16 communicate in English.

17 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
18 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
19 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
20 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
21 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
22 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
23 a foreign country that the State Educator
24 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
25 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
26 regionally accredited institution of higher

1 learning in the United States.

2 A transitional bilingual educator endorsement
3 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12, is
4 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
5 the endorsement being issued, and shall not be renewed.

6 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
7 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
8 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
9 replaced for any reason.

10 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
11 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
12 other than English in the public schools, an individual
13 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may
14 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that
15 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he
16 or she meets all of the following requirements:

17 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
18 endorsement.

19 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
20 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
21 by passing the applicable language content test
22 required by the State Board of Education.

23 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
24 a regionally accredited institution of higher
25 education or, for individuals educated in a
26 country other than the United States, holds a

1 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
2 foreign country that the State Educator
3 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
4 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
5 regionally accredited institution of higher
6 learning in the United States.

7 (iv) Has passed a test of basic skills, as
8 required under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

9 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
10 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
11 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
12 individual's transitional bilingual educator
13 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
14 and shall not be renewed.

15 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
16 international educator endorsement on an Educator
17 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
18 individual who is being recruited by a particular
19 school district that conducts formal recruitment
20 programs outside of the United States to secure the
21 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
22 following requirements:

23 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
24 bachelor's degree issued in the United States.

25 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the
26 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

1 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
2 subject to be taught.

3 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
4 language.

5 A holder of a visiting international educator
6 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
7 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
8 programs in the language that was the medium of
9 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
10 provided that he or she passes the English Language
11 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
12 skills in English identified by the State Board of
13 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
14 Preparation and Licensure Board.

15 A visiting international educator endorsement on
16 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
17 years and shall not be renewed.

18 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
19 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
20 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
21 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
22 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
23 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
24 institution of higher education or has passed a test of
25 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this
26 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is

1 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
2 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
3 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
4 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
5 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
6 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
7 in order to renew the endorsement.

8 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
9 business official endorsement on an Educator License
10 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who
11 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2
12 years of full-time administrative experience in school
13 business management or 2 years of university-approved
14 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
15 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
16 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
17 business administrators and by passage of the
18 applicable State tests, including a test of basic
19 skills and applicable content area test.

20 The chief school business official endorsement may
21 also be affixed to the Educator License with
22 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
23 master's degree in business administration, finance,
24 or accounting and who completes an additional 6
25 semester hours of internship in school business
26 management from a regionally accredited institution of

1 higher education and passes the applicable State
2 tests, including a test of basic skills and applicable
3 content area test. This endorsement shall be required
4 for any individual employed as a chief school business
5 official.

6 The chief school business official endorsement on
7 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
8 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
9 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the
10 license holder completes renewal requirements as
11 required for individuals who hold a Professional
12 Educator License endorsed for chief school business
13 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such
14 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of
15 Education.

16 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
17 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
18 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
19 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation
20 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
21 and who has not successfully completed an
22 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
23 who meets all of the following requirements:

24 (i) Holds at least a bachelor's degree.

25 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
26 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

1 (iii) Has passed a test of basic skills and
2 applicable content area test, as required by
3 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

4 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
5 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a
6 minimum score on that assessment, as established
7 by the State Board of Education in consultation
8 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
9 Board.

10 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
11 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
12 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
13 be renewed.

14 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
15 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
16 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
17 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
18 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
19 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
20 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
21 higher education.

22 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

23 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
24 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
25 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
26 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or

1 has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then
2 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute
3 Teaching License.

4 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
5 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
6 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
7 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district
8 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30
9 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if
10 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of
11 education within 5 business days after the employment of
12 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An
13 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy
14 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or
15 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of
16 the district exceed previous indications, and the district
17 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed
18 teacher for the vacant position.

19 There is no limit on the number of days that a
20 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
21 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
22 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under
23 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who
24 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
25 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
26 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the

1 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
2 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
3 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
4 of this Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-28, eff. 7-1-13; 98-751, eff. 1-1-15; 99-35,
6 eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-642,
7 eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

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

22 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
23 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
24 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area
25 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 except to individuals who completed all coursework
20 requirements for the receipt of the general
21 administrative endorsement by September 1, 2014, who
22 have completed all testing requirements by June 30,
23 2016, and who apply for the endorsement on or before
24 June 30, 2016. Individuals who hold a valid and
25 registered administrative certificate with a general
26 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1

1 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a
2 general administrative endorsement issued prior to
3 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one
4 full year during the 5 years prior in a position
5 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,
6 upon request to the State Board of Education and
7 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general
8 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
9 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.
10 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general
11 administrative preparation program after September 1,
12 2012.

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

23 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment
24 developed by the State Board of Education.

25 (ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an
26 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by

1 the State Superintendent of Education.

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

5 Individuals who do not choose to convert the
6 general administrative endorsement on the
7 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section
8 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator
9 License shall continue to be able to serve in any
10 position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of
11 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

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

22 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement
23 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of
24 any holder who qualifies by having all of the
25 following:

26 (i) Successful completion of a principal

1 preparation program approved in accordance with
2 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable
3 rules.

4 (ii) At least 4 total years of teaching or,
5 until June 30, 2021, 4 total years of working in
6 the capacity of school support personnel in an
7 Illinois public school or nonpublic school
8 recognized by the State Board of Education or in an
9 out-of-state public school or out-of-state
10 nonpublic school meeting out-of-state recognition
11 standards comparable to those approved by the
12 State Superintendent of Education; however, the
13 State Board of Education, in consultation with the
14 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
15 shall allow, by rules, for fewer than 4 years of
16 experience based on meeting standards set forth in
17 such rules, including without limitation a review
18 of performance evaluations or other evidence of
19 demonstrated qualifications.

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

22 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A
23 chief school business official endorsement shall be
24 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
25 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or
26 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience

1 in school business management or 2 years of
2 university-approved practical experience, and a
3 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a
4 program approved by the State Board of Education for
5 the preparation of school business administrators and
6 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief
7 school business official endorsement may also be
8 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
9 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in
10 business administration, finance, or accounting and
11 who completes an additional 6 semester hours of
12 internship in school business management from a
13 regionally accredited institution of higher education
14 and passes the applicable State tests. This
15 endorsement shall be required for any individual
16 employed as a chief school business official.

17 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent
18 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional
19 Educator License of any holder who has completed a
20 program approved by the State Board of Education for
21 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had
22 at least 2 years of experience employed full-time in a
23 general administrative position or as a full-time
24 principal, director of special education, or chief
25 school business official in the public schools or in a
26 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief

1 administrator is required to have the licensure
2 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this
3 State and where a majority of the teachers are required
4 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a
5 public school in this State, and has passed the
6 required State tests; or of any holder who has
7 completed a program that is not an Illinois-approved
8 educator preparation program at an Illinois
9 institution of higher education and that has
10 recognition standards comparable to those approved by
11 the State Superintendent of Education and holds the
12 general administrative, principal, or chief school
13 business official endorsement and who has had 2 years
14 of experience as a principal, director of special
15 education, or chief school business official while
16 holding a valid educator license or certificate
17 comparable in validity and educational and experience
18 requirements and has passed the appropriate State
19 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The
20 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to
21 serve only as a superintendent or assistant
22 superintendent.

23 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
24 policy of this State to improve the quality of
25 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway
26 for teachers interested in serving in leadership

1 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of
2 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
3 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher
4 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons
5 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of
6 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader
7 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for
8 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may
9 qualify to serve in such positions as department
10 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction
11 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by
12 the district. The endorsement shall be available to
13 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator
14 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a
15 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have
16 completed a program of study that has been approved by
17 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
18 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
19 (iv) have successfully demonstrated competencies as
20 defined by rule.

21 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
22 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may
23 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this
24 Code, provided that the individual has completed the
25 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this
26 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate

1 personnel under the respective school district's
2 collective bargaining agreement.

3 The State Board of Education, in consultation with
4 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
5 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish
6 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program
7 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement
8 shall be required.

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

- 16 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;
17 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;
18 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;
19 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;
20 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing; ~~and~~
21 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education; ~~and~~
22 (vii) Director of Special Education.

23 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,
24 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
25 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may
26 add additional areas of special education by rule.

1 (G) School support personnel endorsement. School
2 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but
3 are not limited to, school counselor, marriage and
4 family therapist, school psychologist, school speech
5 and language pathologist, school nurse, and school
6 social worker. This endorsement is for individuals who
7 are not teachers or administrators, but still require
8 licensure to work in an instructional support position
9 in a public or State-operated elementary school,
10 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
11 with a governing body or board of control or a charter
12 school operating in compliance with the Charter
13 Schools Law. The school support personnel endorsement
14 shall be affixed to the Professional Educator License
15 and shall meet all of the requirements established in
16 any rules adopted to implement this subdivision (G).
17 The holder of such an endorsement is entitled to all of
18 the rights and privileges granted holders of any other
19 Professional Educator License, including teacher
20 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

21 Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April
22 30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator
23 License with a school speech and language pathologist
24 (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school
25 speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement
26 for a school speech and language pathologist

1 (non-teaching) endorsement through application to the
2 State Board of Education. There shall be no cost for
3 this exchange.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-413, eff. 8-16-13; 98-610, eff. 12-27-13;
5 98-872, eff. 8-11-14; 98-917, eff. 8-15-14; 98-1147, eff.
6 12-31-14; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-623, eff. 7-22-16; 99-920,
7 eff. 1-6-17; revised 1-23-17.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

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

16 (1) Hold a comparable and valid educator license or
17 certificate with similar grade level and subject matter
18 credentials from another state. The State Board of
19 Education shall have the authority to determine what
20 constitutes similar grade level and subject matter
21 credentials from another state. A comparable educator
22 license or certificate is one that demonstrates that the
23 license or certificate holder meets similar requirements
24 as candidates entitled by an Illinois-approved educator
25 preparation program in teaching or school support

1 personnel areas concerning 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. An
5 applicant who holds a comparable and valid educator license
6 or certificate from another state must submit verification
7 to the State Board of Education that the applicant has
8 completed coursework concerning methods of instruction of
9 the exceptional child, methods of reading and reading in
10 the content area, and instructional strategies for English
11 learners.

12 (2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited
13 institution of higher education ~~and the degree major or a~~
14 ~~constructed major must directly correspond to the license~~
15 ~~or endorsement sought.~~

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 ~~Hold a degreed major that must directly correspond to the~~
2 ~~license or endorsement sought.~~

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

7 ~~(Blank).~~

8 (5) (Blank).

9 (6) (Blank).

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

24 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
25 experience.

26 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an

1 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
2 institution of higher education and applicants trained in
3 another country applying for a Professional Educator License
4 endorsed for principal or superintendent must meet all of the
5 following requirements:

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

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

20 (3) (Blank).

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

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

26 (6) Have successfully completed teaching, school

1 support, or administrative experience as defined by rule.

2 A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a
3 superintendent or principal may be affixed to an Educator
4 License with Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of
5 this Code.

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

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

12 (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing
13 special education services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (3) Have successfully met all State 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 ~~successfully~~ completed modules aligned to
18 standards concerning methods of instruction of the
19 exceptional child, methods of reading and reading in the
20 content area, and instructional strategies for English
21 learners in reading methods, special education, and
22 English Learners.

23 A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a chief
24 school business official may be affixed to an Educator License
25 with Stipulations.

26 (c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the

1 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
2 rules as may be necessary to implement this Section.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-581, eff. 8-27-13; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15;
4 99-920, eff. 1-6-17.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

6 Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License renewal.

7 (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
8 are required to complete the licensure renewal requirements as
9 specified in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this
10 Code.

11 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License shall
12 meet the renewal requirements set forth in this Section, unless
13 otherwise provided in this Code. If an individual holds a
14 license endorsed in more than one area that has different
15 renewal requirements, that individual shall follow the renewal
16 requirements for the position for which he or she spends the
17 majority of his or her time working.

18 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as
19 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that
20 year. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon (i)
21 payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State Board
22 of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by
23 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally
24 accredited institution of higher education in the content area
25 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's endorsement

1 areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation
2 registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the
3 license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid and kept
4 in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this Code
5 concerning an institute fund and the provisions in Article 21B
6 of this Code concerning fees and requirements for registration.
7 Licenses not registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of
8 this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the
9 expiration of the last year of registration or on January 1 of
10 the fiscal year following initial issuance of the license. An
11 unregistered license is invalid after September 1 for
12 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or
13 State-operated school or cooperative and in a charter school.
14 Any license or endorsement may be voluntarily surrendered by
15 the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered license, except a
16 substitute teaching license issued under Section 21B-20 of this
17 Code, shall be treated as a revoked license. An Educator
18 License with Stipulations with only a paraprofessional
19 endorsement does not lapse.

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

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

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

17 (1) activities are of a type that engage participants
18 over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis,
19 discovery, and application as they relate to student
20 learning, social or emotional achievement, or well-being;

21 (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's
22 performance;

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

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

26 (5) higher education coursework.

1 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator
2 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.
3 Prior to renewal, the licensee shall enter electronically into
4 the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name,
5 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional
6 development hours, and the provider's name. The following
7 provisions shall apply concerning professional development
8 activities:

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

13 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
14 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
15 working in a position requiring such endorsement is not
16 required to ~~shall~~ complete ~~one~~ Illinois Administrators'
17 Academy courses ~~course~~, as described in Article 2 of this
18 Code, ~~in each 5 year renewal cycle in which the~~
19 ~~administrative endorsement was held for at least one year.~~
20 ~~The Illinois Administrators' Academy course may count~~
21 ~~toward the total of 120 hours per 5-year cycle. Such~~
22 licensees must complete one Illinois Administrators'
23 Academy course within one year after returning to a
24 position that requires the administrative endorsement.

25 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement
26 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or

1 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in
2 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall
3 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as
4 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in
5 addition to 100 hours of professional development per
6 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

7 (4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for
8 Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher
9 designation shall complete a total of 60 hours of
10 professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order
11 to renew the license.

12 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not
13 require educator licensure or working in a position for
14 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be
15 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration
16 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the
17 license.

18 (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits
19 from a State retirement system shall notify the State Board
20 of Education using ELIS, and the license shall be
21 maintained in retired status. For any renewal cycle in
22 which a licensee retires during the renewal cycle, the
23 licensee must complete professional development activities
24 on a prorated basis depending on the number of years during
25 the renewal cycle the educator held an active license. If a
26 licensee retires during a renewal cycle, the licensee must

1 notify the State Board of Education using ELIS that the
2 licensee wishes to maintain the license in retired status
3 and must show proof of completion of professional
4 development activities on a prorated basis for all years of
5 that renewal cycle for which the license was active. An
6 individual with a license in retired status shall not be
7 required to complete professional development activities
8 or pay registration fees until returning to a position that
9 requires educator licensure. Upon returning to work in a
10 position that requires the Professional Educator License,
11 the licensee shall immediately pay a registration fee and
12 complete renewal requirements for that year. A license in
13 retired status cannot lapse. Beginning on January 6, 2017
14 (the effective date of Public Act 99-920) ~~this amendatory~~
15 ~~Act of the 99th General Assembly~~ through December 31, 2017,
16 any licensee who has retired and whose license has lapsed
17 for failure to renew as provided in this Section may
18 reinstate that license and maintain it in retired status
19 upon providing proof to the State Board of Education using
20 ELIS that the licensee is retired and is not working in a
21 position that requires a Professional Educator License.

22 (7) For any renewal cycle in which professional
23 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the
24 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the
25 minimum professional development hours required in this
26 Section prior to September 1 of that year. For any fiscal

1 year or renewal cycle in which an Illinois Administrators'
2 Academy course was required but not completed, the licensee
3 shall complete any missed Illinois Administrators' Academy
4 courses prior to September 1 of that year. The licensee may
5 complete all deficient hours and Illinois Administrators'
6 Academy courses while continuing to work in a position that
7 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

8 (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the professional
9 development renewal requirements set forth in this Section
10 at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is ineligible to
11 register his or her license and may submit an appeal to the
12 State Superintendent of Education for reinstatement of the
13 license.

14 (9) If professional development opportunities were
15 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were
16 unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond
17 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be
18 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the
19 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an
20 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid
21 during the extension period.

22 (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to
23 December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-610)
24 shall commence the annual renewal process with the first
25 scheduled registration due after December 27, 2013 (the
26 effective date of Public Act 98-610).

1 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
2 subsection (e), if a licensee earns more than the required
3 number of professional development hours during a renewal
4 cycle, then the licensee may carry over any hours earned
5 from April 1 through June 30 of the last year of the
6 renewal cycle. Any hours carried over in this manner must
7 be applied to the next renewal cycle. Illinois
8 Administrators' Academy courses or hours earned in those
9 courses may not be carried over.

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

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

15 (1) The State Board of Education.

16 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate
17 service centers.

18 (3) Illinois professional associations representing
19 the following groups that are approved by the State
20 Superintendent of Education:

21 (A) school administrators;

22 (B) principals;

23 (C) school business officials;

24 (D) teachers, including special education
25 teachers;

26 (E) school boards;

1 (F) school districts;

2 (G) parents; and

3 (H) school service personnel.

4 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher
5 education that offer Illinois-approved educator
6 preparation programs and public community colleges subject
7 to the Public Community College Act.

8 (5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools
9 authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint
10 educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this
11 Code for the purposes of providing career and technical
12 education or special education services.

13 (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December
14 31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147), has
15 had or has a grant from or a contract with the State Board
16 of Education to provide professional development services
17 in the area of English Learning to Illinois school
18 districts, teachers, or administrators.

19 (7) State agencies, State boards, and State
20 commissions.

21 (8) Museums as defined in Section 10 of the Museum
22 Disposition of Property Act.

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

26 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and

1 district leaders who guide continuous professional
2 development;

3 (2) improve the learning of students;

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

6 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

7 (5) provide educators with research-based
8 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting
9 rigorous academic standards;

10 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various
11 types of classroom assessments;

12 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the
13 intended goals;

14 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to
15 collaborate; or

16 (9) prepare educators to apply research to
17 decision-making.

18 (i) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section
19 shall do the following:

20 (1) align professional development activities to the
21 State-approved national standards for professional
22 learning;

23 (2) meet the professional development criteria for
24 Illinois licensure renewal;

25 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains
26 how it aligns to State standards and identify the

1 assessment for determining the expected impact on student
2 learning or school improvement;

3 (4) maintain original documentation for completion of
4 activities; and

5 (5) provide license holders with evidence of
6 completion of activities.

7 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual
8 audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school
9 districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of
10 education and intermediate service centers. Each approved
11 provider, except for school districts, that is audited by a
12 regional office of education or intermediate service center
13 must be audited at least once every 5 years. The State Board of
14 Education shall complete random audits of licensees.

15 (1) Approved providers shall annually submit to the
16 State Board of Education a list of subcontractors used for
17 delivery of professional development activities for which
18 renewal credit was issued and other information as defined
19 by rule.

20 (2) Approved providers shall annually submit data to
21 the State Board of Education demonstrating how the
22 professional development activities impacted one or more
23 of the following:

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

26 (B) educator and student social and emotional

1 growth; or

2 (C) alignment to district or school improvement
3 plans.

4 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review
5 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,
6 regional offices of education, and intermediate service
7 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has
8 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved
9 provider or if further action should be taken as provided
10 in rules.

11 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal
12 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each
13 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional
14 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and
15 entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the
16 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or
17 debit card.

18 (l) ~~Any Beginning July 1, 2014,~~ any professional educator
19 licensee endorsed for school support personnel who is employed
20 and performing services in Illinois public schools and who
21 holds an active and current professional license issued by the
22 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or a
23 national certification board, as approved by the State Board of
24 Education, related to the endorsement areas on the Professional
25 Educator License shall be deemed to have satisfied the
26 continuing professional development requirements provided for

1 in this Section. Such individuals shall be required to pay only
2 registration fees to renew the Professional Educator License.
3 An individual who does not hold a license issued by the
4 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall
5 complete professional development requirements for the renewal
6 of a Professional Educator License provided for in this
7 Section.

8 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
9 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from
10 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not
11 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of
12 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State
13 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed
14 by rule.

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

19 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
20 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license
21 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to
22 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of
23 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure
24 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its
25 determination based upon the record of review, which shall
26 consist of the following:

1 (A) the regional superintendent of education's
2 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,
3 if applicable;

4 (B) any evidence submitted to the State
5 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic
6 statement of assurance for renewal; and

7 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for
8 nonrenewal of the license.

9 (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
10 shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license
11 renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no
12 later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt
13 of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall
14 pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle
15 using a form of credit or debit card.

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

18 (Source: P.A. 98-610, eff. 12-27-13; 98-1147, eff. 12-31-14;
19 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-130, eff. 7-24-15; 99-591, eff. 1-1-17;
20 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; revised 1-23-17.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
22 2017.