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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 808

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 808 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) (Blank).

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
12 required prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These
13 examinations and indicators must be based on national and
14 State professional teaching standards, as determined by the
15 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
16 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board of

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

3 (c) (Blank).

4 (c-5) The State Board must adopt rules to implement a
5 paraprofessional competency test. This test would allow an
6 applicant seeking an Educator License with Stipulations with a
7 paraprofessional educator endorsement to obtain the
8 endorsement if he or she passes the test and meets the other
9 requirements of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (2) of Section
10 21B-20 other than the higher education requirements.

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

17 (e) (Blank).

18 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article,
19 beginning on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing
20 teacher preparation programs in this State and all candidates
21 subject to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a
22 teacher performance assessment approved by the State Board of
23 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
24 and Licensure Board. A candidate may not be required to submit
25 test materials by video submission. Subject to appropriation,
26 an individual who holds a Professional Educator License and is

1 employed for a minimum of one school year by a school district
2 designated as Tier 1 under Section 18-8.15 may, after
3 application to the State Board, receive from the State Board a
4 refund for any costs associated with completing the teacher
5 performance assessment under this subsection.

6 (g) The content area knowledge test and the teacher
7 performance assessment shall be the tests that from time to
8 time are designated by the State Board of Education, in
9 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
10 Board, and may be tests prepared by an educational testing
11 organization or tests designed by the State Board of
12 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
13 and Licensure Board. The test of content area knowledge shall
14 assess content knowledge in a specific subject field. The
15 tests must be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no
16 person taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis
17 of race, color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to
18 the person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The
19 score required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State
20 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
21 Preparation and Licensure Board. The tests shall be
22 administered not fewer than 3 times a year at such time and
23 place as may be designated by the State Board of Education, in
24 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
25 Board.

26 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess

1 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of
2 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under
3 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this
4 Code in the English language and in the language of the
5 transitional bilingual education program requested by the
6 applicant.

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

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

20 (Source: P.A. 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18;
21 100-932, eff. 8-17-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-220, eff.
22 8-7-19; 101-594, eff. 12-5-19.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law."