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Introduced 2/23/2021, by Sen. Jason A. Barickman

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-20
105 ILCS 5/21B-50

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code with respect to the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers. Removes the phase of the Program requiring a second year of residency; makes related changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Sections
5 21B-20 and 21B-50 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

7 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The State Board of
8 Education shall implement a system of educator licensure,
9 whereby individuals employed in school districts who are
10 required to be licensed must have one of the following
11 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) an
12 educator license with stipulations; (iii) a substitute
13 teaching license; or (iv) until June 30, 2023, a short-term
14 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
15 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
16 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
17 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed
18 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
19 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

20 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 govern the requirements for
23 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

1 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
2 have successfully completed an approved educator
3 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
4 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
5 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
6 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
7 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
8 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
9 the exceptional child, including without limitation
10 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have
11 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
12 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
13 criteria established by rule of the State Board of
14 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
15 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30
16 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
17 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
18 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
19 eligible to practice. For an early childhood education
20 endorsement, an individual may satisfy the student
21 teaching requirement of his or her early childhood teacher
22 preparation program through placement in a setting with
23 children from birth through grade 2, and the individual
24 may be paid and receive credit while student teaching. The
25 student teaching experience must meet the requirements of
26 and be approved by the individual's early childhood

1 teacher preparation program.

2 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
3 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
4 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
5 in the endorsement area and passage of the applicable
6 content area test, unless otherwise specified by rule.

7 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
8 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
9 that limits the license holder to one particular position
10 or does not require completion of an approved educator
11 program or both.

12 An individual with an Educator License with
13 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
14 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
15 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

16 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
17 with the following endorsements:

18 (A) (Blank).

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) Passed a content area test, as required
6 under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

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

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

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

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

25 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
26 of an alternative route to superintendent

1 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
2 of this Code.

3 (iv) Passed a content area test required under
4 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

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

8 (D) (Blank).

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

17 The career and technical educator endorsement on
18 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
19 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
20 endorsement being issued and may be renewed.

21 An individual who holds a valid career and
22 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
23 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's
24 degree may substitute teach in career and technical
25 education classrooms.

26 (F) Part-time provisional career and technical

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

17 The provisional career and technical educator
18 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
19 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years
20 of the endorsement being issued and may be renewed for
21 5 years.

22 A part-time provisional career and technical
23 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
24 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
25 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The
26 part-time provisional career and technical educator

1 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
2 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years
3 of the endorsement being issued and may be renewed for
4 5 years if the individual makes application for
5 renewal.

6 An individual who holds a provisional or part-time
7 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
8 on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not
9 hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in
10 career and technical education classrooms.

11 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
12 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
13 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
14 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
15 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
16 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets
17 all of the following requirements:

18 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
19 writing ability in the language other than English
20 in which transitional bilingual education is
21 offered.

22 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
23 communicate in English.

24 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
25 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
26 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and

1 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
2 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
3 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
4 a foreign country that the State Educator
5 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
6 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
7 regionally accredited institution of higher
8 learning in the United States.

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

14 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
15 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
16 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
17 replaced for any reason.

18 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
19 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
20 other than English in the public schools, an
21 individual who holds an Educator License with
22 Stipulations may also apply for a language
23 endorsement, provided that the applicant provides
24 satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all of the
25 following requirements:

26 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual

1 endorsement.

2 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
3 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
4 by passing the applicable language content test
5 required by the State Board of Education.

6 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
7 a regionally accredited institution of higher
8 education or, for individuals educated in a
9 country other than the United States, holds a
10 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
11 foreign country that the State Educator
12 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
13 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
14 regionally accredited institution of higher
15 learning in the United States.

16 (iv) (Blank).

17 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
18 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
19 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
20 individual's transitional bilingual educator
21 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
22 and shall not be renewed.

23 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
24 international educator endorsement on an Educator
25 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
26 individual who is being recruited by a particular

1 school district that conducts formal recruitment
2 programs outside of the United States to secure the
3 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of
4 the following requirements:

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

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

9 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
10 subject to be taught.

11 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
12 language.

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

23 A visiting international educator endorsement on
24 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 5
25 years and shall not be renewed.

26 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional

1 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
2 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
3 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
4 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
5 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
6 institution of higher education or has passed a
7 paraprofessional competency test under subsection
8 (c-5) of Section 21B-30. The paraprofessional educator
9 endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately
10 following 5 years of the endorsement being issued and
11 may be renewed through application and payment of the
12 appropriate fee, as required under Section 21B-40 of
13 this Code. An individual who holds only a
14 paraprofessional educator endorsement is not subject
15 to additional requirements in order to renew the
16 endorsement.

17 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
18 business official endorsement on an Educator License
19 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who
20 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2
21 years of full-time administrative experience in school
22 business management or 2 years of university-approved
23 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
24 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
25 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
26 business administrators and by passage of the

1 applicable State tests, including an applicable
2 content area test.

3 The chief school business official endorsement may
4 also be affixed to the Educator License with
5 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
6 master's degree in business administration, finance,
7 accounting, or public administration and who completes
8 an additional 6 semester hours of internship in school
9 business management from a regionally accredited
10 institution of higher education and passes the
11 applicable State tests, including an applicable
12 content area test. This endorsement shall be required
13 for any individual employed as a chief school business
14 official.

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

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

1 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
2 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
3 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
4 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation
5 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
6 and who has not successfully completed an
7 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
8 who meets all of the following requirements:

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

10 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
11 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

12 (iii) Has passed an applicable content area
13 test, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.

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

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

24 (M) (Blank).

25 (N) Specialized services. A specialized services
26 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations

1 may be issued as defined and specified by rule.

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

10 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

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

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

1 unforeseen vacancy has occurred and (i) a teacher is
2 unable to fulfill his or her contractual duties or (ii)
3 teacher capacity needs of the district exceed previous
4 indications, and the district is actively engaged in
5 advertising to hire a fully licensed teacher for the
6 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
18 34 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
11 License 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
20 is 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
25 to teach at a public school. This paragraph (4) is
26 inoperative on and after July 1, 2023.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-8, eff. 7-1-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17;
2 100-288, eff. 8-24-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-821, eff.
3 9-3-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-220,
4 eff. 8-7-19; 101-594, eff. 12-5-19; 101-643, eff. 6-18-20.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50)

6 Sec. 21B-50. Alternative Educator Licensure Program.

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

10 (b) The Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
11 Teachers may be offered by a recognized institution approved
12 to offer educator preparation programs by the State Board of
13 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
14 and Licensure Board.

15 The program shall be comprised of 3 ~~4~~ phases as follows:

16 (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes
17 instructional planning; instructional strategies,
18 including special education, reading, and English language
19 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of
20 students and use of data to drive instruction.

21 (2) A year of residency, which is a candidate's
22 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a
23 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must
24 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an
25 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to

1 enter the residency and must complete additional program
2 requirements that address required State and national
3 standards and, pass the State Board's teacher performance
4 assessment at the end of the residency ~~no later than the~~
5 ~~end of the first semester of the second year of residency,~~
6 ~~as required under phase (3) of this subsection (b), and be~~
7 ~~recommended by the principal or qualified equivalent of a~~
8 ~~principal, as required under subsection (d) of this~~
9 ~~Section, and the program coordinator to continue with the~~
10 ~~second year of the residency.~~

11 ~~(3) A second year of residency, which shall include~~
12 ~~the candidate's assignment to a full-time teaching~~
13 ~~position for one school year. The candidate must be~~
14 ~~assigned an experienced teacher to act as a mentor and~~
15 ~~coach the candidate through the second year of residency.~~

16 (3) ~~(4)~~ A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's
17 teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal or
18 qualified equivalent of a principal, as required under
19 subsection (d) of this Section, and the program
20 coordinator, at the end of the ~~second year of~~ residency.
21 If there is disagreement between the 2 evaluators about
22 the candidate's teaching effectiveness, the candidate may
23 complete one additional year of residency teaching under a
24 professional development plan developed by the principal
25 or qualified equivalent and the preparation program. At
26 the completion of the second ~~third~~ year, a candidate must

1 have positive evaluations and a recommendation for full
2 licensure from both the principal or qualified equivalent
3 and the program coordinator or no Professional Educator
4 License shall be issued.

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

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

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

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

26 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if

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

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

11 (5) Has passed a content area test required for the
12 specific endorsement for admission into the program, as
13 required under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

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

24 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative
25 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a
26 school district, including without limitation a preschool

1 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code or
2 charter school, or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in
3 this State in which the chief administrator is required to
4 have the licensure necessary to be a principal in a public
5 school in this State and in which a majority of the teachers
6 are required to have the licensure necessary to be instructors
7 in a public school in this State. A recognized institution
8 that partners with a public school district administering a
9 preschool educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this
10 Code must require a principal to recommend or evaluate
11 candidates in the program. A recognized institution that
12 partners with an eligible entity administering a preschool
13 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code and that
14 is not a public school district must require a principal or
15 qualified equivalent of a principal to recommend or evaluate
16 candidates in the program. The program presented for approval
17 by the State Board of Education must demonstrate the supports
18 that are to be provided to assist the provisional teacher
19 during the ~~2-year~~ residency period. These supports must
20 provide additional contact hours with mentors during the ~~first~~
21 year of residency.

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

26 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the

1 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
2 rules as may be necessary to establish and implement the
3 Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-822, eff. 1-1-19;
5 101-220, eff. 8-7-19; 101-570, eff. 8-23-19; 101-643, eff.
6 6-18-20.)

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