

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 21B-107 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-107 new)

7 Sec. 21B-107. Educator preparation program; appeal.

8 (a) A not-for-profit institution or institution of higher
9 education that is denied an initial recommendation for
10 recognition by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
11 Board may appeal the denial of recommendation for recognition
12 to the State Board of Education, as provided by rules adopted
13 by the State Board of Education under this Section.

14 (b) A for-profit institution that is denied an initial
15 recommendation for recognition by the State Educator
16 Preparation and Licensure Board may appeal the denial of
17 recommendation for recognition to the State Board of Education,
18 as provided by rules adopted by the State Board of Education
19 under this Section. These rules must include at minimum all of
20 the following:

21 (1) The State Board of Education must convene a public
22 hearing immediately preceding its next regularly scheduled
23 board meeting after the State Educator Preparation and

1 Licensure Board's denial of recommendation for
2 recognition.

3 (2) The public hearing must include an opportunity for
4 public participants to present comments on the appeal to
5 the State Board of Education.

6 (3) The public hearing must include an opportunity for
7 members of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
8 Board and the State Board of Education to comment on the
9 issues raised in the appeal.

10 (4) The public hearing must include an opportunity for
11 the institution filing the appeal to present comments and
12 information to the State Board of Education in support of
13 its appeal.

14 (5) The State Board of Education must take action to
15 adopt, modify, or overturn the denial of recommendation for
16 recognition immediately after the public hearing.

17 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
18 implement this Section.