

# HB2079



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Jim Durkin

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-5

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning licensure of educators.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-5)

7 Sec. 21B-5. Licensure powers of the State Board of  
8 Education.

9 (a) Recognizing that the ~~the~~ education of our citizens is  
10 the single most important influence on the prosperity and  
11 success of this State and recognizing that new developments in  
12 education require a flexible approach to our educational  
13 system, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
14 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the  
15 power and authority to do all of the following:

16 (1) Set standards for teaching, supervising, or  
17 otherwise holding licensed employment in the public  
18 schools of this State and administer the licensure process  
19 as provided in this Article.

20 (2) Approve, evaluate, and sanction educator  
21 preparation programs.

22 (3) Enter into agreements with other states relative  
23 to reciprocal approval of educator preparation programs.

1           (4) Establish standards for the issuance of new types  
2 of educator licenses.

3           (5) Establish a code of ethics for all educators.

4           (6) Maintain a system of licensure examination aligned  
5 with standards determined by the State Board of Education.

6           (7) Take such other action relating to the improvement  
7 of instruction in the public schools as is appropriate and  
8 consistent with applicable laws.

9           (b) Only the State Board of Education, acting in  
10 accordance with the applicable provisions of this Article and  
11 rules, shall have the authority to issue or endorse any  
12 license required for teaching, supervising, or otherwise  
13 holding licensed employment in the public schools; and no  
14 other State agency shall have any power or authority (i) to  
15 establish or prescribe any qualifications or other  
16 requirements applicable to the issuance or endorsement of any  
17 such license or (ii) to establish or prescribe any licensure  
18 or equivalent requirement that must be satisfied in order to  
19 teach, supervise, or hold licensed employment in the public  
20 schools.

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