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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.173 new
105 ILCS 5/21B-20

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish and maintain the Growing Future Educators Program to train high school graduates who at one time have been identified as English learners and who are enrolled in an approved educator preparation program, among other qualifications, to become secondary language educators. Provides that each school district that chooses to participate in the Program shall partner with one public, regionally accredited institution of higher education in this State that offers a pre-approved educator preparation program and each qualified high school graduate participating in the program through the district must be enrolled at that institution in its educator preparation program. Provides that for each semester that a qualified high school graduate is participating in the program, the State Board shall issue the person a paraprofessional educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations and the person must be employed as a part-time employee by the participating district as a paraprofessional working under the supervision of a district employee with a Professional Educator License. Sets forth provisions concerning funding, submitting program data, reporting to the General Assembly, and rulemaking. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Legislative intent. The General Assembly
5 understands there is a current teacher shortage throughout this
6 State and the United States, especially a shortage of bilingual
7 and secondary language teachers. The General Assembly also
8 understands that higher education is becoming more and more
9 expensive each year. In response, the General Assembly has
10 taken action to ensure that Illinois schools have access to
11 quality educators at both the elementary and secondary level.
12 The General Assembly believes it is appropriate to offer
13 assistance to quality high school graduates so they can receive
14 a college degree while in the midst of helping school-aged
15 children learn the basics of a foreign language.

16 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
17 2-3.173 and by changing Section 21B-20 as follows:

18 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.173 new)

19 Sec. 2-3.173. Growing Future Educators Program.

20 (a) In this Section:

21 "English learner" means a child included in the definition
22 of "English learners" under Section 14C-2 of this Code.

1 "Program" means the Growing Future Educators Program
2 established under this Section.

3 "Qualified high school graduate" means any high school
4 graduate who at any one time during grades pre-kindergarten
5 through 12 was identified as an English learner and who is
6 enrolled in an approved educator preparation program at a
7 public, regionally accredited institution of higher education
8 in this State. A "qualified high school graduate" shall have
9 graduated within the previous 2 years from the school district
10 where he or she plans to participate in the Program.

11 "Secondary language educator" means an educator who
12 teaches a high school course in a language other than English.

13 "State Board" means the State Board of Education.

14 (b) The State Board shall establish and maintain the
15 Growing Future Educators Program to train qualified high school
16 graduates to become secondary language educators beginning
17 with the 2019-2020 school year.

18 (c) Each school district that chooses to participate in the
19 Program shall partner with one public, regionally accredited
20 institution of higher education in this State that offers a
21 pre-approved educator preparation program. Each qualified high
22 school graduate participating in the Program through the school
23 district must be enrolled at that regionally accredited
24 institution of higher education in its educator preparation
25 program. To be eligible for the Program, the qualified high
26 school graduate must be enrolled in higher education courses on

1 at least a part-time basis each semester while participating in
2 the Program.

3 (d) For each semester that a qualified high school graduate
4 is participating in the Program, the State Board shall issue
5 the qualified high school graduate a paraprofessional educator
6 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations,
7 regardless of how many semester hours of credit that qualified
8 high school graduate has completed. If a qualified high school
9 graduate fails to enroll in enough credit hours to qualify for
10 at least part-time status in any given semester, the qualified
11 high school graduate may not be issued the paraprofessional
12 educator endorsement for that semester but may participate in
13 the Program in subsequent semesters in which the qualified high
14 school graduate is enrolled in enough credit hours to qualify
15 for at least part-time status. A qualified high school graduate
16 shall no longer qualify for the Program if at any time the
17 participating school district determines that the qualified
18 high school graduate is no longer making substantial progress
19 towards a degree in an approved educator preparation program.

20 (e) Throughout each semester of participation in the
21 Program, the qualified high school graduate must be employed as
22 a part-time employee by the participating school district as a
23 paraprofessional working under the supervision of a school
24 district employee with a Professional Educator License. The
25 qualified high school graduate shall work under the supervision
26 of a school district employee with a Professional Educator

1 License with an endorsement in any subject. Duties of the
2 qualified high school graduate may include, but are not limited
3 to, (i) working in cooperation with his or her supervisor under
4 this subsection (e) to create classroom curriculum and lesson
5 plans and (ii) working with and mentoring English learners on a
6 one-on-one basis.

7 Each participating school district may use appropriate
8 State, federal, or local revenue to employ the qualified high
9 school graduate.

10 (f) At the end of each school year of the Program, each
11 participating school district shall submit data to the State
12 Board detailing all of the following:

13 (1) The number of qualified high school graduates
14 enrolled in the Program.

15 (2) The cost of the Program.

16 (3) In which subjects each qualified high school
17 graduate has been working under the supervision of a school
18 district employee with a Professional Educator License.

19 (4) The current status of each qualified high school
20 graduate in his or her educator preparation program.

21 (5) Any other pertinent information requested by the
22 State Board.

23 The school district may not submit any personal information
24 of the qualified high school graduate except where he or she
25 currently is in his or her educator preparation program.

26 (g) Prior to the 2023-2024 school year, the State Board

1 shall submit a report to the General Assembly detailing the
2 first 4 years of the Program, including, but not limited to,
3 all of the following information:

4 (1) The participating school districts.

5 (2) The number of qualified high school graduates
6 participating in the Program.

7 (3) The total cost per school district of the Program.

8 (4) In which subjects each qualified high school
9 graduate has been working under the supervision of a school
10 district employee with a Professional Educator License.

11 (5) The current status of each qualified high school
12 graduate in his or her educator preparation program,
13 including the number of qualified high school graduates who
14 have completed their educator preparation program and the
15 current employment status of those individuals.

16 (6) Any other pertinent information as determined by
17 the State Board.

18 The State Board may not submit any personal information of
19 a qualified high school graduate except where he or she
20 currently is in his or her educator preparation program.

21 (h) The State Board shall establish and adopt any rules
22 necessary to implement this Section.

23 (i) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require a
24 school district to participate in the Program.

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

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

17 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
18 have successfully completed an approved educator
19 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
20 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
21 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
22 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
23 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
24 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
25 the exceptional child, including without limitation
26 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have

1 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
2 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
3 criteria established by rule of the State Board of
4 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
5 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30
6 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
7 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
8 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
9 eligible to practice.

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

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

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

24 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
25 with the following endorsements:

26 (A) Provisional educator. A provisional educator

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

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

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

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

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

24 Notwithstanding any other requirements of this
25 Section, a service member or spouse of a service member
26 may obtain a Professional Educator License with

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (D) Resident teacher endorsement. A resident
26 teacher endorsement on an Educator License with

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

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

7 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator
8 preparation program.

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

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

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

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

1 has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside of
2 education in each area to be taught.

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

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

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

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

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

20 A part-time provisional career and technical
21 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
22 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
23 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time
24 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
25 on an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
26 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the

1 endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5 years
2 if the individual makes application for renewal.

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

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

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

19 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
20 communicate in English.

21 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
22 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
23 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
24 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
25 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
26 a degree from an institution of higher learning in

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

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

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

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

21 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
22 endorsement.

23 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
24 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
25 by passing the applicable language content test
26 required by the State Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
6 subject to be taught.

7 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
8 language.

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

19 A visiting international educator endorsement on
20 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
21 years and shall not be renewed.

22 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
23 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
24 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
25 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
26 either holds an associate's degree or, except as

1 otherwise provided in Section 2-3.173 of this Code, a
2 minimum of 60 semester hours of credit from a
3 regionally accredited institution of higher education
4 or has passed a test of basic skills required under
5 Section 21B-30 of this Code. Except as otherwise
6 provided in Section 2-3.173 of this Code, the ~~The~~
7 paraprofessional educator endorsement is valid until
8 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
9 endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
10 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
11 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
12 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
13 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
14 in order to renew the endorsement.

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of this
16 paragraph (J), a paraprofessional educator endorsement
17 on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
18 to a qualified high school graduate under Section
19 2-3.173 of this Code for each semester that the person
20 is participating in the Growing Future Educators
21 Program.

22 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
23 business official endorsement on an Educator License
24 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who
25 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2
26 years of full-time administrative experience in school

1 business management or 2 years of university-approved
2 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
3 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
4 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
5 business administrators and by passage of the
6 applicable State tests, including a test of basic
7 skills and applicable content area test.

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

20 The chief school business official endorsement on
21 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 if the
24 license holder completes renewal requirements as
25 required for individuals who hold a Professional
26 Educator License endorsed for chief school business

1 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such
2 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of
3 Education.

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

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

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

16 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
17 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

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

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

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

5 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
6 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
7 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
8 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
9 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
10 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
11 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
12 higher education.

13 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

14 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
15 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
16 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
17 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or
18 has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then
19 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute
20 Teaching License.

21 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
22 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
23 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
24 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district
25 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30
26 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if

1 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of
2 education within 5 business days after the employment of
3 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An
4 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy
5 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or
6 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of
7 the district exceed previous indications, and the district
8 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed
9 teacher for the vacant position.

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

22 (Source: P.A. 99-35, eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143,
23 eff. 7-27-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-8,
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25 revised 9-25-17.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.