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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2056

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2056 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

7 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

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

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

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

3 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this Article,
4 applicants seeking a Professional Educator License or an
5 Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to pass a
6 test of basic skills before the license is issued, unless the
7 endorsement the individual is seeking does not require passage
8 of the test. All applicants completing Illinois-approved,
9 teacher education or school service personnel preparation
10 programs shall be required to pass the State Board of
11 Education's recognized test of basic skills ~~prior to starting~~
12 ~~their student teaching or starting the final semester of their~~
13 ~~internship.~~ However, if such an applicant fails to pass the
14 test of basic skills the first time he or she takes the test,
15 the applicant may complete a full school year of student
16 teaching or of an internship instead of being required to pass
17 the test. An institution of higher learning, as defined in the
18 Higher Education Student Assistance Act, may not require an
19 applicant to complete the State Board's recognized test of
20 basic skills prior to the semester before student teaching or
21 prior to the semester before starting the final semester of an
22 internship. An individual who passes a test of basic skills or
23 completes a full school year of student teaching or of an
24 internship as otherwise permitted under this subsection is not
25 required to pass a test of basic skills ~~does not need to do so~~
26 again for subsequent endorsements or other educator licenses.

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

7 (e) (Blank).

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

15 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and
16 the teacher performance assessment shall be the tests that from
17 time to time are designated by the State Board of Education, in
18 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
19 Board, and may be tests prepared by an educational testing
20 organization or tests designed by the State Board of Education,
21 in consultation with the State Educator Preparation and
22 Licensure Board. The areas to be covered by a test of basic
23 skills shall include reading, language arts, and mathematics.
24 The test of content area knowledge shall assess content
25 knowledge in a specific subject field. The tests must be
26 designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no person taking

1 the tests is discriminated against on the basis of race, color,
2 national origin, or other factors unrelated to the person's
3 ability to perform as a licensed employee. The score required
4 to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State Board of
5 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
6 and Licensure Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer
7 than 3 times a year at such time and place as may be designated
8 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
9 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

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

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

1 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year
2 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

3 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-657, eff. 7-28-16;
4 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-863, eff.
5 8-14-18; 100-932, eff. 8-17-18; revised 10-1-18.)

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