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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 496

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 496 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 21B-25 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

7 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued  
8 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be  
9 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each  
10 content area, school support area, and administrative area for  
11 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized  
12 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs  
13 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to  
14 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the  
15 endorsement or endorsements, including passing any required  
16 tests. The State Superintendent of Education shall randomly

1 audit institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are  
2 being followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being  
3 recommended.

4 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with  
5 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall  
6 establish, by rule, ~~the grade level and~~ subject area  
7 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator  
8 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for  
9 obtaining each endorsement.

10 (1.5) The State Board of Education shall establish  
11 grade level endorsements to be added to the Professional  
12 Educator License for teaching areas in the following  
13 categories: (i) Early Childhood (birth through grade 3);  
14 (ii) Elementary (grades 1 through 9); (iii) Secondary  
15 (grades 6 through 12); and (iv) PreK-12 (prekindergarten  
16 through grade 12). The State Board of Education shall  
17 adopt rules regarding requirements for obtaining the  
18 endorsements specified under this paragraph.

19 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content  
20 area endorsements ~~developed by rule~~, the State Board of  
21 Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
22 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the  
23 requirements for the following endorsements:

24 (A) (Blank).

25 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement  
26 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of

1 any holder who qualifies by having all of the  
2 following:

3 (i) Successful completion of a principal  
4 preparation program approved in accordance with  
5 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable  
6 rules.

7 (ii) At least 4 total years of teaching or 4  
8 total years of working in the capacity of school  
9 support personnel in an Illinois public school or  
10 nonpublic school recognized by the State Board of  
11 Education, in a school under the supervision of  
12 the Department of Corrections, or in an  
13 out-of-state public school or out-of-state  
14 nonpublic school meeting out-of-state recognition  
15 standards comparable to those approved by the  
16 State Superintendent of Education; however, the  
17 State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
18 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,  
19 shall allow, by rules, for fewer than 4 years of  
20 experience based on meeting standards set forth in  
21 such rules, including without limitation a review  
22 of performance evaluations or other evidence of  
23 demonstrated qualifications.

24 (iii) A master's degree or higher from a  
25 regionally accredited college or university.

26 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A

1 chief school business official endorsement shall be  
2 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any  
3 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or  
4 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience  
5 in school business management or 2 years of  
6 university-approved practical experience, and a  
7 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a  
8 program approved by the State Board of Education for  
9 the preparation of school business administrators and  
10 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief  
11 school business official endorsement may also be  
12 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any  
13 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in  
14 business administration, finance, accounting, or  
15 public administration and who completes an additional  
16 6 semester hours of internship in school business  
17 management from a regionally accredited institution of  
18 higher education and passes the applicable State  
19 tests. This endorsement shall be required for any  
20 individual employed as a chief school business  
21 official.

22 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent  
23 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional  
24 Educator License of any holder who has completed a  
25 program approved by the State Board of Education for  
26 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had

1 at least 2 years of experience employed full-time in a  
2 general administrative position or as a full-time  
3 principal, director of special education, or chief  
4 school business official in the public schools or in a  
5 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief  
6 administrator is required to have the licensure  
7 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this  
8 State and where a majority of the teachers are  
9 required to have the licensure necessary to be  
10 instructors in a public school in this State, and has  
11 passed the required State tests; or of any holder who  
12 has completed a program that is not an  
13 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an  
14 Illinois institution of higher education and that has  
15 recognition standards comparable to those approved by  
16 the State Superintendent of Education and holds the  
17 general administrative, principal, or chief school  
18 business official endorsement and who has had 2 years  
19 of experience as a principal, director of special  
20 education, or chief school business official while  
21 holding a valid educator license or certificate  
22 comparable in validity and educational and experience  
23 requirements and has passed the appropriate State  
24 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The  
25 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to  
26 serve only as a superintendent or assistant

1 superintendent.

2 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the  
3 policy of this State to improve the quality of  
4 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway  
5 for teachers interested in serving in leadership  
6 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of  
7 Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
8 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher  
9 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons  
10 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of  
11 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader  
12 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for  
13 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may  
14 qualify to serve in such positions as department  
15 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction  
16 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by  
17 the district. The endorsement shall be available to  
18 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator  
19 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a  
20 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have  
21 completed a program of study that has been approved by  
22 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and  
24 (iv) have successfully demonstrated competencies as  
25 defined by rule.

26 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in

1           this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement  
2           may evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of  
3           this Code, provided that the individual has completed  
4           the evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of  
5           this Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate  
6           personnel under the respective school district's  
7           collective bargaining agreement.

8           The State Board of Education, in consultation with  
9           the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,  
10          may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish  
11          and implement the teacher leader endorsement program  
12          and to specify the positions for which this  
13          endorsement shall be required.

14          (F) Special education endorsement. A special  
15          education endorsement in one or more areas shall be  
16          affixed to a Professional Educator License for any  
17          individual that meets those requirements established  
18          by the State Board of Education in rules. Special  
19          education endorsement areas shall include without  
20          limitation the following:

- 21                   (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;
- 22                   (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;
- 23                   (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;
- 24                   (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;
- 25                   (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing;
- 26                   (vi) Early Childhood Special Education; and

1 (vii) Director of Special Education.

2 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,  
3 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
4 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may  
5 add additional areas of special education by rule.

6 (G) School support personnel endorsement. School  
7 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but  
8 are not limited to, school counselor, marriage and  
9 family therapist, school psychologist, school speech  
10 and language pathologist, school nurse, and school  
11 social worker. This endorsement is for individuals who  
12 are not teachers or administrators, but still require  
13 licensure to work in an instructional support position  
14 in a public or State-operated elementary school,  
15 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
16 with a governing body or board of control or a charter  
17 school operating in compliance with the Charter  
18 Schools Law. The school support personnel endorsement  
19 shall be affixed to the Professional Educator License  
20 and shall meet all of the requirements established in  
21 any rules adopted to implement this subdivision (G).  
22 The holder of such an endorsement is entitled to all of  
23 the rights and privileges granted holders of any other  
24 Professional Educator License, including teacher  
25 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

26 (Source: P.A. 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-267, eff. 8-22-17;



1 100-288, eff. 8-24-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-780, eff.  
2 1-1-19; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-220,  
3 eff. 8-7-19.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.".