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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3663

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3663, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
6 21B-45 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

8 Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License renewal.

9 (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
10 are required to complete the licensure renewal requirements as
11 specified in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this
12 Code.

13 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License shall
14 meet the renewal requirements set forth in this Section,
15 unless otherwise provided in this Code. If an individual holds
16 a license endorsed in more than one area that has different

1 renewal requirements, that individual shall follow the renewal
2 requirements for the position for which he or she spends the
3 majority of his or her time working.

4 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as
5 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that
6 year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, if
7 a license holder's electronic mail address is available, the
8 State Board of Education shall send him or her notification
9 electronically that his or her license will lapse if not
10 renewed, to be sent no more than 6 months prior to the license
11 lapsing. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon

12 (i) payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State
13 Board of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by
14 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally
15 accredited institution of higher education in the content area
16 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's
17 endorsement areas. Any and all back fees, including without
18 limitation registration fees owed from the time of expiration
19 of the license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid
20 and kept in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this
21 Code concerning an institute fund and the provisions in
22 Article 21B of this Code concerning fees and requirements for
23 registration. Licenses not registered in accordance with
24 Section 21B-40 of this Code shall lapse after a period of 6
25 months from the expiration of the last year of registration or
26 on January 1 of the fiscal year following initial issuance of

1 the license. An unregistered license is invalid after
2 September 1 for employment and performance of services in an
3 Illinois public or State-operated school or cooperative and in
4 a charter school. Any license or endorsement may be
5 voluntarily surrendered by the license holder. A voluntarily
6 surrendered license shall be treated as a revoked license. An
7 Educator License with Stipulations with only a
8 paraprofessional endorsement does not lapse.

9 (c) From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in order to
10 satisfy the requirements for licensure renewal provided for in
11 this Section, each professional educator licensee with an
12 administrative endorsement who is working in a position
13 requiring such endorsement shall complete one Illinois
14 Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of
15 this Code, per fiscal year.

16 (c-5) All licenses issued by the State Board of Education
17 under this Article that expire on June 30, 2020 and have not
18 been renewed by the end of the 2020 renewal period shall be
19 extended for one year and shall expire on June 30, 2021.

20 (d) Beginning July 1, 2014, in order to satisfy the
21 requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this
22 Section, each professional educator licensee may create a
23 professional development plan each year. The plan shall
24 address one or more of the endorsements that are required of
25 his or her educator position if the licensee is employed and
26 performing services in an Illinois public or State-operated

1 school or cooperative. If the licensee is employed in a
2 charter school, the plan shall address that endorsement or
3 those endorsements most closely related to his or her educator
4 position. Licensees employed and performing services in any
5 other Illinois schools may participate in the renewal
6 requirements by adhering to the same process.

7 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
8 licensee's professional development activities shall align
9 with one or more of the following criteria:

10 (1) activities are of a type that engage participants
11 over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis,
12 discovery, and application as they relate to student
13 learning, social or emotional achievement, or well-being;

14 (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's
15 performance;

16 (3) outcomes for the activities must relate to student
17 growth or district improvement;

18 (4) activities align to State-approved standards; and

19 (5) higher education coursework.

20 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator
21 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.
22 Prior to renewal, the licensee shall enter electronically into
23 the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name,
24 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional
25 development hours, and the provider's name. The following
26 provisions shall apply concerning professional development

1 activities:

2 (1) Each licensee shall complete a total of 120 hours
3 of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in
4 order to renew the license, except as otherwise provided
5 in this Section.

6 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
7 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
8 working in a position requiring such endorsement is not
9 required to complete Illinois Administrators' Academy
10 courses, as described in Article 2 of this Code. Such
11 licensees must complete one Illinois Administrators'
12 Academy course within one year after returning to a
13 position that requires the administrative endorsement.

14 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement
15 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or
16 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in
17 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall
18 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as
19 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in
20 addition to 100 hours of professional development per
21 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

22 (4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for
23 Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher
24 designation shall complete a total of 60 hours of
25 professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order
26 to renew the license.

1 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not
2 require educator licensure or working in a position for
3 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be
4 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration
5 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the
6 license.

7 (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits
8 from a State of Illinois retirement system shall notify
9 the State Board of Education using ELIS, and the license
10 shall be maintained in retired status. For any renewal
11 cycle in which a licensee retires during the renewal
12 cycle, the licensee must complete professional development
13 activities on a prorated basis depending on the number of
14 years during the renewal cycle the educator held an active
15 license. If a licensee retires during a renewal cycle, the
16 licensee must notify the State Board of Education using
17 ELIS that the licensee wishes to maintain the license in
18 retired status and must show proof of completion of
19 professional development activities on a prorated basis
20 for all years of that renewal cycle for which the license
21 was active. An individual with a license in retired status
22 shall not be required to complete professional development
23 activities or pay registration fees until returning to a
24 position that requires educator licensure. Upon returning
25 to work in a position that requires the Professional
26 Educator License, the licensee shall immediately pay a

1 registration fee and complete renewal requirements for
2 that year. A license in retired status cannot lapse.
3 Beginning on January 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public
4 Act 99-920) through December 31, 2017, any licensee who
5 has retired and whose license has lapsed for failure to
6 renew as provided in this Section may reinstate that
7 license and maintain it in retired status upon providing
8 proof to the State Board of Education using ELIS that the
9 licensee is retired and is not working in a position that
10 requires a Professional Educator License.

11 (7) For any renewal cycle in which professional
12 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the
13 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the
14 minimum professional development hours required in this
15 Section prior to September 1 of that year. Professional
16 development hours used to fulfill the minimum required
17 hours for a renewal cycle may be used for only one renewal
18 cycle. For any fiscal year or renewal cycle in which an
19 Illinois Administrators' Academy course was required but
20 not completed, the licensee shall complete any missed
21 Illinois Administrators' Academy courses prior to
22 September 1 of that year. The licensee may complete all
23 deficient hours and Illinois Administrators' Academy
24 courses while continuing to work in a position that
25 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

26 (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the

1 professional development renewal requirements set forth in
2 this Section at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is
3 ineligible to register his or her license and may submit
4 an appeal to the State Superintendent of Education for
5 reinstatement of the license.

6 (9) If professional development opportunities were
7 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were
8 unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond
9 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be
10 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the
11 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an
12 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid
13 during the extension period.

14 (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to
15 December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act
16 98-610) shall commence the annual renewal process with the
17 first scheduled registration due after December 27, 2013
18 (the effective date of Public Act 98-610).

19 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
20 subsection (e), if a licensee earns more than the required
21 number of professional development hours during a renewal
22 cycle, then the licensee may carry over any hours earned
23 from April 1 through June 30 of the last year of the
24 renewal cycle. Any hours carried over in this manner must
25 be applied to the next renewal cycle. Illinois
26 Administrators' Academy courses or hours earned in those

1 courses may not be carried over.

2 (e-5) The number of professional development hours
3 required under subsection (e) is reduced by 20% for any
4 renewal cycle that includes the 2021-2022 school year.

5 (f) At the time of renewal, each licensee shall respond to
6 the required questions under penalty of perjury.

7 (f-5) The State Board of Education shall conduct random
8 audits of licensees to verify a licensee's fulfillment of the
9 professional development hours required under this Section.
10 Upon completion of a random audit, if it is determined by the
11 State Board of Education that the licensee did not complete
12 the required number of professional development hours or did
13 not provide sufficient proof of completion, the licensee shall
14 be notified that his or her license has lapsed. A license that
15 has lapsed under this subsection may be reinstated as provided
16 in subsection (b).

17 (g) The following entities shall be designated as approved
18 to provide professional development activities for the renewal
19 of Professional Educator Licenses:

20 (1) The State Board of Education.

21 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate
22 service centers.

23 (3) Illinois professional associations representing
24 the following groups that are approved by the State
25 Superintendent of Education:

26 (A) school administrators;

- 1 (B) principals;
- 2 (C) school business officials;
- 3 (D) teachers, including special education
4 teachers;
- 5 (E) school boards;
- 6 (F) school districts;
- 7 (G) parents; and
- 8 (H) school service personnel.

9 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher
10 education that offer Illinois-approved educator
11 preparation programs and public community colleges subject
12 to the Public Community College Act.

13 (5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools
14 authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint
15 educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this
16 Code for the purposes of providing career and technical
17 education or special education services.

18 (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December
19 31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147), has
20 had or has a grant from or a contract with the State Board
21 of Education to provide professional development services
22 in the area of English Learning to Illinois school
23 districts, teachers, or administrators.

24 (7) State agencies, State boards, and State
25 commissions.

26 (8) Museums as defined in Section 10 of the Museum

1 Disposition of Property Act.

2 (h) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this
3 Section shall make available professional development
4 opportunities that satisfy at least one of the following:

5 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and
6 district leaders who guide continuous professional
7 development;

8 (2) improve the learning of students;

9 (3) organize adults into learning communities whose
10 goals are aligned with those of the school and district;

11 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

12 (5) provide educators with research-based
13 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting
14 rigorous academic standards;

15 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various
16 types of classroom assessments;

17 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the
18 intended goals;

19 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to
20 collaborate;

21 (9) prepare educators to apply research to decision
22 making;

23 (10) provide educators with training on inclusive
24 practices in the classroom that examines instructional and
25 behavioral strategies that improve academic and
26 social-emotional outcomes for all students, with or

1 without disabilities, in a general education setting; or

2 (11) beginning on July 1, 2022, provide educators with
3 training on the physical and mental health needs of
4 students, student safety, educator ethics, professional
5 conduct, and other topics that address the well-being of
6 students and improve the academic and social-emotional
7 outcomes of students.

8 (i) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this
9 Section shall do the following:

10 (1) align professional development activities to the
11 State-approved national standards for professional
12 learning;

13 (2) meet the professional development criteria for
14 Illinois licensure renewal;

15 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains
16 how it aligns to State standards and identify the
17 assessment for determining the expected impact on student
18 learning or school improvement;

19 (4) maintain original documentation for completion of
20 activities;

21 (5) provide license holders with evidence of
22 completion of activities;

23 (6) request an Illinois Educator Identification Number
24 (IEIN) for each educator during each professional
25 development activity; and

26 (7) beginning on July 1, 2019, register annually with

1 the State Board of Education prior to offering any
2 professional development opportunities in the current
3 fiscal year.

4 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual
5 audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school
6 districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of
7 education and intermediate service centers. The State Board of
8 Education shall ensure that each approved provider, except for
9 a school district, is audited at least once every 5 years. The
10 State Board of Education may conduct more frequent audits of
11 providers if evidence suggests the requirements of this
12 Section or administrative rules are not being met.

13 (1) (Blank).

14 (2) Approved providers shall comply with the
15 requirements in subsections (h) and (i) of this Section by
16 annually submitting data to the State Board of Education
17 demonstrating how the professional development activities
18 impacted one or more of the following:

19 (A) educator and student growth in regards to
20 content knowledge or skills, or both;

21 (B) educator and student social and emotional
22 growth; or

23 (C) alignment to district or school improvement
24 plans.

25 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review
26 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,

1 regional offices of education, and intermediate service
2 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider
3 has met the criteria and should continue to be an approved
4 provider or if further action should be taken as provided
5 in rules.

6 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal
7 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each
8 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional
9 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed
10 and entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the
11 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or
12 debit card.

13 (l) Any professional educator licensee endorsed for school
14 support personnel who is employed and performing services in
15 Illinois public schools and who holds an active and current
16 professional license issued by the Department of Financial and
17 Professional Regulation or a national certification board, as
18 approved by the State Board of Education, related to the
19 endorsement areas on the Professional Educator License shall
20 be deemed to have satisfied the continuing professional
21 development requirements provided for in this Section. Such
22 individuals shall be required to pay only registration fees to
23 renew the Professional Educator License. An individual who
24 does not hold a license issued by the Department of Financial
25 and Professional Regulation shall complete professional
26 development requirements for the renewal of a Professional

1 Educator License provided for in this Section.

2 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and
3 Licensure Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of
4 notice from the State Superintendent of Education that a
5 license will not be renewed based upon failure to complete the
6 requirements of this Section. A licensee may appeal that
7 decision to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
8 in a manner prescribed by rule.

9 (1) Each appeal shall state the reasons why the State
10 Superintendent's decision should be reversed and shall be
11 sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the
12 State Board of Education.

13 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
14 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license
15 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to
16 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of
17 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure
18 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its
19 determination based upon the record of review, which shall
20 consist of the following:

21 (A) the regional superintendent of education's
22 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,
23 if applicable;

24 (B) any evidence submitted to the State
25 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic
26 statement of assurance for renewal; and

1 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for
2 nonrenewal of the license.

3 (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
4 shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding
5 license renewal by certified mail, return receipt
6 requested, no later than 30 days after reaching a
7 decision. Upon receipt of notification of renewal, the
8 licensee, using ELIS, shall pay the applicable
9 registration fee for the next cycle using a form of credit
10 or debit card.

11 (n) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as may be
12 necessary to implement this Section.

13 (Source: P.A. 101-85, eff. 1-1-20; 101-531, eff. 8-23-19;
14 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 102-676, eff. 12-3-21.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law."