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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. Subject to appropriation, an individual
25 who holds a Professional Educator License and is employed for
26 a minimum of one school year by a school district designated as

1 Tier 1 under Section 18-8.15 may, after application to the
2 State Board, receive from the State Board a refund for any
3 costs associated with completing the teacher performance
4 assessment under this subsection.

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

25 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess
26 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of

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

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

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

19 (j) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, in order to
20 obtain a license under this Article, a student teacher
21 candidate may not be required to videotape himself or herself
22 or his or her students in a classroom setting.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18;
24 100-932, eff. 8-17-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-220, eff.
25 8-7-19; 101-594, eff. 12-5-19.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".