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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2693

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2693 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21B-30 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

7 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

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

9 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
10 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
11 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required
12 prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations
13 and indicators must be based on national and State professional
14 teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of
15 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
16 and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt

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

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

22 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
23 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
24 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There
25 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
26 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record

1 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

2 (e) (Blank). ~~and completing their student teaching~~
3 ~~experience no later than August 31, 2015 Prior to September 1,~~
4 ~~2015, passage The APT shall be available through August 31,~~
5 ~~2020.~~

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

16 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and
17 the assessment of professional teaching shall be the tests that
18 from time to time are designated by the State Board of
19 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
20 and Licensure Board, and may be tests prepared by an
21 educational testing organization or tests designed by the State
22 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
23 Preparation and Licensure Board. The areas to be covered by a
24 test of basic skills shall include reading, language arts, and
25 mathematics. The test of content area knowledge shall assess
26 content knowledge in a specific subject field. The tests must

1 be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no person
2 taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis of race,
3 color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to the
4 person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The score
5 required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State Board of
6 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
7 and Licensure Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer
8 than 3 times a year at such time and place as may be designated
9 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
10 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

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

20 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
21 testing requirements under this Section shall include without
22 limitation provisions governing test selection, test
23 validation and determination of a passing score,
24 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,
25 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
26 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special

1 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop such
2 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year
3 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-361, eff. 1-1-14; 98-581, eff. 8-27-13;
5 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-657, eff.
6 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; revised 1-23-17.)

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