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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3820

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3820 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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;

1 however, no one may be licensed to teach or supervise in the
2 public schools of this State who has been convicted of (i) an
3 offense set forth in subsection (b) of Section 21B-80 of this
4 Code until 7 years following the end of the sentence for the
5 criminal offense or (ii) an offense set forth in subsection (c)
6 of Section 21B-80 of this Code. Unless the conviction is for an
7 offense set forth in Section 21B-80 of this Code, an applicant
8 must be permitted to submit character references or other
9 written material before such a conviction or other information
10 regarding the applicant's character may be used by the State
11 Superintendent of Education as a basis for denying the
12 application.

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

20 (c) No person may be granted or continue to hold an
21 educator license who has knowingly altered or misrepresented
22 his or her qualifications, in this State or any other state, in
23 order to acquire or renew the license. Any other license issued
24 under this Article held by the person may be suspended or
25 revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
26 depending upon the severity of the alteration or

1 misrepresentation.

2 (d) No one may teach or supervise in the public schools nor
3 receive for teaching or supervising any part of any public
4 school fund who does not hold an educator license granted by
5 the State Superintendent of Education as provided in this
6 Article. However, the provisions of this Article do not apply
7 to a member of the armed forces who is employed as a teacher of
8 subjects in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of any school,
9 nor to an individual teaching a dual credit course as provided
10 for in the Dual Credit Quality Act.

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

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

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

2 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. Before July 1, 2013, the
3 State Board of Education shall implement a system of educator
4 licensure, whereby individuals employed in school districts
5 who are required to be licensed must have one of the following
6 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) a
7 professional educator license with stipulations; or (iii) a
8 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
9 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
10 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
11 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed
12 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
13 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

14 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
15 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
16 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
17 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

18 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
19 have successfully completed an approved educator
20 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
21 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
22 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
23 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
24 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
25 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for

1 the exceptional child, including without limitation
2 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have
3 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
4 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
5 criteria established by rule of the State Board of
6 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
7 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30
8 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
9 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
10 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
11 eligible to practice.

12 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
13 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
14 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
15 in the endorsement area, unless otherwise specified by
16 rule, and passage of the applicable content area test.

17 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
18 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
19 that limits the license holder to one particular position
20 or does not require completion of an approved educator
21 program or both.

22 An individual with an Educator License with
23 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
24 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
25 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

26 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued

1 with the following endorsements:

2 (A) Provisional educator. A provisional educator
3 endorsement in a specific content area or areas on an
4 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
5 applicant who holds an educator license from another
6 state, U.S. territory, or foreign country and who, at
7 the time of applying for an Illinois license, does not
8 meet the minimum requirements under Section 21B-35 of
9 this Code, but does, at a minimum, meet the following
10 requirements:

11 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
12 bachelor's degree, unless a master's degree is
13 required for the endorsement, from a regionally
14 accredited college or university or, for
15 individuals educated in a country other than the
16 United States, the equivalent of a minimum of a
17 bachelor's degree issued in the United States,
18 unless a master's degree is required for the
19 endorsement.

20 (ii) Has passed or passes a test of basic
21 skills and content area test prior to or within one
22 year after issuance of the provisional educator
23 endorsement on the Educator License with
24 Stipulations. If an individual who holds an
25 Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for
26 provisional educator has not passed a test of basic

1 skills and applicable content area test or tests
2 within one year after issuance of the endorsement,
3 the endorsement shall expire on June 30 following
4 one full year of the endorsement being issued. If
5 such an individual has passed the test of basic
6 skills and applicable content area test or tests
7 either prior to issuance of the endorsement or
8 within one year after issuance of the endorsement,
9 the endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately
10 following 2 years of the license being issued,
11 during which time any and all coursework
12 deficiencies must be met and any and all additional
13 testing deficiencies must be met.

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

26 Notwithstanding any other requirements of this

1 Section, a service member or spouse of a service member
2 may obtain a Professional Educator License with
3 Stipulations, and a provisional educator endorsement
4 in a specific content area or areas, if he or she holds
5 a valid teaching certificate or license in good
6 standing from another state, meets the qualifications
7 of educators outlined in Section 21B-15 of this Code,
8 and has not engaged in any misconduct that would
9 prohibit an individual from obtaining a license
10 pursuant to Illinois law, including without limitation
11 any administrative rules of the State Board of
12 Education.

13 In this Section, "service member" means any person
14 who, at the time of application under this Section, is
15 an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces
16 or any reserve component of the United States Armed
17 Forces or the National Guard of any state,
18 commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the
19 District of Columbia.

20 A provisional educator endorsement is valid until
21 June 30 immediately following 2 years of the license
22 being issued, provided that any remaining testing and
23 coursework deficiencies are met as set forth in this
24 Section. Failure to satisfy all stated deficiencies
25 shall mean the individual, including any service
26 member or spouse who has obtained a Professional

1 Educator License with Stipulations and a provisional
2 educator endorsement in a specific content area or
3 areas, is ineligible to receive a Professional
4 Educator License at that time. An Educator License with
5 Stipulations endorsed for provisional educator shall
6 not be renewed for individuals who hold an Educator
7 License with Stipulations and who have held a position
8 in a public school or non-public school recognized by
9 the State Board of Education.

10 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
11 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
12 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
13 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
14 endorsement, has done all of the following:

15 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
16 college or university with a minimum of a
17 bachelor's degree.

18 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
19 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
20 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
21 Code.

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

25 The alternative provisional educator endorsement
26 is valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for

1 a third year by an individual meeting the requirements
2 set forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

3 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An
4 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
5 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
6 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant
7 superintendent in a school district's central office.
8 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
9 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
10 done all of the following:

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

14 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
15 years in a management level position in a field
16 other than education.

17 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
18 of an alternative route to superintendent
19 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
20 of this Code.

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

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

1 (D) Resident teacher endorsement. A resident
2 teacher endorsement on an Educator License with
3 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at the
4 time of applying for the endorsement, has done all of
5 the following:

6 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
7 institution of higher education with a minimum of a
8 bachelor's degree.

9 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator
10 preparation program.

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

14 The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator
15 License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of
16 teaching and shall not be renewed.

17 A resident teacher may teach only under the
18 direction of a licensed teacher, who shall act as the
19 resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of
20 a licensed teacher. A resident teacher endorsement on
21 an Educator License with Stipulations shall no longer
22 be valid after June 30, 2017.

23 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
24 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
25 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
26 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a

1 regionally accredited institution of higher education
2 and has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside
3 of education in each area to be taught.

4 The career and technical educator endorsement on
5 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
6 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
7 endorsement being issued and may be renewed. For
8 individuals who were issued the career and technical
9 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
10 Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license
11 may be renewed 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.

14 An individual who holds a valid career and
15 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
16 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree
17 may substitute teach in career and technical education
18 classrooms.

19 (F) Part-time provisional career and technical
20 educator or provisional career and technical educator.
21 A part-time provisional career and technical educator
22 endorsement or a provisional career and technical
23 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
24 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has a
25 minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill
26 for which the applicant is seeking the endorsement. It

1 is the responsibility of each employing school board
2 and regional office of education to provide
3 verification, in writing, to the State Superintendent
4 of Education at the time the application is submitted
5 that no qualified teacher holding a Professional
6 Educator License or an Educator License with
7 Stipulations with a career and technical educator
8 endorsement is available and that actual circumstances
9 require such issuance.

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

23 A part-time provisional career and technical
24 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
25 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
26 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time

1 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
2 on an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
3 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
4 endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5 years
5 if the individual makes application for renewal.

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

11 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
12 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
13 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
14 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
15 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
16 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all
17 of the following requirements:

18 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
19 writing ability in the language other than English
20 in which transitional bilingual education is
21 offered.

22 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
23 communicate in English.

24 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
25 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
26 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and

1 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
2 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
3 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
4 a foreign country that the State Educator
5 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
6 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
7 regionally accredited institution of higher
8 learning in the United States.

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

13 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
14 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
15 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
16 replaced for any reason.

17 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
18 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
19 other than English in the public schools, an individual
20 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may
21 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that
22 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he
23 or she meets all of the following requirements:

24 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
25 endorsement.

26 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the

1 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
2 by passing the applicable language content test
3 required by the State Board of Education.

4 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
5 a regionally accredited institution of higher
6 education or, for individuals educated in a
7 country other than the United States, holds a
8 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
9 foreign country that the State Educator
10 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
11 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
12 regionally accredited institution of higher
13 learning in the United States.

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

16 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
17 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
18 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
19 individual's transitional bilingual educator
20 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
21 and shall not be renewed.

22 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
23 international educator endorsement on an Educator
24 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
25 individual who is being recruited by a particular
26 school district that conducts formal recruitment

1 programs outside of the United States to secure the
2 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
3 following requirements:

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

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

8 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
9 subject to be taught.

10 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
11 language.

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

22 A visiting international educator endorsement on
23 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
24 years and shall not be renewed.

25 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
26 educator endorsement on an Educator License with

1 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
2 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
3 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
4 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
5 institution of higher education or has passed a test of
6 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this
7 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
8 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
9 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
10 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
11 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
12 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
13 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
14 in order to renew the endorsement.

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

1 The chief school business official endorsement may
2 also be affixed to the Educator License with
3 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
4 master's degree in business administration, finance,
5 or accounting and who completes an additional 6
6 semester hours of internship in school business
7 management from a regionally accredited institution of
8 higher education and passes the applicable State
9 tests, including a test of basic skills and applicable
10 content area test. This endorsement shall be required
11 for any individual employed as a chief school business
12 official.

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

23 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
24 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
25 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
26 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation

1 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
2 and who has not successfully completed an
3 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
4 who meets all of the following requirements:

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

6 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
7 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

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

11 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
12 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a
13 minimum score on that assessment, as established
14 by the State Board of Education in consultation
15 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
16 Board.

17 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
18 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
19 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
20 be renewed.

21 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
22 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
23 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
24 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
25 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
26 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree

1 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
2 higher education.

3 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

4 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
5 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
6 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
7 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or
8 has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then
9 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute
10 Teaching License.

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

26 There is no limit on the number of days that a

1 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
2 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
3 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under
4 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who
5 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
6 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
7 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
8 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
9 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
10 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
11 of this Code.

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

15 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

16 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued
17 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be
18 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each
19 content area, school support area, and administrative area for
20 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized
21 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs
22 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to
23 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement
24 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The
25 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit

1 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being
2 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being
3 recommended.

4 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
5 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
6 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area
7 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator
8 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for
9 obtaining each endorsement.

10 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content
11 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of
12 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
13 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the
14 requirements for the following endorsements:

15 (A) General administrative endorsement. A general
16 administrative endorsement shall be added to a
17 Professional Educator License, provided that an
18 approved program has been completed. An individual
19 holding a general administrative endorsement may work
20 only as a principal or assistant principal or in a
21 related or similar position, as determined by the State
22 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

24 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general
25 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued
26 except to individuals who completed all coursework

1 requirements for the receipt of the general
2 administrative endorsement by September 1, 2014, who
3 have completed all testing requirements by June 30,
4 2016, and who apply for the endorsement on or before
5 June 30, 2016. Individuals who hold a valid and
6 registered administrative certificate with a general
7 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1
8 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a
9 general administrative endorsement issued prior to
10 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one
11 full year during the 5 years prior in a position
12 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,
13 upon request to the State Board of Education and
14 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general
15 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
16 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.
17 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general
18 administrative preparation program after September 1,
19 2012.

20 All other individuals holding a valid and
21 registered administrative certificate with a general
22 administrative endorsement issued pursuant to Section
23 21-7.1 of this Code or a general administrative
24 endorsement on a Professional Educator License issued
25 prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general
26 administrative endorsement converted to a principal

1 endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon
2 request to the State Board of Education and by
3 completing one of the following pathways:

4 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment
5 developed by the State Board of Education.

6 (ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an
7 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by
8 the State Superintendent of Education.

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

12 Individuals who do not choose to convert the
13 general administrative endorsement on the
14 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section
15 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator
16 License shall continue to be able to serve in any
17 position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of
18 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

19 The general administrative endorsement on the
20 Professional Educator License is available only to
21 individuals who, prior to September 1, 2014, had such
22 an endorsement on the administrative certificate
23 issued pursuant to Section 21-7.1 of this Code or who
24 already have a Professional Educator License and have
25 completed a general administrative program and who do
26 not choose to convert the general administrative

1 endorsement to a principal endorsement pursuant to the
2 options in this Section.

3 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement
4 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of
5 any holder who qualifies by having all of the
6 following:

7 (i) Successful completion of a principal
8 preparation program approved in accordance with
9 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable
10 rules.

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

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

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

24 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent
25 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional
26 Educator License of any holder who has completed a

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

1 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to
2 serve only as a superintendent or assistant
3 superintendent.

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

1 defined by rule.

2 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
3 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may
4 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this
5 Code, provided that the individual has completed the
6 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this
7 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate
8 personnel under the respective school district's
9 collective bargaining agreement.

10 The State Board of Education, in consultation with
11 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
12 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish
13 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program
14 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement
15 shall be required.

16 (F) Special education endorsement. A special
17 education endorsement in one or more areas shall be
18 affixed to a Professional Educator License for any
19 individual that meets those requirements established
20 by the State Board of Education in rules. Special
21 education endorsement areas shall include without
22 limitation the following:

- 23 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;
24 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;
25 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;
26 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;

1 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing; ~~and~~

2 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education; and-

3 (vii) Director of Special Education.

4 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,
5 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
6 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may
7 add additional areas of special education by rule.

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

1 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

2 Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April
3 30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator
4 License with a school speech and language pathologist
5 (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school
6 speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement
7 for a school speech and language pathologist
8 (non-teaching) endorsement through application to the
9 State Board of Education. There shall be no cost for
10 this exchange.

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

15 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

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

23 (1) Hold a comparable and valid educator license or
24 certificate with similar grade level and subject matter
25 credentials from another state. The State Board of

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

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

23 (3) (Blank).

24 (4) (Blank).

25 (5) (Blank).

26 (6) Have successfully met all Illinois examination

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

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

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

25 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License
26 endorsed in a teaching field, applicants trained in another

1 country must meet all of the following requirements:

2 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
3 another country.

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

6 (3) Have a degree comparable to a degree from a
7 regionally accredited institution of higher education.
8 ~~Hold a degree major that must directly correspond to the~~
9 ~~license or endorsement sought.~~

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

14 ~~(Blank).~~

15 (5) (Blank).

16 (6) (Blank).

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

1 teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of
2 initial licensure in another country shall not be required
3 to complete an evidence-based assessment of teacher
4 effectiveness.

5 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
6 experience.

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

13 (1) Have completed an educator preparation program
14 approved by another state or comparable educator program in
15 another country leading to the receipt of a license or
16 certificate for the Illinois endorsement sought.

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

1 (3) (Blank).

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

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

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

9 A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a
10 superintendent or principal may be affixed to an Educator
11 License with Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of
12 this Code.

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

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

19 (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing
20 special education services.

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

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

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

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

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

15 (2) Have successfully completed an internship in
16 school business management or have 2 years of experience as
17 a school business administrator.

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

24 (4) Have ~~successfully~~ completed modules aligned to
25 standards concerning methods of instruction of the
26 exceptional child, methods of reading and reading in the

1 content area, and instructional strategies for English
2 learners in reading methods, special education, and
3 English Learners.

4 A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a chief
5 school business official may be affixed to an Educator License
6 with Stipulations.

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

10 (Source: P.A. 98-581, eff. 8-27-13; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15;
11 99-920, eff. 1-6-17.)

12 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

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

14 (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
15 are required to complete the licensure renewal requirements as
16 specified in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this
17 Code.

18 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License shall
19 meet the renewal requirements set forth in this Section, unless
20 otherwise provided in this Code. If an individual holds a
21 license endorsed in more than one area that has different
22 renewal requirements, that individual shall follow the renewal
23 requirements for the position for which he or she spends the
24 majority of his or her time working.

25 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as

1 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that
2 year. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon (i)
3 payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State Board
4 of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by
5 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally
6 accredited institution of higher education in the content area
7 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's endorsement
8 areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation
9 registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the
10 license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid and kept
11 in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this Code
12 concerning an institute fund and the provisions in Article 21B
13 of this Code concerning fees and requirements for registration.
14 Licenses not registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of
15 this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the
16 expiration of the last year of registration or on January 1 of
17 the fiscal year following initial issuance of the license. An
18 unregistered license is invalid after September 1 for
19 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or
20 State-operated school or cooperative and in a charter school.
21 Any license or endorsement may be voluntarily surrendered by
22 the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered license, except a
23 substitute teaching license issued under Section 21B-20 of this
24 Code, shall be treated as a revoked license. An Educator
25 License with Stipulations with only a paraprofessional
26 endorsement does not lapse.

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

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

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

24 (1) activities are of a type that engage participants
25 over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis,
26 discovery, and application as they relate to student

1 learning, social or emotional achievement, or well-being;

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

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

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

7 (5) higher education coursework.

8 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator
9 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.
10 Prior to renewal, the licensee shall enter electronically into
11 the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name,
12 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional
13 development hours, and the provider's name. The following
14 provisions shall apply concerning professional development
15 activities:

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

20 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
21 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
22 working in a position requiring such endorsement is not
23 required to ~~shall~~ complete ~~one~~ Illinois Administrators'
24 Academy courses ~~course~~, as described in Article 2 of this
25 Code, ~~in each 5 year renewal cycle in which the~~
26 ~~administrative endorsement was held for at least one year.~~

1 ~~The Illinois Administrators' Academy course may count~~
2 ~~toward the total of 120 hours per 5-year cycle. Such~~
3 ~~licensees must complete one Illinois Administrators'~~
4 ~~Academy course within one year after returning to a~~
5 ~~position that requires the administrative endorsement.~~

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

1 ELIS that the licensee is retired and is not working in a
2 position that requires a Professional Educator License.

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

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

21 (9) If professional development opportunities were
22 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were
23 unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond
24 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be
25 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the
26 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an

1 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid
2 during the extension period.

3 (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to
4 December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-610)
5 shall commence the annual renewal process with the first
6 scheduled registration due after December 27, 2013 (the
7 effective date of Public Act 98-610).

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

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

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

22 (1) The State Board of Education.

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

25 (3) Illinois professional associations representing
26 the following groups that are approved by the State

1 Superintendent of Education:

2 (A) school administrators;

3 (B) principals;

4 (C) school business officials;

5 (D) teachers, including special education
6 teachers;

7 (E) school boards;

8 (F) school districts;

9 (G) parents; and

10 (H) school service personnel.

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

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

20 (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December
21 31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147), has
22 had or has a grant from or a contract with the State Board
23 of Education to provide professional development services
24 in the area of English Learning to Illinois school
25 districts, teachers, or administrators.

26 (7) State agencies, State boards, and State

1 commissions.

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

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

7 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and
8 district leaders who guide continuous professional
9 development;

10 (2) improve the learning of students;

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

13 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

14 (5) provide educators with research-based
15 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting
16 rigorous academic standards;

17 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various
18 types of classroom assessments;

19 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the
20 intended goals;

21 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to
22 collaborate; or

23 (9) prepare educators to apply research to
24 decision-making.

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

1 (1) align professional development activities to the
2 State-approved national standards for professional
3 learning;

4 (2) meet the professional development criteria for
5 Illinois licensure renewal;

6 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains
7 how it aligns to State standards and identify the
8 assessment for determining the expected impact on student
9 learning or school improvement;

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

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

14 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual
15 audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school
16 districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of
17 education and intermediate service centers. Each approved
18 provider, except for school districts, that is audited by a
19 regional office of education or intermediate service center
20 must be audited at least once every 5 years. The State Board of
21 Education shall complete random audits of licensees.

22 (1) Approved providers shall annually submit to the
23 State Board of Education a list of subcontractors used for
24 delivery of professional development activities for which
25 renewal credit was issued and other information as defined
26 by rule.

1 (2) Approved providers shall annually submit data to
2 the State Board of Education demonstrating how the
3 professional development activities impacted one or more
4 of the following:

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

7 (B) educator and student social and emotional
8 growth; or

9 (C) alignment to district or school improvement
10 plans.

11 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review
12 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,
13 regional offices of education, and intermediate service
14 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has
15 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved
16 provider or if further action should be taken as provided
17 in rules.

18 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal
19 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each
20 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional
21 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and
22 entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the
23 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or
24 debit card.

25 (1) ~~Any Beginning July 1, 2014, any~~ professional educator
26 licensee endorsed for school support personnel who is employed

1 and performing services in Illinois public schools and who
2 holds an active and current professional license issued by the
3 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or a
4 national certification board, as approved by the State Board of
5 Education, related to the endorsement areas on the Professional
6 Educator License shall be deemed to have satisfied the
7 continuing professional development requirements provided for
8 in this Section. Such individuals shall be required to pay only
9 registration fees to renew the Professional Educator License.
10 An individual who does not hold a license issued by the
11 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall
12 complete professional development requirements for the renewal
13 of a Professional Educator License provided for in this
14 Section.

15 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
16 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from
17 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not
18 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of
19 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State
20 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed
21 by rule.

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

26 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board

1 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license
2 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to
3 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of
4 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure
5 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its
6 determination based upon the record of review, which shall
7 consist of the following:

8 (A) the regional superintendent of education's
9 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,
10 if applicable;

11 (B) any evidence submitted to the State
12 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic
13 statement of assurance for renewal; and

14 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for
15 nonrenewal of the license.

16 (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
17 shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license
18 renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no
19 later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt
20 of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall
21 pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle
22 using a form of credit or debit card.

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

25 (Source: P.A. 98-610, eff. 12-27-13; 98-1147, eff. 12-31-14;
26 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-130, eff. 7-24-15; 99-591, eff. 1-1-17;

1 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; revised 1-23-17.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
3 2017.".