

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 Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing
5 Section 16-118 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/16-118) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-118)

7 Sec. 16-118. Retirement. "Retirement": Entry upon a
8 retirement annuity or receipt of a single-sum retirement
9 benefit granted under this Article after termination of active
10 service as a teacher.

11 (a) An annuitant receiving a retirement annuity other than
12 a disability retirement annuity may accept employment as a
13 teacher from a school board or other employer specified in
14 Section 16-106 without impairing retirement status, if that
15 employment: (1) is not within the school year during which
16 service was terminated; and (2) does not exceed the following:

17 (i) before July 1, 2001, 100 paid days or 500 paid
18 hours in any school year;

19 (ii) during the period beginning July 1, 2001 through
20 June 30, 2011, 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each
21 school year;

22 (iii) during the period beginning July 1, 2011 through
23 June 30, 2018, 100 paid days or 500 paid hours in each

1 school year;

2 (iv) beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020, 120
3 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year, but not
4 more than 100 paid days in the same classroom; and

5 (v) beginning July 1, 2020, 100 paid days or 500 paid
6 hours in each school year.

7 Where such permitted employment is partly on a daily and
8 partly on an hourly basis, a day shall be considered as 5
9 hours.

10 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an annuitant who
11 returns to teaching under the program established in Section
12 16-150.1, for the duration of his or her participation in that
13 program.

14 (Source: P.A. 93-320, eff. 7-23-03; 94-914, eff. 6-23-06.)

15 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
16 21B-5, 21B-10, 21B-20, 21B-25, 21B-30, 21B-35, 21B-40, 21B-45,
17 21B-50, 21B-55, and 21B-105 and by adding Sections 10-20.67 and
18 34-18.60 as follows:

19 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.67 new)

20 Sec. 10-20.67. Short-term substitute teacher training.

21 (a) Each school board shall, in collaboration with its
22 teachers or, if applicable, the exclusive bargaining
23 representative of its teachers, jointly develop a short-term
24 substitute teacher training program that provides individuals

1 who hold a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License under Section
2 21B-20 of this Code with information on curriculum, classroom
3 management techniques, school safety, and district and
4 building operations. The State Board of Education may develop a
5 model short-term substitute teacher training program for use by
6 a school board under this subsection (a) if the school board
7 and its teachers or, if applicable, the exclusive bargaining
8 representative of its teachers agree to use the State Board's
9 model. A school board with a substitute teacher training
10 program in place before the effective date of this amendatory
11 Act of the 100th General Assembly may utilize that program to
12 satisfy the requirements of this subsection (a).

13 (b) Nothing in this Section prohibits a school board from
14 offering substitute training to substitute teachers licensed
15 under paragraph (3) of Section 21B-20 of this Code or to
16 substitute teachers holding a Professional Educator License.

17 (c) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2023.

18 (105 ILCS 5/21B-5)

19 Sec. 21B-5. Licensure powers of the State Board of
20 Education.

21 (a) Recognizing that the education of our citizens is the
22 single most important influence on the prosperity and success
23 of this State and recognizing that new developments in
24 education require a flexible approach to our educational
25 system, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the

1 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the
2 power and authority to do all of the following:

3 (1) Set standards for teaching, supervising, or
4 otherwise holding licensed employment in the public
5 schools of this State and administer the licensure process
6 as provided in this Article.

7 (2) Approve, evaluate, and sanction educator
8 preparation programs.

9 (3) Enter into agreements with other states relative to
10 reciprocal approval of educator preparation programs.

11 (4) Establish standards for the issuance of new types
12 of educator licenses.

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

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

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

19 (b) Only the State Board ~~Superintendent~~ of Education,
20 acting in accordance with the applicable provisions of this
21 Article and rules, shall have the authority to issue or endorse
22 any license required for teaching, supervising, or otherwise
23 holding licensed employment in the public schools; and no other
24 State agency shall have any power or authority (i) to establish
25 or prescribe any qualifications or other requirements
26 applicable to the issuance or endorsement of any such license

1 or (ii) to establish or prescribe any licensure or equivalent
2 requirement that must be satisfied in order to teach,
3 supervise, or hold licensed employment in the public schools.
4 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-10)

6 Sec. 21B-10. State Educator Preparation and Licensure
7 Board.

8 (a) The State Teacher Certification Board, which had been
9 established under Section 21-13 of the School Code prior to
10 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, shall be
11 renamed the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
12 References in law to the State Teacher Certification Board
13 shall mean the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
14 The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall
15 consist of the State Superintendent of Education or a
16 representative appointed by him or her, who shall be ex-officio
17 chairperson, 5 administrative or faculty members of public or
18 private colleges or universities located in this State, 3
19 administrators and 10 classroom teachers employed in the public
20 schools (5 of whom must be members of and nominated by a
21 statewide professional teachers' organization and 5 of whom
22 must be members of and nominated by a different statewide
23 professional teachers' organization), and one regional
24 superintendent of schools, all of whom shall be appointed by
25 the State Board of Education; provided that at least one of the

1 administrators and at least 3 of the classroom teachers so
2 appointed must be employees of a school district that is
3 subject to the provisions of Article 34 of this Code. A
4 statewide professional teachers' organization and a different
5 statewide professional teachers' organization shall submit to
6 the State Board of Education for consideration at least 3 names
7 of accomplished teachers for every one vacancy or expiring term
8 in a classroom teacher position. The nominations submitted to
9 the State Board of Education under this Section to fill a
10 vacancy or an expiring term shall be advisory. Nomination for
11 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board members must be
12 submitted to the State Board of Education within 30 days after
13 the vacancy or vacancies occur. Nominations to fill an expiring
14 term must be submitted to the State Board of Education at least
15 30 days before the expiration of that term. Notwithstanding any
16 other provisions of this Section, if a sufficient number of
17 nominations are not received by the State Board of Education
18 for a vacancy or expiring term within the 30-day period, then
19 the State Board of Education may appoint any qualified person,
20 in the same manner as the original appointment, to fill the
21 vacancy or expiring term. The regular term of each member is 3
22 years, and an individual may be appointed for no more than 2
23 consecutive terms. The term of an appointed member of the State
24 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall expire on June
25 30 of his or her final year.

26 (b) The State Board of Education shall appoint a secretary

1 of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

5 (d) The necessary expenses of the State Educator
6 Preparation and Licensure Board shall be provided through the
7 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, in
8 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
9 Board, may adopt such rules as may be necessary for the
10 administration of this Article.

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

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

17 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

18 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. ~~The~~ Before July 1, 2013,
19 ~~the~~ State Board of Education shall implement a system of
20 educator licensure, whereby individuals employed in school
21 districts who are required to be licensed must have one of the
22 following licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii)
23 an a professional ~~a professional~~ educator license with stipulations; ~~or~~ (iii)
24 a substitute teaching license; or (iv) until June 30, 2023, a
25 short-term substitute teaching license. References in law

1 regarding individuals certified or certificated or required to
2 be certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code
3 shall also include individuals licensed or required to be
4 licensed under this Article. The first year of all licenses
5 ends on June 30 following one full year of the license being
6 issued.

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

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

1 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
2 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
3 eligible to practice.

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

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

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

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

21 (A) (Blank). ~~Provisional educator. A provisional~~
22 ~~educator endorsement in a specific content area or~~
23 ~~areas on an Educator License with Stipulations may be~~
24 ~~issued to an applicant who holds an educator license~~
25 ~~from another state, U.S. territory, or foreign country~~
26 ~~and who, at the time of applying for an Illinois~~

1 ~~license, does not meet the minimum requirements under~~
2 ~~Section 21B-35 of this Code, but does, at a minimum,~~
3 ~~meet the following requirements:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 ~~(i) Graduated from a regionally accredited~~

1 ~~institution of higher education with a minimum of a~~
2 ~~bachelor's degree.~~

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

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

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

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

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

25 The career and technical educator endorsement on
26 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until

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

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

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

1 Educator License or an Educator License with
2 Stipulations with a career and technical educator
3 endorsement is available and that actual circumstances
4 require such issuance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 learning in the United States.

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

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

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

17 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
18 endorsement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
3 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

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

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

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

17 (M) School support personnel intern. A school
18 support personnel intern endorsement on an Educator
19 License with Stipulations may be issued as specified by
20 rule.

21 (N) Special education area. A special education
22 area endorsement on an Educator License with
23 Stipulations may be issued as defined and specified by
24 rule.

25 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
26 License may be issued to qualified applicants for

1 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
2 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
3 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
4 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
5 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
6 higher education.

7 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

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

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

1 the district exceed previous indications, and the district
2 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed
3 teacher for the vacant position.

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

16 A school district may not require an individual who
17 holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator
18 License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute
19 Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

20 (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning
21 on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2023, the State Board of
22 Education may issue a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
23 License. A Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may be
24 issued to a qualified applicant for substitute teaching in
25 all grades of the public schools, prekindergarten through
26 grade 12. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not

1 eligible for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term
2 Substitute Teaching License must hold an associate's
3 degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a
4 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

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

11 The provisions of Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of this
12 Code apply to short-term substitute teachers.

13 An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
14 License may teach no more than 5 consecutive days per
15 licensed teacher who is under contract. For teacher
16 absences lasting 6 or more days per licensed teacher who is
17 under contract, a school district may not hire an
18 individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
19 License. An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute
20 Teaching License must complete the training program under
21 Section 10-20.67 or 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to
22 teach at a public school. This paragraph (4) is inoperative
23 on and after July 1, 2023.

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

1 revised 9-25-17.)

2 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

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

16 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
17 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
18 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area
19 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator
20 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for
21 obtaining each endorsement.

22 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content
23 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of
24 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
25 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the

1 requirements for the following endorsements:

2 (A) (Blank). ~~General administrative endorsement. A~~
3 ~~general administrative endorsement shall be added to a~~
4 ~~Professional Educator License, provided that an~~
5 ~~approved program has been completed. An individual~~
6 ~~holding a general administrative endorsement may work~~
7 ~~only as a principal or assistant principal or in a~~
8 ~~related or similar position, as determined by the State~~
9 ~~Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the~~
10 ~~State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.~~

11 ~~Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general~~
12 ~~administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued~~
13 ~~except to individuals who completed all coursework~~
14 ~~requirements for the receipt of the general~~
15 ~~administrative endorsement by September 1, 2014, who~~
16 ~~have completed all testing requirements by June 30,~~
17 ~~2016, and who apply for the endorsement on or before~~
18 ~~June 30, 2016. Individuals who hold a valid and~~
19 ~~registered administrative certificate with a general~~
20 ~~administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1~~
21 ~~of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a~~
22 ~~general administrative endorsement issued prior to~~
23 ~~September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one~~
24 ~~full year during the 5 years prior in a position~~
25 ~~requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,~~
26 ~~upon request to the State Board of Education and~~

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

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

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

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

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

25 ~~Individuals who do not choose to convert the~~
26 ~~general administrative endorsement on the~~

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

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

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

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

24 (ii) At least 4 total years of teaching or 4
25 total years of working in the capacity of school
26 support personnel in an Illinois public school or

1 nonpublic school recognized by the State Board of
2 Education or in an out-of-state public school or
3 out-of-state nonpublic school meeting out-of-state
4 recognition standards comparable to those approved
5 by the State Superintendent of Education; however,
6 the State Board of Education, in consultation with
7 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
8 Board, shall allow, by rules, for fewer than 4
9 years of experience based on meeting standards set
10 forth in such rules, including without limitation
11 a review of performance evaluations or other
12 evidence of demonstrated qualifications.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
18 policy of this State to improve the quality of
19 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway
20 for teachers interested in serving in leadership
21 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of
22 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
23 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher
24 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons
25 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of
26 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader

1 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for
2 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may
3 qualify to serve in such positions as department
4 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction
5 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by
6 the district. The endorsement shall be available to
7 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator
8 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a
9 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have
10 completed a program of study that has been approved by
11 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
12 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
13 (iv) have successfully demonstrated competencies as
14 defined by rule.

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

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

1 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement
2 shall be required.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-623, eff. 7-22-16;
25 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-267, eff.
26 8-22-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17; revised 9-25-17.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

2 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

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

4 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
5 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
6 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required
7 prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations
8 and indicators must be based on national and State professional
9 teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of
10 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
11 and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt
12 such rules as may be necessary to implement and administer this
13 Section.

14 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this Article,
15 applicants ~~Applicants~~ seeking a Professional Educator License
16 or an Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to
17 pass a test of basic skills before the license is issued,
18 unless the endorsement the individual is seeking does not
19 require passage of the test. All applicants completing
20 Illinois-approved, teacher education or school service
21 personnel preparation programs shall be required to pass the
22 State Board of Education's recognized test of basic skills
23 prior to starting their student teaching or starting the final
24 semester of their internship, unless required earlier at the
25 discretion of the recognized, Illinois institution in which

1 they are completing their approved program. An individual who
2 passes a test of basic skills does not need to do so again for
3 subsequent endorsements or other educator licenses.

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

10 (e) (Blank). ~~and completing their student teaching~~
11 ~~experience no later than August 31, 2015 Prior to September 1,~~
12 ~~2015, passage The APT shall be available through August 31,~~
13 ~~2020.~~

14 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, beginning
15 on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing teacher
16 preparation programs in this State and all candidates subject
17 to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a teacher
18 performance assessment ~~an evidence based assessment of teacher~~
19 ~~effectiveness~~ approved by the State Board of Education, in
20 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
21 Board. ~~All recognized institutions offering approved teacher~~
22 ~~preparation programs must begin phasing in the approved teacher~~
23 ~~performance assessment no later than July 1, 2013.~~

24 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and
25 the teacher performance assessment ~~assessment of professional~~
26 ~~teaching~~ shall be the tests that from time to time are

1 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
2 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
3 may be tests prepared by an educational testing organization or
4 tests designed by the State Board of Education, in consultation
5 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The
6 areas to be covered by a test of basic skills shall include
7 reading, language arts, and mathematics. The test of content
8 area knowledge shall assess content knowledge in a specific
9 subject field. The tests must be designed to be racially
10 neutral to ensure that no person taking the tests is
11 discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national
12 origin, or other factors unrelated to the person's ability to
13 perform as a licensed employee. The score required to pass the
14 tests shall be fixed by the State Board of Education, in
15 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
16 Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer than 3 times a
17 year at such time and place as may be designated by the State
18 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
19 Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

26 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the

1 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school
2 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

3 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
4 testing requirements under this Section shall include without
5 limitation provisions governing test selection, test
6 validation and determination of a passing score,
7 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,
8 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
9 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special
10 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop such
11 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year
12 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

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

16 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

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

25 (1) the applicant must:

1 (A) hold a comparable and valid educator license or
2 certificate, as defined by rule, with similar grade
3 level and content area credentials from another state,
4 with the State Board of Education having the authority
5 to determine what constitutes similar grade level and
6 content area credentials from another state; and

7 (B) have a bachelor's degree from a regionally
8 accredited institution of higher education; or

9 (2) the applicant must:

10 (A) have completed a state-approved program for
11 the licensure area sought, including coursework
12 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
13 child, methods of reading and reading in the content
14 area, and instructional strategies for English
15 learners;

16 (B) have a bachelor's degree from a regionally
17 accredited institution of higher education;

18 (C) have successfully met all Illinois examination
19 requirements, except that:

20 (i) an applicant who has successfully
21 completed a test of basic skills, as defined by
22 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another
23 state is not required to complete a test of basic
24 skills;

25 (ii) an applicant who has successfully
26 completed a test of content, as defined by rules,

1 at the time of initial licensure in another state
2 is not required to complete a test of content; and

3 (iii) an applicant for a teaching endorsement
4 who has successfully completed an evidence-based
5 assessment of teacher effectiveness, as defined by
6 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another
7 state is not required to complete an
8 evidence-based assessment of teacher
9 effectiveness; and

10 (D) for an applicant for a teaching endorsement,
11 have completed student teaching or an equivalent
12 experience or, for an applicant for a school service
13 personnel endorsement, have completed an internship or
14 an equivalent experience. ~~(1) Provide evidence of~~
15 ~~completing a comparable state approved educator~~
16 ~~preparation program, as defined by the State~~
17 ~~Superintendent of Education, or hold a comparable and~~
18 ~~valid educator license or certificate with similar~~
19 ~~grade level and subject matter credentials from~~
20 ~~another state. The State Board of Education shall have~~
21 ~~the authority to determine what constitutes similar~~
22 ~~grade level and subject matter credentials from~~
23 ~~another state. A comparable educator license or~~
24 ~~certificate is one that demonstrates that the license~~
25 ~~or certificate holder meets similar requirements as~~
26 ~~candidates entitled by an Illinois approved educator~~

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

14 ~~(2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited~~
15 ~~institution of higher education.~~

16 ~~(3) (Blank).~~

17 ~~(4) (Blank).~~

18 ~~(5) (Blank).~~

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

1 ~~Applicants for a teaching endorsement who have~~
2 ~~successfully completed an evidence based assessment of~~
3 ~~teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of~~
4 ~~initial licensure in another state shall not be required to~~
5 ~~complete an evidence based assessment of teacher~~
6 ~~effectiveness.~~

7 ~~(7) For applicants for a teaching endorsement, have~~
8 ~~completed student teaching or an equivalent experience or,~~
9 ~~for applicants for a school service personnel endorsement,~~
10 ~~have completed an internship or an equivalent experience.~~

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

18 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License
19 endorsed in a teaching field or school support personnel area,
20 applicants trained in another country must meet all of the
21 following requirements:

22 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
23 another country.

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

26 (3) Have a degree comparable to a degree from a

1 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

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

6 (5) (Blank).

7 (6) (Blank).

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

22 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
23 experience.

24 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
25 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
26 institution of higher education and applicants trained in

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

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

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

24 (2.5) Have completed an internship, as defined by rule.

25 (3) (Blank).

26 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards

1 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
2 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,
3 and instructional strategies for English learners.

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

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

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

11 (b-7) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
12 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
13 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
14 Educator License endorsed for Director of Special Education
15 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited
16 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and
17 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level
18 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of
19 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes
20 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another
21 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

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

23 (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing
24 special education services.

25 (3) Have successfully completed all examination
26 requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.

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

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

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

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

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

25 (2) Have successfully completed an internship in
26 school business management or have 2 years of experience as

1 a school business administrator.

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

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

12 ~~A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a chief~~
13 ~~school business official may be affixed to an Educator License~~
14 ~~with Stipulations.~~

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

18 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-13,
19 eff. 7-1-17; 100-584, eff. 4-6-18.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

21 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

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

25 (1) A \$100 ~~\$75~~ application fee for a Professional

1 Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations.
2 ~~However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee~~
3 ~~for a Professional Educator License and Educator License~~
4 ~~with Stipulations shall be \$100.~~

5 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching
6 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching
7 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
8 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
9 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
10 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
11 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
12 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
13 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
14 within one year of issuance.

15 (1.7) A \$25 application fee for a Short-Term Substitute
16 Teaching License. The Short-Term Substitute Teaching
17 License must be registered in at least one region in this
18 State, but does not require a registration fee. 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 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full
25 school days within one year of issuance.

26 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have not

1 been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation
2 program at an Illinois institution of higher education and
3 are seeking any of the licenses set forth in subdivision
4 (1) of this subsection (a).

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

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

25 Beginning on July 1, 2017, at the beginning of each
26 renewal cycle, individuals who hold a Substitute Teaching

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

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

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

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

12 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as
13 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that
14 year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, if
15 a license holder's electronic mail address is available, the
16 State Board of Education shall send him or her notification
17 electronically that his or her license will lapse if not
18 renewed, to be sent no more than 6 months prior to the license
19 lapsing. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon (i)
20 payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State Board
21 of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by
22 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally
23 accredited institution of higher education in the content area
24 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's endorsement
25 areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation
26 registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the

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

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

25 (d) Beginning July 1, 2014, in order to satisfy the
26 requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (5) higher education coursework.

25 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator
26 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.

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

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

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

19 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement
20 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or
21 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in
22 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall
23 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as
24 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in
25 addition to 100 hours of professional development per
26 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

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

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

12 (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits
13 from a State of Illinois retirement system shall notify the
14 State Board of Education using ELIS, and the license shall
15 be maintained in retired status. For any renewal cycle in
16 which a licensee retires during the renewal cycle, the
17 licensee must complete professional development activities
18 on a prorated basis depending on the number of years during
19 the renewal cycle the educator held an active license. If a
20 licensee retires during a renewal cycle, the licensee must
21 notify the State Board of Education using ELIS that the
22 licensee wishes to maintain the license in retired status
23 and must show proof of completion of professional
24 development activities on a prorated basis for all years of
25 that renewal cycle for which the license was active. An
26 individual with a license in retired status shall not be

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

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

1 September 1 of that year. The licensee may complete all
2 deficient hours and Illinois Administrators' Academy
3 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 (g) The following entities shall be designated as approved
10 to provide professional development activities for the renewal
11 of Professional Educator Licenses:

12 (1) The State Board of Education.

13 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate
14 service centers.

15 (3) Illinois professional associations representing
16 the following groups that are approved by the State
17 Superintendent of Education:

18 (A) school administrators;

19 (B) principals;

20 (C) school business officials;

21 (D) teachers, including special education
22 teachers;

23 (E) school boards;

24 (F) school districts;

25 (G) parents; and

26 (H) school service personnel.

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

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

10 (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December
11 31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147), has
12 had or has a grant from or a contract with the State Board
13 of Education to provide professional development services
14 in the area of English Learning to Illinois school
15 districts, teachers, or administrators.

16 (7) State agencies, State boards, and State
17 commissions.

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

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

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

26 (2) improve the learning of students;

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

3 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

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

7 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various
8 types of classroom assessments;

9 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the
10 intended goals;

11 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to
12 collaborate; or

13 (9) prepare educators to apply research to
14 decision-making.

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

17 (1) align professional development activities to the
18 State-approved national standards for professional
19 learning;

20 (2) meet the professional development criteria for
21 Illinois licensure renewal;

22 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains
23 how it aligns to State standards and identify the
24 assessment for determining the expected impact on student
25 learning or school improvement;

26 (4) maintain original documentation for completion of

1 activities; ~~and~~

2 (5) provide license holders with evidence of
3 completion of activities; ~~and~~.

4 (6) request an Illinois Educator Identification Number
5 (IEIN) for each educator during each professional
6 development activity.

7 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual
8 audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school
9 districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of
10 education and intermediate service centers. The State Board of
11 Education shall ensure that each approved provider, except for
12 a school district, is audited at least once every 5 years. The
13 State Board of Education may conduct more frequent audits of
14 providers if evidence suggests the requirements of this Section
15 or administrative rules are not being met. ~~Each approved~~
16 provider, except for school districts, that is audited by a
17 regional office of education or intermediate service center
18 must be audited at least once every 5 years. The State Board of
19 Education shall complete random audits of licensees.

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

25 (2) Approved providers shall comply with the
26 requirements in subsections (h) and (i) of this Section by

1 annually submitting ~~submit~~ data to the State Board of
2 Education demonstrating how the professional development
3 activities impacted one or more of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

24 (1) Any professional educator licensee endorsed for school
25 support personnel who is employed and performing services in
26 Illinois public schools and who holds an active and current

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

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

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

24 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
25 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license
26 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to

1 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of
2 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure
3 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its
4 determination based upon the record of review, which shall
5 consist of the following:

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

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

12 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for
13 nonrenewal of the license.

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

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

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

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50)

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

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

6 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2013, the Alternative Educator
7 Licensure Program for Teachers may be offered by a recognized
8 institution approved to offer educator preparation programs by
9 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
10 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

11 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases:

12 (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes
13 instructional planning; instructional strategies,
14 including special education, reading, and English language
15 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of
16 students and use of data to drive instruction.

17 (2) A year of residency, which is a candidate's
18 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a
19 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must
20 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an
21 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to
22 enter the residency and must complete additional program
23 requirements that address required State and national
24 standards, pass the assessment of professional teaching
25 before entering the second residency year, as required
26 under phase (3) of this subsection (b), and be recommended

1 by the principal and program coordinator to continue with
2 the second year of the residency.

3 (3) A second year of residency, which shall include the
4 candidate's assignment to a full-time teaching position
5 for one school year. The candidate must be assigned an
6 experienced teacher to act as a mentor and coach the
7 candidate through the second year of residency.

8 (4) A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's
9 teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal and
10 the program coordinator, at the end of the second year of
11 residency. If there is disagreement between the 2
12 evaluators about the candidate's teaching effectiveness,
13 the candidate may complete one additional year of residency
14 teaching under a professional development plan developed
15 by the principal and preparation program. At the completion
16 of the third year, a candidate must have positive
17 evaluations and a recommendation for full licensure from
18 both the principal and the program coordinator or no
19 Professional Educator License shall be issued.

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

23 (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
24 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 2 years of
25 teaching in the public schools, including without limitation a
26 charter school, or in a State-recognized nonpublic school in

1 which the chief administrator is required to have the licensure
2 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this State
3 and in which a majority of the teachers are required to have
4 the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public school in
5 this State, but may be renewed for a third year if needed to
6 complete the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
7 Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued only once to an
8 individual who meets all of the following requirements:

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

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

13 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if
14 seeking a middle or secondary level endorsement or, if
15 seeking an early childhood, elementary, or special
16 education endorsement, has completed a major in the content
17 area of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, or
18 one of the sciences. If the individual does not have a
19 major in a content area for any level of teaching, he or
20 she must submit transcripts to the State Board
21 ~~Superintendent~~ of Education to be reviewed for
22 equivalency.

23 (4) Has successfully completed phase (1) of subsection
24 (b) of this Section.

25 (5) Has passed a test of basic skills and content area
26 test required for the specific endorsement for admission

1 into the program, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
2 Code.

3 A candidate possessing the alternative provisional
4 educator endorsement may receive a salary, benefits, and any
5 other terms of employment offered to teachers in the school who
6 are members of an exclusive bargaining representative, if any,
7 but a school is not required to provide these benefits during
8 the years of residency if the candidate is serving only as a
9 co-teacher. If the candidate is serving as the teacher of
10 record, the candidate must receive a salary, benefits, and any
11 other terms of employment. Residency experiences must not be
12 counted towards tenure.

13 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative
14 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a
15 school district, including without limitation a charter
16 school, or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this State
17 in which the chief administrator is required to have the
18 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in
19 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required
20 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public
21 school in this State. The program presented for approval by the
22 State Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are
23 to be provided to assist the provisional teacher during the
24 2-year residency period. These supports must provide
25 additional contact hours with mentors during the first year of
26 residency.

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

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

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

10 (105 ILCS 5/21B-55)

11 Sec. 21B-55. Alternative route to superintendent
12 endorsement.

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

17 (b) Entities offering an alternative route to
18 superintendent endorsement program must have the program
19 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
20 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

23 (1) A course of study offered on an intensive basis in
24 education management, governance, organization, and
25 instructional and district planning.

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

3 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the person's
4 performance by school officials and a recommendation to the
5 State Board Superintendent of Education that the person be
6 issued a superintendent endorsement on a Professional
7 Educator License.

8 ~~(d) In order to be admitted to an alternative route to~~
9 ~~superintendent endorsement program, a candidate shall pass a~~
10 ~~test of basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this~~
11 ~~Code.~~ In order to serve as a superintendent under phase (2) of
12 subsection (c) of this Section, an individual must be issued an
13 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an
14 Educator License with Stipulations, to be valid for only one
15 year of serving as a superintendent. In order to receive the
16 provisional alternative superintendent endorsement under this
17 Section, an individual must meet all of the following
18 requirements:

19 (1) Have graduated from a regionally accredited
20 college or university with a minimum of a master's degree
21 in a management field ~~other than education.~~

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

24 (3) Have successfully completed phase (1) of
25 subsection (c) of this Section.

26 (4) Have passed a test of basic skills and a content

1 area test for admission into the program, as examinations
2 required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.

3 (e) Successful completion of an alternative route to
4 superintendent endorsement program shall be deemed to satisfy
5 any other supervisory, administrative, or management
6 experience requirements established by law, and, once
7 completed, an individual shall be eligible for a superintendent
8 endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

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

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

14 (105 ILCS 5/21B-105)

15 Sec. 21B-105. Granting of recognition; regional
16 accreditation; definitions.

17 (a) "Recognized", as used in this Article in connection
18 with the word "school" or "institution", means such college,
19 university, or for-profit or not-for-profit entity that meets
20 requirements set by the State Board of Education, in
21 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
22 Board. Application for recognition of the school or institution
23 as an educator preparation institution must be made to the
24 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, in
25 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure

1 Board, shall set the criteria by which the school or
2 institution is to be judged and, through the secretary of the
3 State Board, arrange for an official inspection and shall grant
4 recognition of such school or institution as may meet the
5 required standards. If the standards include requirements with
6 regard to education in acquiring skills in working with
7 culturally distinctive students, as defined by the State Board
8 of Education, then the rules of the State Board of Education
9 shall include the criteria used to evaluate compliance with
10 this requirement. No school or institution may make assignments
11 of student teachers or teachers for practice teaching so as to
12 promote segregation on the basis of race, creed, color,
13 religion, sex, or national origin.

14 Any for-profit or not-for-profit entity must also be
15 approved by the Board of Higher Education.

16 All recommendations or entitlements for educator licensure
17 shall be made by a recognized institution operating a program
18 of preparation for the license that is approved by the State
19 Board Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
20 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board
21 of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
22 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the power to define
23 a major or minor when used as a basis for recognition and
24 licensure purposes.

25 (b) "Regionally accredited", or "accredited", as used in
26 this Article in connection with a university or institution,

1 means an institution of higher education accredited by the
2 North Central Association or other comparable regional
3 accrediting association.

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

5 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.60 new)

6 Sec. 34-18.60. Short-term substitute teacher training.

7 (a) The board shall, in collaboration with its teachers or,
8 if applicable, the exclusive bargaining representative of its
9 teachers, jointly develop a short-term substitute teacher
10 training program that provides individuals who hold a
11 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License under Section 21B-20 of
12 this Code with information on curriculum, classroom management
13 techniques, school safety, and district and building
14 operations. The State Board of Education may develop a model
15 short-term substitute teacher training program for use by the
16 board under this subsection (a) if the board and its teachers
17 or, if applicable, the exclusive bargaining representative of
18 its teachers agree to use the State Board's model. If the board
19 has a substitute teacher training program in place before the
20 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General
21 Assembly, it may utilize that program to satisfy the
22 requirements of this subsection (a).

23 (b) Nothing in this Section prohibits the board from
24 offering substitute training to substitute teachers licensed
25 under paragraph (3) of Section 21B-20 of this Code or to

1 substitute teachers holding a Professional Educator License.

2 (c) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2023.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
4 2018.