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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 863

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 863 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21B-35 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

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

14 (1) Provide evidence of completing a comparable
15 state-approved educator preparation program, as defined by
16 the State Superintendent of Education, or hold ~~held~~ a

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

21 (2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited
22 institution of higher education.

23 (3) (Blank).

24 (4) (Blank).

25 (5) (Blank).

26 (6) Have successfully met all Illinois examination

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

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

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

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

1 country must meet all of the following requirements:

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

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

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

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

12 (5) (Blank).

13 (6) (Blank).

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

1 effectiveness.

2 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
3 experience.

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

25 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards
26 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing
17 special education services.

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

24 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards
25 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
26 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,

1 and instructional strategies for English learners.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a chief
26 school business official may be affixed to an Educator License

1 with Stipulations.

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

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

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.".