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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 423

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 423 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 2-3.11d, 14-9.01, 21B-15, 21B-20, 21B-30, 21B-35, 21B-50, and
6 21B-55 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d)

8 Sec. 2-3.11d. Teacher preparation institution listing.
9 ~~Data on tests required for teacher preparation and~~
10 ~~certification. Beginning with the effective date of this~~
11 ~~amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, to collect and~~
12 ~~maintain all of the following data for each institution of~~
13 ~~higher education engaged in teacher preparation in this State:~~

14 ~~(1) The number of individuals taking the test of basic~~
15 ~~skills under Section 21-1a of this Code.~~

16 ~~(2) The number of individuals passing the test of basic~~

1 ~~skills under Section 21-1a of this Code.~~

2 ~~(3) The total number of subject matter tests attempted~~
3 ~~under Section 21-1a of this Code.~~

4 ~~(4) The total number of subject matter tests passed~~
5 ~~under Section 21-1a of this Code.~~

6 ~~The data regarding subject matter tests shall be reported in~~
7 ~~sum, rather than by separately listing each subject, in order~~
8 ~~to better protect the identity of the test takers.~~

9 ~~On or before August 1, 2007, the State Board of Education~~
10 ~~shall file with the General Assembly and the Governor and shall~~
11 ~~make available to the public a report listing the institutions~~
12 ~~of higher education engaged in teacher preparation in this~~
13 ~~State, along with the data listed in items (1) and (2) of this~~
14 ~~Section pertinent to each institution.~~

15 On or before October 1, 2012 and every 3 years thereafter,
16 the State Board of Education shall file with the General
17 Assembly and the Governor and shall make available to the
18 public a report listing the institutions of higher education
19 engaged in teacher preparation in this State, ~~along with the~~
20 ~~data listed in items (1) through (4) of this Section pertinent~~
21 ~~to each institution.~~

22 (Source: P.A. 96-1423, eff. 8-3-10.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/14-9.01) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-9.01)

24 Sec. 14-9.01. Qualifications of teachers, other
25 professional personnel and necessary workers. No person shall

1 be employed to teach any class or program authorized by this
2 Article who does not hold a valid teacher's license as provided
3 by law and unless he has had such special training as the State
4 Board of Education may require. No special license or
5 endorsement to a special license issued under Article 21B
6 ~~Section 21B 30 of this Code~~ shall be valid for teaching
7 students with visual disabilities unless the person to whom the
8 license or endorsement is issued has attained satisfactory
9 performance on an examination that is designed to assess
10 competency in Braille reading and writing skills according to
11 standards that the State Board of Education may adopt. ~~Evidence~~
12 ~~of successfully completing the examination of Braille reading~~
13 ~~and writing skills must be submitted to the State Board of~~
14 ~~Education prior to an applicant's taking of the content area~~
15 ~~test required under Section 21B 30 of this Code.~~ In addition to
16 other requirements, a candidate for a teaching license in the
17 area of the deaf and hard of hearing granted by the Illinois
18 State Board of Education for teaching deaf and hard of hearing
19 students in grades pre-school through grade 12 must demonstrate
20 a minimum proficiency in sign language as determined by the
21 Illinois State Board of Education. All other professional
22 personnel employed in any class, service, or program authorized
23 by this Article shall hold such licenses and shall have had
24 such special training as the State Board of Education may
25 require; provided that in a school district organized under
26 Article 34, the school district may employ speech and language

1 pathologists who are licensed under the Illinois
2 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act but who do
3 not hold a license issued under this Code if the district
4 certifies that a chronic shortage of certified personnel
5 exists. Nothing contained in this Act prohibits the school
6 board from employing necessary workers to assist the teacher
7 with the special educational facilities, except that all such
8 necessary workers must have had such training as the State
9 Board of Education may require.

10 No later than January 1, 1993, the State Board of Education
11 shall develop, in consultation with the Advisory Council on the
12 Education of Children with Disabilities and the Advisory
13 Council on Bilingual Education, rules governing the
14 qualifications for certification of teachers and school
15 service personnel providing services to English learners
16 receiving special education and related services.

17 The employment of any teacher in a special education
18 program provided for in Sections 14-1.01 to 14-14.01,
19 inclusive, shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 24-11
20 to 24-16, inclusive. Any teacher employed in a special
21 education program, prior to the effective date of this
22 amendatory Act of 1987, in which 2 or more districts
23 participate shall enter upon contractual continued service in
24 each of the participating districts subject to the provisions
25 of Sections 24-11 to 24-16, inclusive.

26 (Source: P.A. 99-30, eff. 7-10-15.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-15)

2 Sec. 21B-15. Qualifications of educators.

3 (a) No one may be licensed to teach or supervise or be
4 otherwise employed in the public schools of this State who is
5 not of good character and at least 19 years of age.

6 In determining good character under this Section, the State
7 Superintendent of Education shall take into consideration the
8 disciplinary actions of other states or national entities
9 against certificates or licenses issued by those states and
10 held by individuals from those states. In addition, any felony
11 conviction of the applicant may be taken into consideration;
12 however, no one may be licensed to teach or supervise in the
13 public schools of this State who has been convicted of (i) an
14 offense set forth in subsection (b) of Section 21B-80 of this
15 Code until 7 years following the end of the sentence for the
16 criminal offense or (ii) an offense set forth in subsection (c)
17 of Section 21B-80 of this Code. Unless the conviction is for an
18 offense set forth in Section 21B-80 of this Code, an applicant
19 must be permitted to submit character references or other
20 written material before such a conviction or other information
21 regarding the applicant's character may be used by the State
22 Superintendent of Education as a basis for denying the
23 application.

24 (b) No person otherwise qualified shall be denied the right
25 to be licensed or to receive training for the purpose of

1 becoming an educator because of a physical disability,
2 including, but not limited to, visual and hearing disabilities;
3 nor shall any school district refuse to employ a teacher on
4 such grounds, provided that the person is able to carry out the
5 duties of the position for which he or she applies.

6 (c) No person may be granted or continue to hold an
7 educator license who has knowingly altered or misrepresented
8 his or her qualifications, in this State or any other state, in
9 order to acquire or renew the license. Any other license issued
10 under this Article held by the person may be suspended or
11 revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
12 depending upon the severity of the alteration or
13 misrepresentation.

14 (d) No one may teach or supervise in the public schools nor
15 receive for teaching or supervising any part of any public
16 school fund who does not hold an educator license granted by
17 the State Superintendent of Education as provided in this
18 Article. However, the provisions of this Article do not apply
19 to a member of the armed forces who is employed as a teacher of
20 subjects in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of any school,
21 nor to an individual teaching a dual credit course as provided
22 for in the Dual Credit Quality Act.

23 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the
24 school board of a school district may grant to a teacher of the
25 district a leave of absence with full pay for a period of not
26 more than one year to permit the teacher to teach in a foreign

1 state under the provisions of the Exchange Teacher Program
2 established under Public Law 584, 79th Congress, and Public Law
3 402, 80th Congress, as amended. The school board granting the
4 leave of absence may employ, with or without pay, a national of
5 the foreign state wherein the teacher on the leave of absence
6 is to teach if the national is qualified to teach in that
7 foreign state and if that national is to teach in a grade level
8 similar to the one that was taught in the foreign state. The
9 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
10 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt rules as
11 may be necessary to implement this subsection (e).

12 (f) No person shall be denied a license issued under this
13 Article solely based on his or her citizenship status or
14 immigration status. The General Assembly finds and declares
15 that this subsection (f) is a State law within the meaning of
16 subsection (d) of Section 1621 of Title 8 of the United States
17 Code. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the requirements
18 to obtain a license that are not directly related to
19 citizenship status or immigration status. Nothing in this
20 subsection shall be construed to grant eligibility for
21 obtaining any public benefit other than a license issued under
22 this Article.

23 (g) A candidate enrolled in a teacher preparation program
24 must receive a letter grade of at least a "C", or its
25 equivalent, in his or her student teaching program to obtain an
26 educator license under this Article.

1 (Source: P.A. 99-667, eff. 7-29-16; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17;
2 100-1078, eff. 1-1-19.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

4 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The State Board of
5 Education shall implement a system of educator licensure,
6 whereby individuals employed in school districts who are
7 required to be licensed must have one of the following
8 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) an educator
9 license with stipulations; (iii) a substitute teaching
10 license; or (iv) until June 30, 2023, a short-term substitute
11 teaching license. References in law regarding individuals
12 certified or certificated or required to be certified or
13 certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall also include
14 individuals licensed or required to be licensed under this
15 Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June 30
16 following one full year of the license being issued.

17 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
18 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
19 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
20 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

21 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
22 have successfully completed an approved educator
23 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
24 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
25 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required

1 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
2 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
3 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
4 the exceptional child, including without limitation
5 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have
6 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
7 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
8 criteria established by rule of the State Board of
9 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
10 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30
11 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
12 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
13 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
14 eligible to practice.

15 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
16 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
17 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
18 in the endorsement area ~~and passage of the applicable~~
19 ~~content area test~~, unless otherwise specified by rule.

20 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
21 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
22 that limits the license holder to one particular position
23 or does not require completion of an approved educator
24 program or both.

25 An individual with an Educator License with
26 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or

1 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
2 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

3 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
4 with the following endorsements:

5 (A) (Blank). ~~A A provisional educator endorsement~~
6 ~~for a service member or a spouse of a service member is~~
7 ~~valid until June 30 immediately following 3 years of~~
8 ~~the license being issued, provided that any remaining~~
9 ~~testing and coursework deficiencies are met under this~~
10 ~~Section. In this Section, "spouse of a service member"~~
11 ~~means any person who, at the time of application under~~
12 ~~this Section, is the spouse of an active duty member of~~
13 ~~the United States Armed Forces or any reserve component~~
14 ~~of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard~~
15 ~~of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United~~
16 ~~States or the District of Columbia.~~

17 ~~Except as otherwise provided under this~~
18 ~~subparagraph, a~~

19 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
20 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
21 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
22 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
23 endorsement, has done all of the following:

24 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
25 college or university with a minimum of a
26 bachelor's degree.

1 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
2 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
3 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
4 Code.

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

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

12 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An
13 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
14 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
15 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant
16 superintendent in a school district's central office.
17 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
18 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
19 done all of the following:

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

23 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
24 years in a management level position in a field
25 other than education.

26 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase

1 of an alternative route to superintendent
2 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
3 of this Code.

4 (iv) (Blank). ~~Passed a test of basic skills and~~
5 ~~content area tests required under Section 21B-30~~
6 ~~of this Code.~~

7 The endorsement is valid for 2 fiscal years in
8 order to complete one full year of serving as a
9 superintendent or assistant superintendent.

10 (D) (Blank).

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

19 The career and technical educator endorsement on
20 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
21 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
22 endorsement being issued and may be renewed. ~~For~~
23 ~~individuals who were issued the career and technical~~
24 ~~educator endorsement on an Educator License with~~
25 ~~Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license~~
26 ~~may be renewed if the individual passes a test of basic~~

1 ~~skills or test of work proficiency, as required under~~
2 ~~Section 21B-30 of this Code.~~

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

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

25 The provisional career and technical educator
26 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations

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

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

19 An individual who holds a provisional or part-time
20 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
21 on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not
22 hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career
23 and technical education classrooms.

24 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
25 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
26 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for

1 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
2 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
3 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all
4 of the following requirements:

5 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
6 writing ability in the language other than English
7 in which transitional bilingual education is
8 offered.

9 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
10 communicate in English.

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

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

26 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator

1 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
2 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
3 replaced for any reason.

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

11 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
12 endorsement.

13 (ii) (Blank). ~~Has demonstrated proficiency in~~
14 ~~the language for which the endorsement is to be~~
15 ~~issued by passing the applicable language content~~
16 ~~test required by the State Board of Education.~~

17 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
18 a regionally accredited institution of higher
19 education or, for individuals educated in a
20 country other than the United States, holds a
21 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
22 foreign country that the State Educator
23 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
24 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
25 regionally accredited institution of higher
26 learning in the United States.

1 (iv) (Blank). ~~Has passed a test of basic~~
2 ~~skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this~~
3 ~~Code.~~

4 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
5 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
6 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
7 individual's transitional bilingual educator
8 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
9 and shall not be renewed.

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

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

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

22 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
23 subject to be taught.

24 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
25 language.

26 A holder of a visiting international educator

1 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
2 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
3 programs in the language that was the medium of
4 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
5 provided that he or she passes the English Language
6 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
7 skills in English identified by the State Board of
8 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
9 Preparation and Licensure Board.

10 A visiting international educator endorsement on
11 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
12 years and shall not be renewed.

13 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
14 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
15 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
16 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
17 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
18 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
19 institution of higher education ~~or has passed a test of~~
20 ~~basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this~~
21 ~~Code~~. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
22 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
23 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
24 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
25 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
26 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator

1 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
2 in order to renew the endorsement.

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

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

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

11 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules
12 necessary to implement Public Act 100-288.

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

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

22 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
23 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

24 (iii) (Blank). ~~Has passed a test of basic~~
25 ~~skills and applicable content area test, as~~
26 ~~required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.~~

1 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
2 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a
3 minimum score on that assessment, as established
4 by the State Board of Education in consultation
5 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
6 Board.

7 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
8 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
9 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
10 be renewed.

11 (M) School support personnel intern. A school
12 support personnel intern endorsement on an Educator
13 License with Stipulations may be issued as specified by
14 rule.

15 (N) Special education area. A special education
16 area endorsement on an Educator License with
17 Stipulations may be issued as defined and specified by
18 rule.

19 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
20 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
21 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
22 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
23 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
24 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
25 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
26 higher education.

1 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

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

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

23 There is no limit on the number of days that a
24 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
25 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
26 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under

1 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who
2 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
3 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
4 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
5 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
6 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
7 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
8 of this Code.

9 A school district may not require an individual who
10 holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator
11 License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute
12 Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

13 (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning
14 on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2023, the State Board of
15 Education may issue a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
16 License. A Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may be
17 issued to a qualified applicant for substitute teaching in
18 all grades of the public schools, prekindergarten through
19 grade 12. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not
20 eligible for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term
21 Substitute Teaching License must hold an associate's
22 degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a
23 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

24 Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for
25 substitute teaching in every county of this State. If an
26 individual has had his or her Professional Educator License

1 or Educator License with Stipulations suspended or
2 revoked, then that individual is not eligible to obtain a
3 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License.

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

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

17 (Source: P.A. 99-35, eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143,
18 eff. 7-27-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-8,
19 eff. 7-1-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17;
20 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-821, eff. 9-3-18; 100-863, eff.
21 8-14-18; revised 10-1-18.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

23 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

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

25 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the

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

10 (c) (Blank). ~~Except as otherwise provided in this Article,~~
11 ~~applicants seeking a Professional Educator License or an~~
12 ~~Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to pass a~~
13 ~~test of basic skills before the license is issued, unless the~~
14 ~~endorsement the individual is seeking does not require passage~~
15 ~~of the test. All applicants completing Illinois approved,~~
16 ~~teacher education or school service personnel preparation~~
17 ~~programs shall be required to pass the State Board of~~
18 ~~Education's recognized test of basic skills prior to starting~~
19 ~~their student teaching or starting the final semester of their~~
20 ~~internship. An institution of higher learning, as defined in~~
21 ~~the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, may not require an~~
22 ~~applicant to complete the State Board's recognized test of~~
23 ~~basic skills prior to the semester before student teaching or~~
24 ~~prior to the semester before starting the final semester of an~~
25 ~~internship. An individual who passes a test of basic skills~~
26 ~~does not need to do so again for subsequent endorsements or~~

1 ~~other educator licenses.~~

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

9 (e) (Blank).

10 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, beginning
11 on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing teacher
12 preparation programs in this State and all candidates subject
13 to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a teacher
14 performance assessment approved by the State Board of
15 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
16 and Licensure Board.

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

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

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

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

22 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
23 testing requirements under this Section shall include without
24 limitation provisions governing test selection, test
25 validation and determination of a passing score,
26 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,

1 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
2 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special
3 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop such
4 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year
5 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

6 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-657, eff. 7-28-16;
7 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-863, eff.
8 8-14-18; 100-932, eff. 8-17-18; revised 10-1-18.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

12 (a) Any applicant who has 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 in a teaching field or school support
16 personnel area must meet the following requirements:

17 (1) the applicant must:

18 (A) hold a comparable and valid educator license or
19 certificate, as defined by rule, with similar grade
20 level and content area credentials from another state,
21 with the State Board of Education having the authority
22 to determine what constitutes similar grade level and
23 content area credentials from another state; and

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

1 (2) the applicant must:

2 (A) have completed a state-approved program for
3 the licensure area sought, including coursework
4 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
5 child, methods of reading and reading in the content
6 area, and instructional strategies for English
7 learners;

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

10 (C) have successfully met all Illinois examination
11 requirements, except that:

12 ~~(i) an applicant who has successfully~~
13 ~~completed a test of basic skills, as defined by~~
14 ~~rules, at the time of initial licensure in another~~
15 ~~state is not required to complete a test of basic~~
16 ~~skills;~~

17 ~~(ii) an applicant who has successfully~~
18 ~~completed a test of content, as defined by rules,~~
19 ~~at the time of initial licensure in another state~~
20 ~~is not required to complete a test of content; and~~

21 ~~(iii) an applicant for a teaching endorsement~~
22 ~~who has successfully completed an evidence-based~~
23 ~~assessment of teacher effectiveness, as defined by~~
24 ~~rules, at the time of initial licensure in another~~
25 ~~state is not required to complete an~~
26 ~~evidence-based assessment of teacher~~

1 effectiveness; and

2 (D) for an applicant for a teaching endorsement,
3 have completed student teaching or an equivalent
4 experience or, for an applicant for a school service
5 personnel endorsement, have completed an internship or
6 an equivalent experience.

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

11 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
12 another country.

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

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

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

21 (5) (Blank).

22 (6) (Blank).

23 (7) Have successfully met all State licensure
24 examination requirements. ~~Applicants who have successfully~~
25 ~~completed a test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at~~
26 ~~the time of initial licensure in another country shall not~~

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

11 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
12 experience.

13 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
14 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
15 institution of higher education and applicants trained in
16 another country applying for a Professional Educator License
17 endorsed for principal or superintendent must hold a master's
18 degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher
19 education and must hold a comparable and valid educator license
20 or certificate with similar grade level and subject matter
21 credentials, with the State Board of Education having the
22 authority to determine what constitutes similar grade level and
23 subject matter credentials from another state, or must meet all
24 of the following requirements:

25 (1) Have completed an educator preparation program
26 approved by another state or comparable educator program in

1 another country leading to the receipt of a license or
2 certificate for the Illinois endorsement sought.

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

13 (2.5) Have completed an internship, as defined by rule.

14 (3) (Blank).

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

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

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

22 (b-7) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
23 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
24 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
25 Educator License endorsed for Director of Special Education
26 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited

1 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and
2 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level
3 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of
4 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes
5 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another
6 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

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

8 (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing
9 special education services.

10 (3) Have successfully completed all examination
11 requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.
12 ~~Applicants who have successfully completed a test of~~
13 ~~content, as identified by rules, at the time of initial~~
14 ~~licensure in another state or country shall not be required~~
15 ~~to complete a test of content.~~

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

20 (b-10) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
21 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
22 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
23 Educator License endorsed for chief school business official
24 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited
25 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and
26 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level

1 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of
2 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes
3 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another
4 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

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

7 (2) Have successfully completed an internship in
8 school business management or have 2 years of experience as
9 a school business administrator.

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

16 (4) Have completed modules aligned to standards
17 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
18 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,
19 and instructional strategies for English learners.

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

23 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-13,
24 eff. 7-1-17; 100-584, eff. 4-6-18; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18.)

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

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

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

10 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases:

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

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

1 required under subsection (d) of this Section, and the
2 program coordinator to continue with the second year of the
3 residency.

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

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

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

1 (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
2 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 2 years of
3 teaching in the public schools, including without limitation a
4 preschool educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code
5 or charter school, or in a State-recognized nonpublic school in
6 which the chief administrator is required to have the licensure
7 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this State
8 and in which a majority of the teachers are required to have
9 the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public school in
10 this State, but may be renewed for a third year if needed to
11 complete the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
12 Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued only once to an
13 individual who meets all of the following requirements:

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

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

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

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

3 (5) (Blank). ~~Has passed a test of basic skills and~~
4 ~~content area test required for the specific endorsement for~~
5 ~~admission into the program, as required under Section~~
6 ~~21B-30 of this Code.~~

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

17 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative
18 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a
19 school district, including without limitation a preschool
20 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code or
21 charter school, or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this
22 State in which the chief administrator is required to have the
23 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in
24 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required
25 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public
26 school in this State. A recognized institution that partners

1 with a public school district administering a preschool
2 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code must
3 require a principal to recommend or evaluate candidates in the
4 program. A recognized institution that partners with an
5 eligible entity administering a preschool educational program
6 under Section 2-3.71 of this Code and that is not a public
7 school district must require a principal or qualified
8 equivalent of a principal to recommend or evaluate candidates
9 in the program. The program presented for approval by the State
10 Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are to be
11 provided to assist the provisional teacher during the 2-year
12 residency period. These supports must provide additional
13 contact hours with mentors during the first year of residency.

14 (e) Upon completion of the 4 phases outlined in subsection
15 (b) of this Section and all assessments required under Section
16 21B-30 of this Code, an individual shall receive a Professional
17 Educator License.

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

22 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18;
23 100-822, eff. 1-1-19.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/21B-55)

25 Sec. 21B-55. Alternative route to superintendent

1 endorsement.

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

6 (b) Entities offering an alternative route to
7 superintendent endorsement program must have the program
8 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
9 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

12 (1) A course of study offered on an intensive basis in
13 education management, governance, organization, and
14 instructional and district planning.

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

17 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the person's
18 performance by school officials and a recommendation to the
19 State Board of Education that the person be issued a
20 superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator
21 License.

22 (d) In order to serve as a superintendent under phase (2)
23 of subsection (c) of this Section, an individual must be issued
24 an alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an
25 Educator License with Stipulations, to be valid for only one
26 year of serving as a superintendent. In order to receive the

1 provisional alternative superintendent endorsement under this
2 Section, an individual must meet all of the following
3 requirements:

4 (1) Have graduated from a regionally accredited
5 college or university with a minimum of a master's degree
6 in a management field.

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

9 (3) Have successfully completed phase (1) of
10 subsection (c) of this Section.

11 (4) (Blank). ~~Have passed a test of basic skills and a~~
12 ~~content area test for admission into the program, as~~
13 ~~required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.~~

14 (e) Successful completion of an alternative route to
15 superintendent endorsement program shall be deemed to satisfy
16 any other supervisory, administrative, or management
17 experience requirements established by law, and, once
18 completed, an individual shall be eligible for a superintendent
19 endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

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

24 (Source: P.A. 100-596, eff. 7-1-18.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

1 2020.".