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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.67
105 ILCS 5/21B-20
105 ILCS 5/21B-40

Amends the School Boards Article of the School Code. Removes the repeal date for the short-term substitute teacher training program. Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions concerning short-term substitute teacher licenses, removes the June 30, 2023 expiration date for issuing short-term substitute teacher licenses. Removes the licensing fees for short-term substitute teacher, substitute teaching, and professional teaching licenses.

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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 10-20.67, 21B-20, and 21B-40 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.67)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2023)

8 Sec. 10-20.67. Short-term substitute teacher training.

9 (a) Each school board shall, in collaboration with its
10 teachers or, if applicable, the exclusive bargaining
11 representative of its teachers, jointly develop a short-term
12 substitute teacher training program that provides individuals
13 who hold a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License under
14 Section 21B-20 of this Code with information on curriculum,
15 classroom management techniques, school safety, and district
16 and building operations. The State Board of Education may
17 develop a model short-term substitute teacher training program
18 for use by a school board under this subsection (a) if the
19 school board and its teachers or, if applicable, the exclusive
20 bargaining representative of its teachers agree to use the
21 State Board's model. A school board with a substitute teacher
22 training program in place before July 1, 2018 (the effective
23 date of Public Act 100-596) may utilize that program to

1 satisfy the requirements of this subsection (a).

2 (b) Nothing in this Section prohibits a school board from
3 offering substitute training to substitute teachers licensed
4 under paragraph (3) of Section 21B-20 of this Code or to
5 substitute teachers holding a Professional Educator License.

6 (c) (Blank). ~~This Section is repealed on July 1, 2023.~~

7 (Source: P.A. 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

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

22 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
24 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
25 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 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for a
9 third year by an individual meeting the requirements set
10 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) (Blank).

1 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
2 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
3 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
4 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
5 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
6 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets
7 all of the following requirements:

8 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
9 writing ability in the language other than English
10 in which transitional bilingual education is
11 offered.

12 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
13 communicate in English.

14 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
15 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
16 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
17 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
18 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
19 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
20 a foreign country that the State Educator
21 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
22 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
23 regionally accredited institution of higher
24 learning in the United States.

25 A transitional bilingual educator endorsement
26 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12,

1 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years
2 of the endorsement being issued, and shall not be
3 renewed.

4 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
5 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
6 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
7 replaced for any reason.

8 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
9 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
10 other than English in the public schools, an
11 individual who holds an Educator License with
12 Stipulations may also apply for a language
13 endorsement, provided that the applicant provides
14 satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all of the
15 following requirements:

16 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
17 endorsement.

18 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
19 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
20 by passing the applicable language content test
21 required by the State Board of Education.

22 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
23 a regionally accredited institution of higher
24 education or, for individuals educated in a
25 country other than the United States, holds a
26 degree from an institution of higher learning in a

1 foreign country that the State Educator
2 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
3 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
4 regionally accredited institution of higher
5 learning in the United States.

6 (iv) (Blank).

7 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
8 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
9 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
10 individual's transitional bilingual educator
11 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
12 and shall not be renewed.

13 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
14 international educator endorsement on an Educator
15 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
16 individual who is being recruited by a particular
17 school district that conducts formal recruitment
18 programs outside of the United States to secure the
19 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of
20 the following requirements:

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

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

25 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
26 subject to be taught.

1 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
2 language.

3 A holder of a visiting international educator
4 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
5 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
6 programs in the language that was the medium of
7 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
8 provided that he or she passes the English Language
9 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
10 skills in English identified by the State Board of
11 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
12 Preparation and Licensure Board.

13 A visiting international educator endorsement on
14 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 5
15 years and shall not be renewed.

16 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
17 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
18 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
19 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
20 (i) holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
21 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
22 institution of higher education; (ii) has passed a
23 paraprofessional competency test under subsection
24 (c-5) of Section 21B-30; or (iii) is at least 18 years
25 of age and will be using the Educator License with
26 Stipulations exclusively for grades prekindergarten

1 through grade 8, until the individual reaches the age
2 of 19 years and otherwise meets the criteria for a
3 paraprofessional educator endorsement pursuant to this
4 subparagraph (J). The paraprofessional educator
5 endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately
6 following 5 years of the endorsement being issued and
7 may be renewed through application and payment of the
8 appropriate fee, as required under Section 21B-40 of
9 this Code. An individual who holds only a
10 paraprofessional educator endorsement is not subject
11 to additional requirements in order to renew the
12 endorsement.

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

25 The chief school business official endorsement may
26 also be affixed to the Educator License with

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

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

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

23 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
24 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
25 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
26 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation

1 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
2 and who has not successfully completed an
3 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
4 who meets all of the following requirements:

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

6 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
7 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

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

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

16 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
17 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
18 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
19 be renewed.

20 (M) (Blank).

21 (N) Specialized services. A specialized services
22 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
23 may be issued as defined and specified by rule.

24 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
25 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
26 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,

1 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
2 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
3 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's
4 degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution
5 of higher education or must be enrolled in an approved
6 educator preparation program in this State and have earned
7 at least 90 credit hours.

8 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

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

15 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
16 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
17 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
18 contract because of an emergency situation, then a
19 district may employ a substitute teacher for no longer
20 than 30 calendar days per each vacant position in the
21 district if the district notifies the appropriate regional
22 office of education within 5 business days after the
23 employment of the substitute teacher in the emergency
24 situation. An emergency situation is one in which an
25 unforeseen vacancy has occurred and (i) a teacher is
26 unable to fulfill his or her contractual duties or (ii)

1 teacher capacity needs of the district exceed previous
2 indications, and the district is actively engaged in
3 advertising to hire a fully licensed teacher for the
4 vacant position.

5 There is no limit on the number of days that a
6 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
7 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
8 than 120 days beginning with the 2021-2022 school year
9 through the 2022-2023 school year, otherwise 90 school
10 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
11 same school year. A substitute teacher who holds a
12 Professional Educator License or Educator License with
13 Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school days
14 for any one licensed teacher under contract in the same
15 school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on the
16 number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do not
17 apply to any school district operating under Article 34 of
18 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 15 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, unless the Governor has declared a disaster due
23 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
24 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. An individual
25 holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License must
26 complete the training program under Section 10-20.67 or

1 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to teach at a public
2 school. This paragraph (4) is inoperative on and after
3 July 1, 2023.

4 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-220, eff. 8-7-19;
5 101-594, eff. 12-5-19; 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 102-711, eff.
6 1-1-23; 102-712, eff. 4-27-22; 102-713, eff. 1-1-23; 102-717,
7 eff. 4-29-22; 102-894, eff. 5-20-22; revised 12-13-22.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

9 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

10 (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system
11 established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall
12 be charged to applicants:

13 (1) (Blank). ~~A \$100 application fee for a Professional~~
14 ~~Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations.~~

15 (1.5) ~~A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching~~
16 ~~License.~~ If the application for a Substitute Teaching
17 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
18 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
19 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
20 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
21 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
22 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
23 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
24 within one year of issuance.

25 (1.7) ~~A \$25 application fee for a Short Term~~

1 ~~Substitute Teaching License.~~ The Short-Term Substitute
2 Teaching License must be registered in at least one region
3 in this State, but does not require a registration fee.
4 ~~The licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee~~
5 ~~within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall~~
6 ~~be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if~~
7 ~~the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of~~
8 ~~Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the~~
9 ~~Short Term Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full~~
10 ~~school days within one year of issuance. The application~~
11 ~~fee for a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License shall be~~
12 ~~waived when the Governor has declared a disaster due to a~~
13 ~~public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the~~
14 ~~Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.~~

15 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have
16 not been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator
17 preparation program at an Illinois institution of higher
18 education and are seeking any of the licenses set forth in
19 subdivision (1) of this subsection (a).

20 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
21 approval.

22 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
23 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
24 paid to the regional office of education having
25 supervision and control over the school in which the
26 individual holding the license is to be employed. If the

1 individual holding the license is not yet employed, then
2 the license may be registered in any county in this State.
3 The registration fee must be paid in its entirety the
4 first time the individual registers the license for a
5 particular validity period in a single region. No
6 additional fee may be charged for that validity period
7 should the individual subsequently register the license in
8 additional regions. An individual must register the
9 license (i) immediately after initial issuance of the
10 license and (ii) at the beginning of each renewal cycle if
11 the individual has satisfied the renewal requirements
12 required under this Code.

13 Beginning on July 1, 2017, at the beginning of each
14 renewal cycle, individuals who hold a Substitute Teaching
15 License may apply for a reimbursement of the registration
16 fee within 18 months of renewal and shall be issued that
17 reimbursement by the State Board of Education from funds
18 appropriated for that purpose if the licensee provides
19 evidence to the State Board of Education that the licensee
20 has taught pursuant to the Substitute Teaching License at
21 least 10 full school days within one year of renewal.

22 (5) The license renewal fee for an Educator License
23 with Stipulations with a paraprofessional educator
24 endorsement is \$25.

25 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
26 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be

1 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
2 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
3 Education to provide the technology and human resources
4 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
5 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available
6 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be
7 used by the State Board of Education to support the
8 recruitment and retention of educators, to support educator
9 preparation programs as they seek national accreditation, and
10 to provide professional development aligned with the
11 requirements set forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A
12 majority of the funds in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
13 Fund must be dedicated to the timely and efficient processing
14 of applications and for the renewal of licenses. The Teacher
15 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to
16 administrative charge transfers, authorized under Section 8h
17 of the State Finance Act, from the Teacher Certificate Fee
18 Revolving Fund into any other fund of this State, and moneys in
19 the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund shall not revert
20 back to the General Revenue Fund at any time.

21 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
22 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of
23 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
24 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

25 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
26 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience

1 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
2 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
3 amount required by the credit card processing company or
4 vendor that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
5 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee
6 must be paid to that company or vendor.

7 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
8 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
9 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
10 the validity period of the certificate and these years have
11 not expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees
12 must be applied to the registration of the new license.

13 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-570, eff. 8-23-19;
14 102-867, eff. 5-13-22.)