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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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105 ILCS 5/21B-35
105 ILCS 5/21B-40
105 ILCS 5/21B-45
105 ILCS 5/21B-50
105 ILCS 5/21B-55
105 ILCS 5/21B-105

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Makes changes to provisions concerning the licensure powers of the State Board of Education, the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (including adding 2 members), types of licenses (including removing and adding certain endorsements on an educator license with stipulations), endorsements on professional educator licenses, educator testing, the minimum requirements for educators trained in other states or countries, application fees, license renewal, the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers, alternative route to superintendent endorsement programs, and the approval of educator preparation institutions. Effective July 1, 2018.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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-5, 21B-10, 21B-20, 21B-25, 21B-30, 21B-35, 21B-40, 21B-45,
6 21B-50, 21B-55, and 21B-105 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/21B-5)

8 Sec. 21B-5. Licensure powers of the State Board of
9 Education.

10 (a) Recognizing that the education of our citizens is the
11 single most important influence on the prosperity and success
12 of this State and recognizing that new developments in
13 education require a flexible approach to our educational
14 system, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
15 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the
16 power and authority to do all of the following:

17 (1) Set standards for teaching, supervising, or
18 otherwise holding licensed employment in the public
19 schools of this State and administer the licensure process
20 as provided in this Article.

21 (2) Approve, evaluate, and sanction educator
22 preparation programs.

23 (3) Enter into agreements with other states relative to

1 reciprocal approval of educator preparation programs.

2 (4) Establish standards for the issuance of new types
3 of educator licenses.

4 (5) Establish a code of ethics for all educators.

5 (6) Maintain a system of licensure examination aligned
6 with standards determined by the State Board of Education.

7 (7) Take such other action relating to the improvement
8 of instruction in the public schools as is appropriate and
9 consistent with applicable laws.

10 (b) Only the State Board ~~Superintendent~~ of Education,
11 acting in accordance with the applicable provisions of this
12 Article and rules, shall have the authority to issue or endorse
13 any license required for teaching, supervising, or otherwise
14 holding licensed employment in the public schools; and no other
15 State agency shall have any power or authority (i) to establish
16 or prescribe any qualifications or other requirements
17 applicable to the issuance or endorsement of any such license
18 or (ii) to establish or prescribe any licensure or equivalent
19 requirement that must be satisfied in order to teach,
20 supervise, or hold licensed employment in the public schools.

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

22 (105 ILCS 5/21B-10)

23 Sec. 21B-10. State Educator Preparation and Licensure
24 Board.

25 (a) The State Teacher Certification Board, which had been

1 established under Section 21-13 of the School Code prior to
2 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, shall be
3 renamed the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
4 References in law to the State Teacher Certification Board
5 shall mean the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
6 The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall
7 consist of the State Superintendent of Education or a
8 representative appointed by him or her, who shall be ex-officio
9 chairperson, 7 ~~5~~ administrative or faculty members of public or
10 private colleges or universities located in this State (one of
11 whom must represent an alternative licensure program in this
12 State and one of whom must represent an institution offering
13 preparation programs in this State and at least one other
14 state), 3 administrators and 10 classroom teachers employed in
15 the public schools (5 of whom must be members of and nominated
16 by a statewide professional teachers' organization and 5 of
17 whom must be members of and nominated by a different statewide
18 professional teachers' organization), and one regional
19 superintendent of schools, all of whom shall be appointed by
20 the State Board of Education; provided that at least one of the
21 administrators and at least 3 of the classroom teachers so
22 appointed must be employees of a school district that is
23 subject to the provisions of Article 34 of this Code. A
24 statewide professional teachers' organization and a different
25 statewide professional teachers' organization shall submit to
26 the State Board of Education for consideration at least 3 names

1 of accomplished teachers for every one vacancy or expiring term
2 in a classroom teacher position. The nominations submitted to
3 the State Board of Education under this Section to fill a
4 vacancy or an expiring term shall be advisory. Nomination for
5 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board members must be
6 submitted to the State Board of Education within 30 days after
7 the vacancy or vacancies occur. Nominations to fill an expiring
8 term must be submitted to the State Board of Education at least
9 30 days before the expiration of that term. Notwithstanding any
10 other provisions of this Section, if a sufficient number of
11 nominations are not received by the State Board of Education
12 for a vacancy or expiring term within the 30-day period, then
13 the State Board of Education may appoint any qualified person,
14 in the same manner as the original appointment, to fill the
15 vacancy or expiring term. The regular term of each member is 3
16 years, and an individual may be appointed for no more than 2
17 consecutive terms. The term of an appointed member of the State
18 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall expire on June
19 30 of his or her final year.

20 (b) The State Board of Education shall appoint a secretary
21 of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

22 (c) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
23 shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly and such other
24 special meetings as may be necessary.

25 (d) The necessary expenses of the State Educator
26 Preparation and Licensure Board shall be provided through the

1 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, in
2 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
3 Board, may adopt such rules as may be necessary for the
4 administration of this Article.

5 (e) (Blank). ~~Individuals serving on the State Teacher~~
6 ~~Certification Board on June 30, 2011 under Section 21-13 of~~
7 ~~this Code shall continue to serve on the State Educator~~
8 ~~Preparation and Licensure Board until the scheduled expiration~~
9 ~~of their respective terms.~~

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

11 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

12 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The ~~Before July 1, 2013,~~
13 ~~the~~ State Board of Education shall implement a system of
14 educator licensure, whereby individuals employed in school
15 districts who are required to be licensed must have one of the
16 following licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii)
17 an ~~a professional~~ educator license with stipulations; or (iii)
18 a substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
19 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
20 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
21 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed
22 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
23 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

24 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
25 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such

1 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
2 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

3 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
4 have successfully completed an approved educator
5 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
6 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
7 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
8 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
9 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
10 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
11 the exceptional child, including without limitation
12 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have
13 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
14 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
15 criteria established by rule of the State Board of
16 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
17 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30
18 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
19 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
20 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
21 eligible to practice.

22 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
23 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
24 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
25 in the endorsement area, unless otherwise specified by
26 rule, and passage of the applicable content area test.

1 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
2 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
3 that limits the license holder to one particular position
4 or does not require completion of an approved educator
5 program or both.

6 An individual with an Educator License with
7 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
8 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
9 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

10 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
11 with the following endorsements:

12 (A) (Blank). ~~Provisional educator. A provisional~~
13 ~~educator endorsement in a specific content area or~~
14 ~~areas on an Educator License with Stipulations may be~~
15 ~~issued to an applicant who holds an educator license~~
16 ~~from another state, U.S. territory, or foreign country~~
17 ~~and who, at the time of applying for an Illinois~~
18 ~~license, does not meet the minimum requirements under~~
19 ~~Section 21B-35 of this Code, but does, at a minimum,~~
20 ~~meet the following requirements:~~

21 ~~(i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a~~
22 ~~bachelor's degree, unless a master's degree is~~
23 ~~required for the endorsement, from a regionally~~
24 ~~accredited college or university or, for~~
25 ~~individuals educated in a country other than the~~
26 ~~United States, the equivalent of a minimum of a~~

1 ~~bachelor's degree issued in the United States,~~
2 ~~unless a master's degree is required for the~~
3 ~~endorsement.~~

4 ~~(ii) Has passed or passes a test of basic~~
5 ~~skills and content area test prior to or within one~~
6 ~~year after issuance of the provisional educator~~
7 ~~endorsement on the Educator License with~~
8 ~~Stipulations. If an individual who holds an~~
9 ~~Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for~~
10 ~~provisional educator has not passed a test of basic~~
11 ~~skills and applicable content area test or tests~~
12 ~~within one year after issuance of the endorsement,~~
13 ~~the endorsement shall expire on June 30 following~~
14 ~~one full year of the endorsement being issued. If~~
15 ~~such an individual has passed the test of basic~~
16 ~~skills and applicable content area test or tests~~
17 ~~either prior to issuance of the endorsement or~~
18 ~~within one year after issuance of the endorsement,~~
19 ~~the endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately~~
20 ~~following 2 years of the license being issued,~~
21 ~~during which time any and all coursework~~
22 ~~deficiencies must be met and any and all additional~~
23 ~~testing deficiencies must be met.~~

24 ~~In addition, a provisional educator endorsement~~
25 ~~for principals or superintendents may be issued if the~~
26 ~~individual meets the requirements set forth in~~

1 ~~subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (b-5) of Section~~
2 ~~21B-35 of this Code. Applicants who have not been~~
3 ~~entitled by an Illinois approved educator preparation~~
4 ~~program at an Illinois institution of higher education~~
5 ~~shall not receive a provisional educator endorsement~~
6 ~~if the person completed an alternative licensure~~
7 ~~program in another state, unless the program has been~~
8 ~~determined to be equivalent to Illinois program~~
9 ~~requirements.~~

10 ~~Notwithstanding any other requirements of this~~
11 ~~Section, a service member or spouse of a service member~~
12 ~~may obtain a Professional Educator License with~~
13 ~~Stipulations, and a provisional educator endorsement~~
14 ~~in a specific content area or areas, if he or she holds~~
15 ~~a valid teaching certificate or license in good~~
16 ~~standing from another state, meets the qualifications~~
17 ~~of educators outlined in Section 21B-15 of this Code,~~
18 ~~and has not engaged in any misconduct that would~~
19 ~~prohibit an individual from obtaining a license~~
20 ~~pursuant to Illinois law, including without limitation~~
21 ~~any administrative rules of the State Board of~~
22 ~~Education.~~

23 ~~In this Section, "service member" means any person~~
24 ~~who, at the time of application under this Section, is~~
25 ~~an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces~~
26 ~~or any reserve component of the United States Armed~~

1 ~~Forces or the National Guard of any state,~~
2 ~~commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the~~
3 ~~District of Columbia.~~

4 ~~A provisional educator endorsement is valid until~~
5 ~~June 30 immediately following 2 years of the license~~
6 ~~being issued, provided that any remaining testing and~~
7 ~~coursework deficiencies are met as set forth in this~~
8 ~~Section. Failure to satisfy all stated deficiencies~~
9 ~~shall mean the individual, including any service~~
10 ~~member or spouse who has obtained a Professional~~
11 ~~Educator License with Stipulations and a provisional~~
12 ~~educator endorsement in a specific content area or~~
13 ~~areas, is ineligible to receive a Professional~~
14 ~~Educator License at that time. An Educator License with~~
15 ~~Stipulations endorsed for provisional educator shall~~
16 ~~not be renewed for individuals who hold an Educator~~
17 ~~License with Stipulations and who have held a position~~
18 ~~in a public school or non public school recognized by~~
19 ~~the State Board of Education.~~

20 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
21 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
22 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
23 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
24 endorsement, has done all of the following:

25 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
26 college or university with a minimum of a

1 bachelor's degree.

2 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
3 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
4 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
5 Code.

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

9 The alternative provisional educator endorsement is
10 valid for one year ~~2 years~~ of teaching and may be renewed
11 for a second ~~third~~ year by an individual meeting the
12 requirements set forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

13 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An
14 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
15 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
16 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant
17 superintendent in a school district's central office.
18 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
19 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
20 done all of the following:

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

24 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
25 years in a management level position in a field
26 other than education.

1 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
2 of an alternative route to superintendent
3 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
4 of this Code.

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

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

11 (D) (Blank). ~~Resident teacher endorsement. A~~
12 ~~resident teacher endorsement on an Educator License~~
13 ~~with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at~~
14 ~~the time of applying for the endorsement, has done all~~
15 ~~of the following:~~

16 ~~(i) Graduated from a regionally accredited~~
17 ~~institution of higher education with a minimum of a~~
18 ~~bachelor's degree.~~

19 ~~(ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator~~
20 ~~preparation program.~~

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

24 ~~The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator~~
25 ~~License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of~~
26 ~~teaching and shall not be renewed.~~

1 ~~A resident teacher may teach only under the~~
2 ~~direction of a licensed teacher, who shall act as the~~
3 ~~resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of~~
4 ~~a licensed teacher. A resident teacher endorsement on~~
5 ~~an Educator License with Stipulations shall no longer~~
6 ~~be valid after June 30, 2017.~~

7 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
8 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
9 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
10 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
11 regionally accredited institution of higher education
12 or an accredited trade and technical institution and
13 has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside of
14 education in each area to be taught.

15 The career and technical educator endorsement on
16 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
17 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
18 endorsement being issued and may be renewed. For
19 individuals who were issued the career and technical
20 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
21 Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license
22 may be renewed if the individual passes a test of basic
23 skills or test of work proficiency, as required under
24 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

25 An individual who holds a valid career and
26 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License

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

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

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

1 Educator License with Stipulations on or after January
2 1, 2015, the license may be renewed if the individual
3 passes a test of basic skills or test of work
4 proficiency, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
5 Code.

6 A part-time provisional career and technical
7 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
8 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
9 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time
10 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
11 on an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
12 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
13 endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5 years
14 if the individual makes application for renewal.

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

20 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
21 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
22 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
23 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
24 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
25 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all
26 of the following requirements:

1 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
2 writing ability in the language other than English
3 in which transitional bilingual education is
4 offered.

5 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
6 communicate in English.

7 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
8 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
9 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
10 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
11 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
12 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
13 a foreign country that the State Educator
14 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
15 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
16 regionally accredited institution of higher
17 learning in the United States.

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

22 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
23 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
24 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
25 replaced for any reason.

26 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to

1 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
2 other than English in the public schools, an individual
3 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may
4 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that
5 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he
6 or she meets all of the following requirements:

7 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
8 endorsement.

9 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
10 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
11 by passing the applicable language content test
12 required by the State Board of Education.

13 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
14 a regionally accredited institution of higher
15 education or, for individuals educated in a
16 country other than the United States, holds a
17 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
18 foreign country that the State Educator
19 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
20 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
21 regionally accredited institution of higher
22 learning in the United States.

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

25 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
26 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through

1 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
2 individual's transitional bilingual educator
3 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
4 and shall not be renewed.

5 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
6 international educator endorsement on an Educator
7 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
8 individual who is being recruited by a particular
9 school district that conducts formal recruitment
10 programs outside of the United States to secure the
11 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
12 following requirements:

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

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

17 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
18 subject to be taught.

19 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
20 language.

21 A holder of a visiting international educator
22 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
23 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
24 programs in the language that was the medium of
25 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
26 provided that he or she passes the English Language

1 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
2 skills in English identified by the State Board of
3 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
4 Preparation and Licensure Board.

5 A visiting international educator endorsement on
6 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
7 years and shall not be renewed.

8 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
9 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
10 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
11 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
12 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
13 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
14 institution of higher education or has passed a test of
15 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this
16 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
17 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
18 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
19 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
20 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
21 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
22 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
23 in order to renew the endorsement.

24 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
25 business official endorsement on an Educator License
26 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who

1 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2
2 years of full-time administrative experience in school
3 business management or 2 years of university-approved
4 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
5 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
6 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
7 business administrators and by passage of the
8 applicable State tests, including a test of basic
9 skills and applicable content area test.

10 The chief school business official endorsement may
11 also be affixed to the Educator License with
12 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
13 master's degree in business administration, finance,
14 accounting, or public administration and who completes
15 an additional 6 semester hours of internship in school
16 business management from a regionally accredited
17 institution of higher education and passes the
18 applicable State tests, including a test of basic
19 skills and applicable content area test. This
20 endorsement shall be required for any individual
21 employed as a chief school business official.

22 The chief school business official endorsement on
23 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
24 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
25 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the
26 license holder completes renewal requirements as

1 required for individuals who hold a Professional
2 Educator License endorsed for chief school business
3 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such
4 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of
5 Education.

6 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules
7 necessary to implement Public Act 100-288 ~~this~~
8 ~~amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly.~~

9 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
10 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
11 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
12 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation
13 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
14 and who has not successfully completed an
15 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
16 who meets all of the following requirements:

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

18 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
19 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

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

23 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
24 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a
25 minimum score on that assessment, as established
26 by the State Board of Education in consultation

1 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
2 Board.

3 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
4 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
5 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
6 be renewed.

7 (M) School support personnel intern. A school
8 support personnel intern endorsement on an Educator
9 License with Stipulations may be issued as specified by
10 rule.

11 (N) Special education area. A special education
12 area endorsement on an Educator License with
13 Stipulations may be issued as defined and specified by
14 rule.

15 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
16 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
17 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
18 prekindergarten through grade 12. A person who holds a
19 valid Professional Educator License is eligible to serve as
20 a substitute teacher without a Substitute Teaching
21 License. Substitute Teaching Licenses are not eligible for
22 endorsements. Applicants for a Substitute Teaching License
23 must hold a bachelor's degree or higher or have completed
24 at least 60 credit hours from a regionally accredited
25 institution of higher education.

26 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

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

8 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
9 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
10 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
11 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district
12 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 45
13 school days or one full quarter of the school year,
14 whichever is greater, ~~30 calendar days~~ per each vacant
15 position in the district if the district notifies the
16 appropriate regional office of education within 5 business
17 days after the employment of the substitute teacher in the
18 emergency situation. An emergency situation is one in which
19 an unforeseen vacancy has occurred and (i) a teacher is
20 unable to fulfill his or her contractual duties or (ii)
21 teacher capacity needs of the district exceed previous
22 indications, and the district is actively engaged in
23 advertising to hire a fully licensed teacher for the vacant
24 position.

25 There is no limit on the number of days that a
26 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,

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

11 (Source: P.A. 99-35, eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143,
12 eff. 7-27-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-8,
13 eff. 7-1-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17;
14 revised 9-25-17.)

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

26 (iii) A master's degree or higher from a

1 regionally accredited college or university.

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

1 study in another state, or ~~and~~ (iv) have successfully
2 demonstrated competencies as defined by rule.

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

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

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

- 24 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;
25 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;
26 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;

1 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;

2 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing;

3 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education; and

4 (vii) Director of Special Education.

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

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

1 Professional Educator License, including teacher
2 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

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

12 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-623, eff. 7-22-16;
13 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-267, eff.
14 8-22-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17; revised 9-25-17.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

16 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

17 (a) This Section applies beginning on July 1, 2012.

18 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
19 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
20 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required
21 prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations
22 and indicators must be based on national and State professional
23 teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of
24 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
25 and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt

1 such rules as may be necessary to implement and administer this
2 Section.

3 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this Article,
4 applicants ~~Applicants~~ seeking a Professional Educator License
5 or an Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to
6 pass a test of basic skills before the license is issued,
7 unless the endorsement the individual is seeking does not
8 require passage of the test. All applicants completing
9 Illinois-approved, teacher education or school service
10 personnel preparation programs shall be required to pass the
11 State Board of Education's recognized test of basic skills
12 prior to starting their student teaching or starting the final
13 semester of their internship, unless required earlier at the
14 discretion of the recognized, Illinois institution in which
15 they are completing their approved program. An individual who
16 passes a test of basic skills does not need to do so again for
17 subsequent endorsements or other educator licenses.

18 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
19 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
20 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There
21 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
22 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record
23 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

24 (e) (Blank). ~~and completing their student teaching~~
25 ~~experience no later than August 31, 2015 Prior to September 1,~~
26 ~~2015, passage The APT shall be available through August 31,~~

1 ~~2020.~~

2 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, beginning
3 on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing teacher
4 preparation programs in this State and all candidates subject
5 to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass an
6 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness approved by
7 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
8 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. ~~All recognized
9 institutions offering approved teacher preparation programs
10 must begin phasing in the approved teacher performance
11 assessment no later than July 1, 2013.~~

12 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and
13 the teacher performance assessment ~~assessment of professional
14 teaching~~ shall be the tests that from time to time are
15 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
16 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
17 may be tests prepared by an educational testing organization or
18 tests designed by the State Board of Education, in consultation
19 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The
20 areas to be covered by a test of basic skills shall include
21 reading, language arts, and mathematics. The test of content
22 area knowledge shall assess content knowledge in a specific
23 subject field. The tests must be designed to be racially
24 neutral to ensure that no person taking the tests is
25 discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national
26 origin, or other factors unrelated to the person's ability to

1 perform as a licensed employee. The score required to pass the
2 tests shall be fixed by the State Board of Education, in
3 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
4 Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer than 3 times a
5 year at such time and place as may be designated by the State
6 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
7 Preparation and Licensure Board.

8 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess
9 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of
10 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under
11 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this Code
12 in the English language and in the language of the transitional
13 bilingual education program requested by the applicant.

14 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the
15 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school
16 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

17 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
18 testing requirements under this Section shall include without
19 limitation provisions governing test selection, test
20 validation and determination of a passing score,
21 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,
22 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
23 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special
24 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop such
25 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year
26 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-361, eff. 1-1-14; 98-581, eff. 8-27-13;
2 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-657, eff.
3 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; revised 1-23-17.)

4 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

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

13 (1) the applicant must:

14 (A) hold a comparable and valid educator license or
15 certificate with similar grade level and content area
16 credentials from another state, with the State Board of
17 Education having the authority to determine what
18 constitutes similar grade level and content area
19 credentials from another state; and

20 (B) have a degree from a regionally accredited
21 institution of higher education; or

22 (2) the applicant must:

23 (A) have completed a state-approved program for
24 the licensure area sought, including coursework
25 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional

1 child, methods of reading and reading in the content
2 area, and instructional strategies for English
3 learners;

4 (B) have a degree from a regionally accredited
5 institution of higher education;

6 (C) have successfully met all Illinois examination
7 requirements, except that:

8 (i) an applicant who has successfully
9 completed a test of basic skills, as defined by
10 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another
11 state is not required to complete a test of basic
12 skills;

13 (ii) an applicant who has successfully
14 completed a test of content, as defined by rules,
15 at the time of initial licensure in another state
16 is not required to complete a test of content; and

17 (iii) an applicant for a teaching endorsement
18 who has successfully completed an evidence-based
19 assessment of teacher effectiveness, as defined by
20 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another
21 state is not required to complete an
22 evidence-based assessment of teacher
23 effectiveness; and

24 (D) for an applicant for a teaching endorsement,
25 have completed student teaching or an equivalent
26 experience or, for an applicant for a school service

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

25 ~~(2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited~~
26 ~~institution of higher education.~~

1 ~~(3) (Blank).~~

2 ~~(4) (Blank).~~

3 ~~(5) (Blank).~~

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

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

22 ~~If one or more of the criteria in this subsection (a) are~~
23 ~~not met, then applicants who have not been entitled by an~~
24 ~~Illinois approved educator preparation program at an Illinois~~
25 ~~institution of higher education who hold a valid, comparable~~
26 ~~certificate from another state may qualify for a provisional~~

1 ~~educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations,~~
2 ~~in accordance with Section 21B-20 of this Code.~~

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

6 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
7 another country.

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

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

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

16 (5) (Blank).

17 (6) (Blank).

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

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

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

8 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
9 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
10 institution of higher education and applicants trained in
11 another country applying for a Professional Educator License
12 endorsed for principal or superintendent must hold a master's
13 degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher
14 education and must hold a comparable and valid educator license
15 or certificate with similar grade level and subject matter
16 credentials from another state, with the State Board of
17 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes
18 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another
19 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

20 (1) Have completed an educator preparation program
21 approved by another state or comparable educator program in
22 another country leading to the receipt of a license or
23 certificate for the Illinois endorsement sought.

24 (2) Have successfully met all State licensure
25 examination requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of
26 this Code. Applicants who have successfully completed a

1 test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at the time of
2 initial licensure in another state or country shall not be
3 required to complete a test of basic skills. Applicants who
4 have successfully completed a test of content, as defined
5 by rules, at the time of initial licensure in another state
6 or country shall not be required to complete a test of
7 content.

8 (2.5) Have completed an internship, as defined by rule.

9 (3) (Blank).

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 (5) Have completed a master's degree.

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

17 ~~A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a~~
18 ~~superintendent or principal may be affixed to an Educator~~
19 ~~License with Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of~~
20 ~~this Code.~~

21 (b-7) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
22 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
23 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
24 Educator License endorsed for Director of Special Education
25 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited
26 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and

1 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level
2 and subject matter credentials from another state, with the
3 State Board of Education having the authority to determine what
4 constitutes similar grade level and subject matter credentials
5 from another state, or must meet all of the following
6 requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

23 (b-10) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
24 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
25 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
26 Educator License endorsed for chief school business official

1 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited
2 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and
3 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level
4 and subject matter credentials from another state, with the
5 State Board of Education having the authority to determine what
6 constitutes similar grade level and subject matter credentials
7 from another state, or must meet all of the following
8 requirements:

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

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

14 (3) Have successfully met all State 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 modules 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 a chief~~
25 ~~school business official may be affixed to an Educator License~~
26 ~~with Stipulations.~~

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

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

7 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

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

11 (1) A \$100 ~~\$75~~ application fee for a Professional
12 Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations.
13 ~~However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee~~
14 ~~for a Professional Educator License and Educator License~~
15 ~~with Stipulations shall be \$100.~~

16 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching
17 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching
18 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
19 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
20 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
21 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
22 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
23 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
24 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
25 within one year of issuance.

1 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have not
2 been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation
3 program at an Illinois institution of higher education and
4 are seeking any of the licenses set forth in subdivision
5 (1) of this subsection (a).

6 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
7 approval ~~an individual holding a license wishes to add to~~
8 ~~that license.~~

9 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
10 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
11 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
12 and control over the school in which the individual holding
13 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
14 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
15 registered in any county in this State. The registration
16 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
17 individual registers the license for a particular validity
18 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
19 for that validity period should the individual
20 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
21 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
22 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
23 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
24 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
25 Code.

26 Beginning on July 1, 2017, at the beginning of each

1 renewal cycle, individuals who hold a Substitute Teaching
2 License may apply for a reimbursement of the registration
3 fee within 18 months of renewal and shall be issued that
4 reimbursement by the State Board of Education from funds
5 appropriated for that purpose if the licensee provides
6 evidence to the State Board of Education that the licensee
7 has taught pursuant to the Substitute Teaching License at
8 least 10 full school days within one year of renewal.

9 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
10 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
11 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
12 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
13 Education to provide the technology and human resources
14 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
15 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available
16 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be
17 used by the State Board of Education to support the recruitment
18 and retention of educators, to support educator preparation
19 programs as they seek national accreditation, and to provide
20 professional development aligned with the requirements set
21 forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A majority of the funds
22 in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund must be dedicated
23 to the timely and efficient processing of applications and for
24 the renewal of licenses. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
25 Fund is not subject to administrative charge transfers,
26 authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act, from the

1 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of
2 this State, and moneys in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
3 Fund shall not revert back to the General Revenue Fund at any
4 time.

5 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
6 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of
7 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
8 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

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

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

23 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;
24 100-550, eff. 11-8-17.)

25 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

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

2 (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
3 are required to complete the licensure renewal requirements as
4 specified in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this
5 Code.

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

13 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as
14 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that
15 year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, if
16 a license holder's electronic mail address is available, the
17 State Board of Education shall send him or her notification
18 electronically that his or her license will lapse if not
19 renewed, to be sent no more than 6 months prior to the license
20 lapsing. 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
26 areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation

1 registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the
2 license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid and kept
3 in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this Code
4 concerning an institute fund and the provisions in Article 21B
5 of this Code concerning fees and requirements for registration.
6 Licenses not registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of
7 this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the
8 expiration of the last year of registration or on January 1 of
9 the fiscal year following initial issuance of the license. An
10 unregistered license is invalid after September 1 for
11 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or
12 State-operated school or cooperative and in a charter school.
13 Any license or endorsement may be voluntarily surrendered by
14 the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered license, except a
15 substitute teaching license issued under Section 21B-20 of this
16 Code, shall be treated as a revoked license. An Educator
17 License with Stipulations with only a paraprofessional
18 endorsement does not lapse.

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

26 (d) Beginning July 1, 2014, in order to satisfy the

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (5) higher education coursework.

26 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator

1 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.
2 Professional development may be completed from the time an
3 individual's license is issued or reinstated through June 30 of
4 the renewal year. Prior to renewal, the licensee shall enter
5 electronically into the Educator Licensure Information System
6 (ELIS) the name, date, and location of the activity, the number
7 of professional development hours, and the provider's name. The
8 following provisions shall apply concerning professional
9 development activities:

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

14 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
15 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
16 working in a position requiring such endorsement is not
17 required to complete Illinois Administrators' Academy
18 courses, as described in Article 2 of this Code. Such
19 licensees must complete one Illinois Administrators'
20 Academy course within one year after returning to a
21 position that requires the administrative endorsement.

22 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement
23 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or
24 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in
25 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall
26 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as

1 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in
2 addition to 100 hours of professional development per
3 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

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

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

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

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

19 (7) For any renewal cycle in which professional
20 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the
21 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the
22 minimum professional development hours required in this
23 Section prior to September 1 of that year. For any fiscal
24 year or renewal cycle in which an Illinois Administrators'
25 Academy course was required but not completed, the licensee
26 shall complete any missed Illinois Administrators' Academy

1 courses prior to September 1 of that year. The licensee may
2 complete all deficient hours and Illinois Administrators'
3 Academy courses while continuing to work in a position that
4 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

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

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

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

24 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
25 subsection (e), if a licensee earns more than the required
26 number of professional development hours during a renewal

1 cycle, then the licensee may carry over any hours earned
2 from April 1 through June 30 of the last year of the
3 renewal cycle. Any hours carried over in this manner must
4 be applied to the next renewal cycle. Illinois
5 Administrators' Academy courses or hours earned in those
6 courses may not be carried over.

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

9 (f-5) The State Board of Education shall conduct random
10 audits of licensees to verify a licensee's fulfillment of the
11 professional development hours required under this Section.
12 If, upon completion of a random audit, the State Board
13 determines a licensee has not completed or has not provided
14 sufficient proof of completion of the required number of
15 professional development hours, the State Board shall notify
16 the licensee that his or her license has lapsed. A lapsed
17 license may be reinstated under subsection (b) of this Section.

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

21 (1) The State Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (7) State agencies, State boards, and State
26 commissions.

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

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

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

9 (2) improve the learning of students;

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

12 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (1) align professional development activities to the

1 State-approved national standards for professional
2 learning;

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

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

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

11 (5) provide license holders with evidence of
12 completion of activities; ~~and~~.

13 (6) collect an Illinois Educator Identification Number
14 (IEIN) for each educator during each professional
15 development activity.

16 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual
17 audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school
18 districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of
19 education and intermediate service centers. The State Board of
20 Education shall ensure that each approved provider, except for
21 a school district, is audited at least once every 5 years. The
22 State Board of Education may conduct more frequent audits of
23 providers if evidence suggests the requirements of this Section
24 or administrative rules are not being met. ~~Each approved~~
25 provider, except for school districts, that is audited by a
26 regional office of education or intermediate service center

1 ~~must be audited at least once every 5 years. The State Board of~~
2 ~~Education shall complete random audits of licensees.~~

3 (1) (Blank). ~~Approved providers shall annually submit~~
4 ~~to the State Board of Education a list of subcontractors~~
5 ~~used for delivery of professional development activities~~
6 ~~for which renewal credit was issued and other information~~
7 ~~as defined by rule.~~

8 (2) Approved providers shall comply with the
9 requirements in subsections (h) and (i) of this Section by
10 annually submitting ~~submit~~ data to the State Board of
11 Education demonstrating how the professional development
12 activities impacted one or more of the following:

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

15 (B) educator and student social and emotional
16 growth; or

17 (C) alignment to district or school improvement
18 plans.

19 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review
20 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,
21 regional offices of education, and intermediate service
22 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has
23 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved
24 provider or if further action should be taken as provided
25 in rules.

26 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal

1 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each
2 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional
3 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and
4 entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the
5 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or
6 debit card.

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

22 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
23 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from
24 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not
25 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of
26 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State

1 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed
2 by rule.

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

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

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

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

21 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for
22 nonrenewal of the license.

23 (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
24 shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license
25 renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no
26 later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt

1 of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall
2 pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle
3 using a form of credit or debit card.

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

6 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-130, eff. 7-24-15;
7 99-591, eff. 1-1-17; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;
8 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-339, eff. 8-25-17; revised 9-22-17.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50)

10 Sec. 21B-50. Alternative educator licensure program.

11 (a) There is established an alternative educator licensure
12 program, to be known as the Alternative Educator Licensure
13 Program for Teachers.

14 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2013, the Alternative Educator
15 Licensure Program for Teachers may be offered by a recognized
16 institution approved to offer educator preparation programs by
17 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
18 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

19 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases or, beginning on
20 January 1, 2021, 3 phases, as follows:

21 (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes
22 instructional planning; instructional strategies,
23 including special education, reading, and English language
24 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of
25 students and use of data to drive instruction.

1 (2) A year of residency, which is a candidate's
2 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a
3 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must
4 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an
5 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to
6 enter the residency and must complete additional program
7 requirements that address required State and national
8 standards, pass the assessment of professional teaching
9 (no later than the end of the first semester of the second
10 year of residency ~~before entering the second residency~~
11 ~~year~~, as required under phase (3) of this subsection (b), if
12 if applicable), and be recommended by the principal and
13 program coordinator to continue with the second year of the
14 residency, if applicable.

15 (3) Until January 1, 2021, a ~~A~~ second year of
16 residency, which shall include the candidate's assignment
17 to a full-time teaching position for one school year. The
18 candidate must be assigned an experienced teacher to act as
19 a mentor and coach the candidate through the second year of
20 residency.

21 (4) A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's
22 teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal and
23 the program coordinator, at the end of the ~~second year of~~
24 residency. If there is disagreement between the 2
25 evaluators about the candidate's teaching effectiveness,
26 the candidate may complete one additional year of residency

1 teaching under a professional development plan developed
2 by the principal and preparation program. At the completion
3 of the third year or second year, as applicable, a
4 candidate must have positive evaluations and a
5 recommendation for full licensure from both the principal
6 and the program coordinator or no Professional Educator
7 License shall be issued.

8 Successful completion of the program shall be deemed to
9 satisfy any other practice or student teaching and content
10 matter requirements established by law.

11 (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
12 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one year ~~2~~
13 ~~years~~ of teaching in the public schools, including without
14 limitation a charter school, or in a State-recognized nonpublic
15 school in which the chief administrator is required to have the
16 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in
17 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required
18 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public
19 school in this State, but may be renewed for a second ~~third~~
20 year if needed to complete the Alternative Educator Licensure
21 Program for Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued only once
22 to an individual who meets all of the following requirements:

23 (1) Has graduated from a regionally accredited college
24 or university with a bachelor's degree or higher.

25 (2) Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or
26 greater on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on another scale.

1 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if
2 seeking a middle or secondary level endorsement or, if
3 seeking an early childhood, elementary, or special
4 education endorsement, has completed a major in the content
5 area of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, or
6 one of the sciences. If the individual does not have a
7 major in a content area for any level of teaching, he or
8 she must submit transcripts to the State Board
9 ~~Superintendent~~ of Education to be reviewed for
10 equivalency.

11 (4) Has successfully completed phase (1) of subsection
12 (b) of this Section.

13 (5) Has passed a test of basic skills and content area
14 test required for the specific endorsement for admission
15 into the program, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
16 Code.

17 A candidate possessing the alternative provisional
18 educator endorsement may receive a salary, benefits, and any
19 other terms of employment offered to teachers in the school who
20 are members of an exclusive bargaining representative, if any,
21 but a school is not required to provide these benefits during
22 the years of residency if the candidate is serving only as a
23 co-teacher. If the candidate is serving as the teacher of
24 record, the candidate must receive a salary, benefits, and any
25 other terms of employment. Residency experiences must not be
26 counted towards tenure.

1 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative
2 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a
3 school district, including without limitation a charter
4 school, or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this State
5 in which the chief administrator is required to have the
6 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in
7 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required
8 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public
9 school in this State. The program presented for approval by the
10 State Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are
11 to be provided to assist the provisional teacher during the
12 ~~2-year~~ residency period. These supports must provide
13 additional contact hours with mentors during the first year of
14 residency or during the one year of residency, as applicable.

15 (e) Upon completion of the 3 or 4 phases, as applicable,
16 outlined in subsection (b) of this Section and all assessments
17 required under Section 21B-30 of this Code, an individual shall
18 receive a Professional Educator License.

19 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
20 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
21 rules as may be necessary to establish and implement the
22 Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers.

23 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/21B-55)

25 Sec. 21B-55. Alternative route to superintendent

1 endorsement.

2 (a) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
3 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may approve
4 programs designed to provide an alternative route to
5 superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

6 (b) Entities offering an alternative route to
7 superintendent endorsement program must have the program
8 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
9 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

10 (c) All programs approved under this Section shall be
11 comprised of the following 3 phases:

12 (1) A course of study offered on an intensive basis in
13 education management, governance, organization, and
14 instructional and district planning.

15 (2) The person's assignment to a full-time position for
16 one school year as a superintendent.

17 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the person's
18 performance by school officials and a recommendation to the
19 State Board ~~Superintendent~~ of Education that the person be
20 issued a superintendent endorsement on a Professional
21 Educator License.

22 (d) In order to be admitted to an alternative route to
23 superintendent endorsement program, a candidate shall pass a
24 test of basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
25 Code. In order to serve as a superintendent under phase (2) of
26 subsection (c) of this Section, an individual must be issued an

1 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an
2 Educator License with Stipulations, to be valid for only one
3 year of serving as a superintendent. In order to receive the
4 provisional alternative superintendent endorsement under this
5 Section, an individual must meet all of the following
6 requirements:

7 (1) Have graduated from a regionally accredited
8 college or university with a minimum of a master's degree
9 in a management field other than education.

10 (2) Have been employed for a period of at least 5 years
11 in a management level position other than education.

12 (3) Have successfully completed phase (1) of
13 subsection (c) of this Section.

14 (4) Have passed examinations required by Section
15 21B-30 of this Code.

16 (e) Successful completion of an alternative route to
17 superintendent endorsement program shall be deemed to satisfy
18 any other supervisory, administrative, or management
19 experience requirements established by law, and, once
20 completed, an individual shall be eligible for a superintendent
21 endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

22 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
24 rules as may be needed to establish and implement these
25 alternative route to superintendent endorsement programs.

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

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-105)

2 Sec. 21B-105. Granting of recognition; regional
3 accreditation; definitions.

4 (a) "Recognized", as used in this Article in connection
5 with the word "school" or "institution", means such college,
6 university, or not-for-profit entity that meets requirements
7 set by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
8 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. Application
9 for recognition of the school or institution as an educator
10 preparation institution must be made to the State Board of
11 Education. The State Board of Education, in consultation with
12 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall set
13 the criteria by which the school or institution is to be judged
14 and, through the secretary of the State Board, arrange for an
15 official inspection and shall grant recognition of such school
16 or institution as may meet the required standards. If the
17 standards include requirements with regard to education in
18 acquiring skills in working with culturally distinctive
19 students, as defined by the State Board of Education, then the
20 rules of the State Board of Education shall include the
21 criteria used to evaluate compliance with this requirement. No
22 school or institution may make assignments of student teachers
23 or teachers for practice teaching so as to promote segregation
24 on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, or national
25 origin.

1 ~~Any not for profit entity must also be approved by the~~
2 ~~Board of Higher Education.~~

3 All recommendations or entitlements for educator licensure
4 shall be made by a recognized institution operating a program
5 of preparation for the license that is approved by the State
6 Board Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
7 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board
8 of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
9 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the power to define
10 a major or minor when used as a basis for recognition and
11 licensure purposes.

12 (b) "Regionally accredited", or "accredited", as used in
13 this Article in connection with a university or institution,
14 means an institution of higher education accredited by the
15 North Central Association or other comparable regional
16 accrediting association.

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

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
19 2018.