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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 423

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

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

8 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d)

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

15 (1) After July 1, 2025, the ~~The~~ number of individuals
16 taking the test of basic skills under Section 21B-30 ~~21-1a~~

1 ~~of this Code.~~

2 (2) After July 1, 2025, the ~~The~~ number of individuals
3 passing the test of basic skills under Section 21B-30 ~~21-1a~~
4 ~~of this Code.~~

5 (3) The total number of content area ~~subject matter~~
6 tests attempted under Section 21B-30 ~~21-1a~~ of this Code.

7 (4) The total number of content area ~~subject matter~~
8 tests passed under Section 21B-30 ~~21-1a~~ of this Code.

9 The data regarding content area ~~subject matter~~ tests shall be
10 reported in sum, rather than by separately listing each
11 subject, in order to better protect the identity of the
12 test-takers.

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

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

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

1 (105 ILCS 5/14-9.01) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-9.01)

2 Sec. 14-9.01. Qualifications of teachers, other
3 professional personnel and necessary workers. No person shall
4 be employed to teach any class or program authorized by this
5 Article who does not hold a valid teacher's license as provided
6 by law and unless he has had such special training as the State
7 Board of Education may require. No special license or
8 endorsement to a special license issued under Article 21B
9 ~~Section 21B-30 of this Code~~ shall be valid for teaching
10 students with visual disabilities unless the person to whom the
11 license or endorsement is issued has attained satisfactory
12 performance on an examination that is designed to assess
13 competency in Braille reading and writing skills according to
14 standards that the State Board of Education may adopt. Evidence
15 of successfully completing the examination of Braille reading
16 and writing skills must be submitted to the State Board of
17 Education prior to an applicant's taking of the content area
18 test required under Section 21B-30 of this Code. In addition to
19 other requirements, a candidate for a teaching license in the
20 area of the deaf and hard of hearing granted by the Illinois
21 State Board of Education for teaching deaf and hard of hearing
22 students in grades pre-school through grade 12 must demonstrate
23 a minimum proficiency in sign language as determined by the
24 Illinois State Board of Education. All other professional
25 personnel employed in any class, service, or program authorized

1 by this Article shall hold such licenses and shall have had
2 such special training as the State Board of Education may
3 require; provided that in a school district organized under
4 Article 34, the school district may employ speech and language
5 pathologists who are licensed under the Illinois
6 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act but who do
7 not hold a license issued under this Code if the district
8 certifies that a chronic shortage of certified personnel
9 exists. Nothing contained in this Act prohibits the school
10 board from employing necessary workers to assist the teacher
11 with the special educational facilities, except that all such
12 necessary workers must have had such training as the State
13 Board of Education may require.

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

21 The employment of any teacher in a special education
22 program provided for in Sections 14-1.01 to 14-14.01,
23 inclusive, shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 24-11
24 to 24-16, inclusive. Any teacher employed in a special
25 education program, prior to the effective date of this
26 amendatory Act of 1987, in which 2 or more districts

1 participate shall enter upon contractual continued service in
2 each of the participating districts subject to the provisions
3 of Sections 24-11 to 24-16, inclusive.

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

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

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

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

23 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
24 have successfully completed an approved educator
25 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by

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

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

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

1 An individual with an Educator License with
2 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
3 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
4 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

5 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
6 with the following endorsements:

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

19 ~~Except as otherwise provided under this~~
20 ~~subparagraph, a~~

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

26 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited

1 college or university with a minimum of a
2 bachelor's degree.

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

7 (iii) Passed a ~~test of basic skills and~~ content
8 area test and, on and after July 1, 2025, a test of
9 basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of
10 this Code.

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

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

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

26 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5

1 years in a management level position in a field
2 other than education.

3 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
4 of an alternative route to superintendent
5 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
6 of this Code.

7 (iv) Passed a ~~test of basic skills and~~ content
8 area test and, on and after July 1, 2025, a test of
9 basic skills, as tests required under Section
10 21B-30 of this Code.

11 The endorsement is valid for 2 fiscal years in
12 order to complete one full year of serving as a
13 superintendent or assistant superintendent.

14 (D) (Blank).

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

23 The career and technical educator endorsement on
24 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
25 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
26 endorsement being issued and may be renewed. For

1 individuals who were issued the career and technical
2 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
3 Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license
4 may be renewed if the individual passes a ~~test of basic~~
5 ~~skills or~~ test of work proficiency or, on and after
6 July 1, 2025, a test of basic skills, as required under
7 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

8 An individual who holds a valid career and
9 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
10 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree
11 may substitute teach in career and technical education
12 classrooms.

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

1 Stipulations with a career and technical educator
2 endorsement is available and that actual circumstances
3 require such issuance.

4 The provisional career and technical educator
5 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
6 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
7 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5
8 years. For individuals who were issued the provisional
9 career and technical educator endorsement on an
10 Educator License with Stipulations on or after January
11 1, 2015, the license may be renewed if the individual
12 passes a ~~test of basic skills~~ or test of work
13 proficiency or, on and after July 1, 2025, a test of
14 basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
15 Code.

16 A part-time provisional career and technical
17 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
18 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
19 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time
20 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
21 on 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 for 5 years
24 if the individual makes application for renewal.

25 An individual who holds a provisional or part-time
26 provisional career and technical educator endorsement

1 on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not
2 hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career
3 and technical education classrooms.

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

11 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
12 writing ability in the language other than English
13 in which transitional bilingual education is
14 offered.

15 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
16 communicate in English.

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

1 learning in the United States.

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

6 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
7 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
8 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
9 replaced for any reason.

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

17 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
18 endorsement.

19 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
20 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
21 by passing the applicable language content test
22 required by the State Board of Education.

23 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
24 a regionally accredited institution of higher
25 education or, for individuals educated in a
26 country other than the United States, holds a

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

7 (iv) On and after July 1, 2025, has ~~has~~ passed
8 a test of basic skills, as required under Section
9 21B-30 of this Code.

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

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

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

26 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the

1 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

2 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
3 subject to be taught.

4 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
5 language.

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

16 A visiting international educator endorsement on
17 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
18 years and shall not be renewed.

19 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
20 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
21 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
22 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
23 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
24 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
25 institution of higher education or, on and after July
26 1, 2025, has passed a test of basic skills required

1 under Section 21B-30 of this Code. The
2 paraprofessional educator endorsement is valid until
3 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
4 endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
5 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
6 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
7 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
8 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
9 in order to renew the endorsement.

10 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
11 business official endorsement on an Educator License
12 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who
13 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2
14 years of full-time administrative experience in school
15 business management or 2 years of university-approved
16 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
17 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
18 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
19 business administrators and by passage of the
20 applicable State tests, including an ~~a test of basic~~
21 ~~skills and~~ applicable content area test and, on and
22 after July 1, 2025, a test of basic skills.

23 The chief school business official endorsement may
24 also be affixed to the Educator License with
25 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
26 master's degree in business administration, finance,

1 accounting, or public administration and who completes
2 an additional 6 semester hours of internship in school
3 business management from a regionally accredited
4 institution of higher education and passes the
5 applicable State tests, including an a test of basic
6 ~~skills and~~ applicable content area test and, on and
7 after July 1, 2025, a test of basic skills. This
8 endorsement shall be required for any individual
9 employed as a chief school business official.

10 The chief school business official endorsement on
11 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
12 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
13 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the
14 license holder completes renewal requirements as
15 required for individuals who hold a Professional
16 Educator License endorsed for chief school business
17 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such
18 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of
19 Education.

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

22 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
23 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
24 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
25 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation
26 program at an Illinois institution of higher education

1 and who has not successfully completed an
2 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
3 who meets all of the following requirements:

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

5 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
6 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

7 (iii) Has passed an a test of basic skills and
8 applicable content area test and, on and after July
9 1, 2025, a test of basic skills, as required by
10 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

11 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
12 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a
13 minimum score on that assessment, as established
14 by the State Board of Education in consultation
15 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
16 Board.

17 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
18 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
19 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
20 be renewed.

21 (M) School support personnel intern. A school
22 support personnel intern endorsement on an Educator
23 License with Stipulations may be issued as specified by
24 rule.

25 (N) Special education area. A special education
26 area endorsement on an Educator License with

1 Stipulations may be issued as defined and specified by
2 rule.

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

11 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

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

18 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
19 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
20 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
21 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district
22 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30
23 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if
24 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of
25 education within 5 business days after the employment of
26 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An

1 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy
2 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or
3 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of
4 the district exceed previous indications, and the district
5 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed
6 teacher for the vacant position.

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

19 A school district may not require an individual who
20 holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator
21 License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute
22 Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

23 (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning
24 on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2023, the State Board of
25 Education may issue a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
26 License. A Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may be

1 issued to a qualified applicant for substitute teaching in
2 all grades of the public schools, prekindergarten through
3 grade 12. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not
4 eligible for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term
5 Substitute Teaching License must hold an associate's
6 degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a
7 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

8 Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for
9 substitute teaching in every county of this State. If an
10 individual has had his or her Professional Educator License
11 or Educator License with Stipulations suspended or
12 revoked, then that individual is not eligible to obtain a
13 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License.

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

16 An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
17 License may teach no more than 5 consecutive days per
18 licensed teacher who is under contract. For teacher
19 absences lasting 6 or more days per licensed teacher who is
20 under contract, a school district may not hire an
21 individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
22 License. An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute
23 Teaching License must complete the training program under
24 Section 10-20.67 or 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to
25 teach at a public school. This paragraph (4) is inoperative
26 on and after July 1, 2023.

1 (Source: P.A. 99-35, eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143,
2 eff. 7-27-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-8,
3 eff. 7-1-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17;
4 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-821, eff. 9-3-18; 100-863, eff.
5 8-14-18; revised 10-1-18.)

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

7 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

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

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

19 (c) On and after July 1, 2025, except ~~Except~~ as otherwise
20 provided in this Article, applicants seeking a Professional
21 Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations shall
22 be required to pass a test of basic skills before the license
23 is issued, unless the endorsement the individual is seeking
24 does not require passage of the test. All applicants completing
25 Illinois-approved, teacher education or school service

1 personnel preparation programs shall be required to pass the
2 State Board of Education's recognized test of basic skills
3 prior to starting their student teaching or starting the final
4 semester of their internship. An institution of higher
5 learning, as defined in the Higher Education Student Assistance
6 Act, may not require an applicant to complete the State Board's
7 recognized test of basic skills prior to the semester before
8 student teaching or prior to the semester before starting the
9 final semester of an internship. An individual who passes a
10 test of basic skills does not need to do so again for
11 subsequent endorsements or other educator licenses.

12 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
13 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
14 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There
15 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
16 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record
17 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

18 (e) (Blank).

19 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, beginning
20 on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing teacher
21 preparation programs in this State and all candidates subject
22 to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a teacher
23 performance assessment approved by the State Board of
24 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
25 and Licensure Board.

26 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and

1 the teacher performance assessment shall be the tests that from
2 time to time are designated by the State Board of Education, in
3 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
4 Board, and may be tests prepared by an educational testing
5 organization or tests designed by the State Board of Education,
6 in consultation with the State Educator Preparation and
7 Licensure Board. The areas to be covered by a test of basic
8 skills shall include reading, language arts, and mathematics.
9 The test of content area knowledge shall assess content
10 knowledge in a specific subject field. The tests must be
11 designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no person taking
12 the tests is discriminated against on the basis of race, color,
13 national origin, or other factors unrelated to the person's
14 ability to perform as a licensed employee. The score required
15 to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State Board of
16 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
17 and Licensure Board. On or before July 1, 2025, the State Board
18 must reevaluate the method it uses to score a content area
19 knowledge test and may adopt rules to make any changes to those
20 methods. The tests shall be administered not fewer than 3 times
21 a year at such time and place as may be designated by the State
22 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
23 Preparation and Licensure Board.

24 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess
25 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of
26 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under

1 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this Code
2 in the English language and in the language of the transitional
3 bilingual education program requested by the applicant.

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

7 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
8 testing requirements under this Section shall include without
9 limitation provisions governing test selection, test
10 validation and determination of a passing score,
11 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,
12 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
13 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special
14 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop such
15 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year
16 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-657, eff. 7-28-16;
18 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-863, eff.
19 8-14-18; 100-932, eff. 8-17-18; revised 10-1-18.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

23 (a) Any applicant who has not been entitled by an
24 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
25 institution of higher education applying for a Professional

1 Educator License endorsed in a teaching field or school support
2 personnel area must meet the following requirements:

3 (1) the applicant must:

4 (A) hold a comparable and valid educator license or
5 certificate, as defined by rule, with similar grade
6 level and content area credentials from another state,
7 with the State Board of Education having the authority
8 to determine what constitutes similar grade level and
9 content area credentials from another state; and

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

12 (2) the applicant must:

13 (A) have completed a state-approved program for
14 the licensure area sought, including coursework
15 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional
16 child, methods of reading and reading in the content
17 area, and instructional strategies for English
18 learners;

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

21 (C) have successfully met all Illinois examination
22 requirements, except that:

23 (i) on and after July 1, 2025, an applicant who
24 has successfully completed a test of basic skills,
25 as defined by rules, at the time of initial
26 licensure in another state is not required to

1 complete a test of basic skills;

2 (ii) an applicant who has successfully
3 completed a test of content, as defined by rules,
4 at the time of initial licensure in another state
5 is not required to complete a test of content; and

6 (iii) an applicant for a teaching endorsement
7 who has successfully completed an evidence-based
8 assessment of teacher effectiveness, as defined by
9 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another
10 state is not required to complete an
11 evidence-based assessment of teacher
12 effectiveness; and

13 (D) for an applicant for a teaching endorsement,
14 have completed student teaching or an equivalent
15 experience or, for an applicant for a school service
16 personnel endorsement, have completed an internship or
17 an equivalent experience.

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

22 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
23 another country.

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

26 (3) Have a degree comparable to a degree from a

1 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

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

6 (5) (Blank).

7 (6) (Blank).

8 (7) Have successfully met all State licensure
9 examination requirements. On and after July 1, 2025,

10 applicants ~~Applicants~~ who have successfully completed a
11 test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at the time of
12 initial licensure in another country shall not be required
13 to complete a test of basic skills. Applicants who have
14 successfully completed a test of content, as defined by
15 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another country
16 shall not be required to complete a test of content.
17 Applicants for a teaching endorsement who have
18 successfully completed an evidence-based assessment of
19 teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of
20 initial licensure in another country shall not be required
21 to complete an evidence-based assessment of teacher
22 effectiveness.

23 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
24 experience.

25 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
26 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois

1 institution of higher education and applicants trained in
2 another country applying for a Professional Educator License
3 endorsed for principal or superintendent must hold a master's
4 degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher
5 education and must hold a comparable and valid educator license
6 or certificate with similar grade level and subject matter
7 credentials, with the State Board of Education having the
8 authority to determine what constitutes similar grade level and
9 subject matter credentials from another state, or must meet all
10 of the following requirements:

11 (1) Have completed an educator preparation program
12 approved by another state or comparable educator program in
13 another country leading to the receipt of a license or
14 certificate for the Illinois endorsement sought.

15 (2) Have successfully met all State licensure
16 examination requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of
17 this Code. On and after July 1, 2025, applicants ~~Applicants~~
18 who have successfully completed a test of basic skills, as
19 defined by rules, at the time of initial licensure in
20 another state or country shall not be required to complete
21 a test of basic skills. Applicants who have successfully
22 completed a test of content, as defined by rules, at the
23 time of initial licensure in another state or country shall
24 not be required to complete a test of content.

25 (2.5) Have completed an internship, as defined by rule.

26 (3) (Blank).

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

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

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

8 (b-7) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
9 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
10 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
11 Educator License endorsed for Director of Special Education
12 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited
13 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and
14 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level
15 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of
16 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes
17 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another
18 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

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

20 (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing
21 special education services.

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

1 to complete a test of content.

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

6 (b-10) All applicants who have not been entitled by an
7 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois
8 institution of higher education applying for a Professional
9 Educator License endorsed for chief school business official
10 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited
11 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and
12 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level
13 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of
14 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes
15 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another
16 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

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

19 (2) Have successfully completed an internship in
20 school business management or have 2 years of experience as
21 a school business administrator.

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

1 to complete a test of content.

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

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

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

11 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50)

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

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

16 (b) The Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
17 Teachers may be offered by a recognized institution approved to
18 offer educator preparation programs by the State Board of
19 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
20 and Licensure Board.

21 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases:

22 (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes
23 instructional planning; instructional strategies,
24 including special education, reading, and English language
25 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of

1 students and use of data to drive instruction.

2 (2) A year of residency, which is a candidate's
3 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a
4 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must
5 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an
6 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to
7 enter the residency and must complete additional program
8 requirements that address required State and national
9 standards, pass the assessment of professional teaching
10 before entering the second residency year, as required
11 under phase (3) of this subsection (b), and be recommended
12 by the principal or qualified equivalent of a principal, as
13 required under subsection (d) of this Section, and the
14 program coordinator to continue with the second year of the
15 residency.

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

21 (4) A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's
22 teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal or
23 qualified equivalent of a principal, as required under
24 subsection (d) of this Section, and the program
25 coordinator, at the end of the second year of residency. If
26 there is disagreement between the 2 evaluators about the

1 candidate's teaching effectiveness, the candidate may
2 complete one additional year of residency teaching under a
3 professional development plan developed by the principal
4 or qualified equivalent and the preparation program. At the
5 completion of the third year, a candidate must have
6 positive evaluations and a recommendation for full
7 licensure from both the principal or qualified equivalent
8 and the program coordinator or no Professional Educator
9 License shall be issued.

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

13 (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
14 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 2 years of
15 teaching in the public schools, including without limitation a
16 preschool educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code
17 or charter school, or in a State-recognized nonpublic school in
18 which the chief administrator is required to have the licensure
19 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this State
20 and in which a majority of the teachers are required to have
21 the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public school in
22 this State, but may be renewed for a third year if needed to
23 complete the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
24 Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued only once to an
25 individual who meets all of the following requirements:

26 (1) Has graduated from a regionally accredited college

1 or university with a bachelor's degree or higher.

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

4 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if
5 seeking a middle or secondary level endorsement or, if
6 seeking an early childhood, elementary, or special
7 education endorsement, has completed a major in the content
8 area of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, or
9 one of the sciences. If the individual does not have a
10 major in a content area for any level of teaching, he or
11 she must submit transcripts to the State Board of Education
12 to be reviewed for equivalency.

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

15 (5) Has passed a ~~test of basic skills and~~ content area
16 test required for the specific endorsement and, on and
17 after July 1, 2025, a test of basic skills for admission
18 into the program, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
19 Code.

20 A candidate possessing the alternative provisional
21 educator endorsement may receive a salary, benefits, and any
22 other terms of employment offered to teachers in the school who
23 are members of an exclusive bargaining representative, if any,
24 but a school is not required to provide these benefits during
25 the years of residency if the candidate is serving only as a
26 co-teacher. If the candidate is serving as the teacher of

1 record, the candidate must receive a salary, benefits, and any
2 other terms of employment. Residency experiences must not be
3 counted towards tenure.

4 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative
5 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a
6 school district, including without limitation a preschool
7 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code or
8 charter school, or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this
9 State in which the chief administrator is required to have the
10 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in
11 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required
12 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public
13 school in this State. A recognized institution that partners
14 with a public school district administering a preschool
15 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code must
16 require a principal to recommend or evaluate candidates in the
17 program. A recognized institution that partners with an
18 eligible entity administering a preschool educational program
19 under Section 2-3.71 of this Code and that is not a public
20 school district must require a principal or qualified
21 equivalent of a principal to recommend or evaluate candidates
22 in the program. The program presented for approval by the State
23 Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are to be
24 provided to assist the provisional teacher during the 2-year
25 residency period. These supports must provide additional
26 contact hours with mentors during the first year of residency.

1 (e) Upon completion of the 4 phases outlined in subsection
2 (b) of this Section and all assessments required under Section
3 21B-30 of this Code, an individual shall receive a Professional
4 Educator License.

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

9 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18;
10 100-822, eff. 1-1-19.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/21B-55)

12 Sec. 21B-55. Alternative route to superintendent
13 endorsement.

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

18 (b) Entities offering an alternative route to
19 superintendent endorsement program must have the program
20 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
21 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

24 (1) A course of study offered on an intensive basis in
25 education management, governance, organization, and

1 instructional and district planning.

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

4 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the person's
5 performance by school officials and a recommendation to the
6 State Board of Education that the person be issued a
7 superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator
8 License.

9 (d) In order to serve as a superintendent under phase (2)
10 of subsection (c) of this Section, an individual must be issued
11 an alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an
12 Educator License with Stipulations, to be valid for only one
13 year of serving as a superintendent. In order to receive the
14 provisional alternative superintendent endorsement under this
15 Section, an individual must meet all of the following
16 requirements:

17 (1) Have graduated from a regionally accredited
18 college or university with a minimum of a master's degree
19 in a management field.

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

22 (3) Have successfully completed phase (1) of
23 subsection (c) of this Section.

24 (4) Have passed a ~~test of basic skills and a content~~
25 area test and, on and after July 1, 2025, a test of basic
26 skills for admission into the program, as required by

1 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

2 (e) Successful completion of an alternative route to
3 superintendent endorsement program shall be deemed to satisfy
4 any other supervisory, administrative, or management
5 experience requirements established by law, and, once
6 completed, an individual shall be eligible for a superintendent
7 endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

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

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

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law."