

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 State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971
5 is amended by changing Sections 6.5 and 6.6 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 375/6.5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2004)

8 Sec. 6.5. Health benefits for TRS benefit recipients and
9 TRS dependent beneficiaries.

10 (a) Purpose. It is the purpose of this amendatory Act of
11 1995 to transfer the administration of the program of health
12 benefits established for benefit recipients and their
13 dependent beneficiaries under Article 16 of the Illinois
14 Pension Code to the Department of Central Management Services.

15 (b) Transition provisions. The Board of Trustees of the
16 Teachers' Retirement System shall continue to administer the
17 health benefit program established under Article 16 of the
18 Illinois Pension Code through December 31, 1995. Beginning
19 January 1, 1996, the Department of Central Management Services
20 shall be responsible for administering a program of health
21 benefits for TRS benefit recipients and TRS dependent
22 beneficiaries under this Section. The Department of Central
23 Management Services and the Teachers' Retirement System shall
24 cooperate in this endeavor and shall coordinate their
25 activities so as to ensure a smooth transition and
26 uninterrupted health benefit coverage.

27 (c) Eligibility. All persons who were enrolled in the
28 Article 16 program at the time of the transfer shall be
29 eligible to participate in the program established under this
30 Section without any interruption or delay in coverage or
31 limitation as to pre-existing medical conditions. Eligibility
32 to participate shall be determined by the Teachers' Retirement

1 System. Eligibility information shall be communicated to the
2 Department of Central Management Services in a format
3 acceptable to the Department.

4 A TRS dependent beneficiary who is an unmarried child age
5 19 or over and mentally or physically disabled ~~handicapped~~ does
6 not become ineligible to participate by reason of (i) becoming
7 ineligible to be claimed as a dependent for Illinois or federal
8 income tax purposes or (ii) receiving earned income, so long as
9 those earnings are insufficient for the child to be fully
10 self-sufficient.

11 (d) Coverage. The level of health benefits provided under
12 this Section shall be similar to the level of benefits provided
13 by the program previously established under Article 16 of the
14 Illinois Pension Code.

15 Group life insurance benefits are not included in the
16 benefits to be provided to TRS benefit recipients and TRS
17 dependent beneficiaries under this Act.

18 The program of health benefits under this Section may
19 include any or all of the benefit limitations, including but
20 not limited to a reduction in benefits based on eligibility for
21 federal medicare benefits, that are provided under subsection
22 (a) of Section 6 of this Act for other health benefit programs
23 under this Act.

24 (e) Insurance rates and premiums. The Director shall
25 determine the insurance rates and premiums for TRS benefit
26 recipients and TRS dependent beneficiaries, and shall present
27 to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, by
28 April 15 of each calendar year, the rate-setting methodology
29 (including but not limited to utilization levels and costs)
30 used to determine the amount of the health care premiums.

31 For Fiscal Year 1996, the premium shall be equal to the
32 premium actually charged in Fiscal Year 1995; in subsequent
33 years, the premium shall never be lower than the premium
34 charged in Fiscal Year 1995.

35 For Fiscal Year 2003, the premium shall not exceed 110%
36 of the premium actually charged in Fiscal Year 2002.

1 For Fiscal Year 2004, the premium shall not exceed 112%
2 of the premium actually charged in Fiscal Year 2003.

3 For Fiscal Year 2005, the premium shall not exceed a
4 weighted average of 106.6% of the premium actually charged
5 in Fiscal Year 2004.

6 For Fiscal Year 2006, the premium shall not exceed a
7 weighted average of 109.1% of the premium actually charged
8 in Fiscal Year 2005.

9 For Fiscal Year 2007, the premium shall not exceed a
10 weighted average of 103.9% of the premium actually charged
11 in Fiscal Year 2006.

12 For Fiscal Year 2008 and thereafter, the premium in
13 each fiscal year shall not exceed 105% of the premium
14 actually charged in the previous fiscal year.

15 Rates and premiums may be based in part on age and
16 eligibility for federal medicare coverage. However, the cost of
17 participation for a TRS dependent beneficiary who is an
18 unmarried child age 19 or over and mentally or physically
19 disabled ~~handicapped~~ shall not exceed the cost for a TRS
20 dependent beneficiary who is an unmarried child under age 19
21 and participates in the same major medical or managed care
22 program.

23 The cost of health benefits under the program shall be paid
24 as follows:

25 (1) For a TRS benefit recipient selecting a managed
26 care program, up to 75% of the total insurance rate shall
27 be paid from the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund.
28 Effective with Fiscal Year 2007 and thereafter, for a TRS
29 benefit recipient selecting a managed care program, 75% of
30 the total insurance rate shall be paid from the Teacher
31 Health Insurance Security Fund.

32 (2) For a TRS benefit recipient selecting the major
33 medical coverage program, up to 50% of the total insurance
34 rate shall be paid from the Teacher Health Insurance
35 Security Fund if a managed care program is accessible, as
36 determined by the Teachers' Retirement System. Effective

1 with Fiscal Year 2007 and thereafter, for a TRS benefit
2 recipient selecting the major medical coverage program,
3 50% of the total insurance rate shall be paid from the
4 Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund if a managed care
5 program is accessible, as determined by the Department of
6 Central Management Services.

7 (3) For a TRS benefit recipient selecting the major
8 medical coverage program, up to 75% of the total insurance
9 rate shall be paid from the Teacher Health Insurance
10 Security Fund if a managed care program is not accessible,
11 as determined by the Teachers' Retirement System.
12 Effective with Fiscal Year 2007 and thereafter, for a TRS
13 benefit recipient selecting the major medical coverage
14 program, 75% of the total insurance rate shall be paid from
15 the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund if a managed
16 care program is not accessible, as determined by the
17 Department of Central Management Services.

18 (3.1) For a TRS dependent beneficiary who is Medicare
19 primary and enrolled in a managed care plan, or the major
20 medical coverage program if a managed care plan is not
21 available, 25% of the total insurance rate shall be paid
22 from the Teacher Health Security Fund as determined by the
23 Department of Central Management Services. For the purpose
24 of this item (3.1), the term "TRS dependent beneficiary who
25 is Medicare primary" means a TRS dependent beneficiary who
26 is participating in Medicare Parts A and B.

27 (4) Except as otherwise provided in item (3.1), the ~~The~~
28 balance of the rate of insurance, including the entire
29 premium of any coverage for TRS dependent beneficiaries
30 that has been elected, shall be paid by deductions
31 authorized by the TRS benefit recipient to be withheld from
32 his or her monthly annuity or benefit payment from the
33 Teachers' Retirement System; except that (i) if the balance
34 of the cost of coverage exceeds the amount of the monthly
35 annuity or benefit payment, the difference shall be paid
36 directly to the Teachers' Retirement System by the TRS

1 benefit recipient, and (ii) all or part of the balance of
2 the cost of coverage may, at the school board's option, be
3 paid to the Teachers' Retirement System by the school board
4 of the school district from which the TRS benefit recipient
5 retired, in accordance with Section 10-22.3b of the School
6 Code. The Teachers' Retirement System shall promptly
7 deposit all moneys withheld by or paid to it under this
8 subdivision (e)(4) into the Teacher Health Insurance
9 Security Fund. These moneys shall not be considered assets
10 of the Retirement System.

11 (f) Financing. Beginning July 1, 1995, all revenues arising
12 from the administration of the health benefit programs
13 established under Article 16 of the Illinois Pension Code or
14 this Section shall be deposited into the Teacher Health
15 Insurance Security Fund, which is hereby created as a
16 nonappropriated trust fund to be held outside the State
17 Treasury, with the State Treasurer as custodian. Any interest
18 earned on moneys in the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund
19 shall be deposited into the Fund.

20 Moneys in the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund shall
21 be used only to pay the costs of the health benefit program
22 established under this Section, including associated
23 administrative costs, and the costs associated with the health
24 benefit program established under Article 16 of the Illinois
25 Pension Code, as authorized in this Section. Beginning July 1,
26 1995, the Department of Central Management Services may make
27 expenditures from the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund
28 for those costs.

29 After other funds authorized for the payment of the costs
30 of the health benefit program established under Article 16 of
31 the Illinois Pension Code are exhausted and until January 1,
32 1996 (or such later date as may be agreed upon by the Director
33 of Central Management Services and the Secretary of the
34 Teachers' Retirement System), the Secretary of the Teachers'
35 Retirement System may make expenditures from the Teacher Health
36 Insurance Security Fund as necessary to pay up to 75% of the

1 cost of providing health coverage to eligible benefit
2 recipients (as defined in Sections 16-153.1 and 16-153.3 of the
3 Illinois Pension Code) who are enrolled in the Article 16
4 health benefit program and to facilitate the transfer of
5 administration of the health benefit program to the Department
6 of Central Management Services.

7 (g) Contract for benefits. The Director shall by contract,
8 self-insurance, or otherwise make available the program of
9 health benefits for TRS benefit recipients and their TRS
10 dependent beneficiaries that is provided for in this Section.
11 The contract or other arrangement for the provision of these
12 health benefits shall be on terms deemed by the Director to be
13 in the best interest of the State of Illinois and the TRS
14 benefit recipients based on, but not limited to, such criteria
15 as administrative cost, service capabilities of the carrier or
16 other contractor, and the costs of the benefits.

17 (g-5) Committee. A Teacher Retirement Insurance Program
18 Committee shall be established, to consist of 10 persons
19 appointed by the Governor.

20 The Committee shall convene at least 4 times each year, and
21 shall consider and make recommendations on issues affecting the
22 program of health benefits provided under this Section.
23 Recommendations of the Committee shall be based on a consensus
24 of the members of the Committee.

25 If the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund experiences a
26 deficit balance based upon the contribution and subsidy rates
27 established in this Section and Section 6.6 for Fiscal Year
28 2008 or thereafter, the Committee shall make recommendations
29 for adjustments to the funding sources established under these
30 Sections.

31 (h) Continuation ~~and termination~~ of program. It is the
32 intention of the General Assembly that the program of health
33 benefits provided under this Section be maintained on an
34 ongoing, affordable basis. ~~through June 30, 2004. The program~~
35 ~~of health benefits provided under this Section is terminated on~~
36 ~~July 1, 2004.~~

1 The program of health benefits provided under this Section
2 may be amended by the State and is not intended to be a pension
3 or retirement benefit subject to protection under Article XIII,
4 Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution.

5 (i) Repeal. (Blank). ~~This Section is repealed on July 1,~~
6 ~~2004.~~

7 (Source: P.A. 92-505, eff. 12-20-01; 92-862, eff. 1-3-03;
8 revised 1-10-03.)

9 (5 ILCS 375/6.6)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2004)

11 Sec. 6.6. Contributions to the Teacher Health Insurance
12 Security Fund.

13 (a) Beginning July 1, 1995, all active contributors of the
14 Teachers' Retirement System (established under Article 16 of
15 the Illinois Pension Code) who are not employees of a
16 department as defined in Section 3 of this Act shall make
17 contributions toward the cost of annuitant and survivor health
18 benefits. These contributions shall be at the following rates:
19 until January 1, 2002, 0.5% of salary; beginning January 1,
20 2002, 0.65% of salary; beginning July 1, 2003, 0.75% of salary;
21 beginning July 1, 2005, 0.80% of salary; beginning July 1,
22 2007, a percentage of salary to be determined by the Department
23 of Central Management Services by rule, which in each fiscal
24 year shall not exceed 105% of the percentage of salary actually
25 required to be paid in the previous fiscal year.

26 These contributions shall be deducted by the employer and
27 paid to the System as service agent for the Department of
28 Central Management Services. The System may use the same
29 processes for collecting the contributions required by this
30 subsection that it uses to collect contributions received from
31 school districts and other covered employers under Sections
32 16-154 and 16-155 of the Illinois Pension Code.

33 An employer may agree to pick up or pay the contributions
34 required under this subsection on behalf of the teacher; such
35 contributions shall be deemed to have to have been paid by the

1 teacher. Beginning January 1, 2002, if the employer does not
2 directly pay the required member contribution, then the
3 employer shall reduce the member's salary by an amount equal to
4 the required contribution and shall then pay the contribution
5 on behalf of the member. This reduction shall not change the
6 amounts reported as creditable earnings to the Teachers'
7 Retirement System.

8 A person who purchases optional service credit under
9 Article 16 of the Illinois Pension Code for a period after June
10 30, 1995 must also make a contribution under this subsection
11 for that optional credit, at the rate provided in subsection
12 (a), based on the salary used in computing the optional service
13 credit, plus interest on this employee contribution. This
14 contribution shall be collected by the System as service agent
15 for the Department of Central Management Services. The
16 contribution required under this subsection for the optional
17 service credit must be paid in full before any annuity based on
18 that credit begins.

19 (a-5) Beginning January 1, 2002, every employer of a
20 teacher (other than an employer that is a department as defined
21 in Section 3 of this Act) shall pay an employer contribution
22 toward the cost of annuitant and survivor health benefits.
23 These contributions shall be computed as follows:

24 (1) Beginning January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003,
25 the employer contribution shall be equal to 0.4% of each
26 teacher's salary.

27 (2) Beginning July 1, 2003, the employer contribution
28 shall be equal to 0.5% of each teacher's salary.

29 (3) Beginning July 1, 2005, the employer contribution
30 shall be equal to 0.6% of each teacher's salary.

31 (4) Beginning July 1, 2007, the employer contribution
32 shall be a percentage of each teacher's salary to be
33 determined by the Department of Central Management
34 Services by rule, which in each fiscal year shall not
35 exceed 105% of the percentage of each teacher's salary
36 actually required to be paid in the previous fiscal year.

1 These contributions shall be paid by the employer to the
2 System as service agent for the Department of Central
3 Management Services. The System may use the same processes for
4 collecting the contributions required by this subsection that
5 it uses to collect contributions received from school districts
6 and other covered employers under the Illinois Pension Code.

7 The school district or other employing unit may pay these
8 employer contributions out of any source of funding available
9 for that purpose and shall forward the contributions to the
10 System on the schedule established for the payment of member
11 contributions.

12 (b) The Teachers' Retirement System shall promptly deposit
13 all moneys collected under subsections (a) and (a-5) of this
14 Section into the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund created
15 in Section 6.5 of this Act. The moneys collected under this
16 Section shall be used only for the purposes authorized in
17 Section 6.5 of this Act and shall not be considered to be
18 assets of the Teachers' Retirement System. Contributions made
19 under this Section are not transferable to other pension funds
20 or retirement systems and are not refundable upon termination
21 of service.

22 (c) On or before November 15 of each year, the Board of
23 Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System shall certify to
24 the Governor, the Director of Central Management Services, and
25 the State Comptroller its estimate of the total amount of
26 contributions to be paid under subsection (a) of this Section
27 6.6 for the next fiscal year. The amount certified shall be
28 decreased or increased each year by the amount that the actual
29 active teacher contributions either fell short of or exceeded
30 the estimate used by the Board in making the certification for
31 the previous fiscal year. The certification shall include a
32 detailed explanation of the methods and information that the
33 Board relied upon in preparing its estimate. As soon as
34 possible after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
35 92nd General Assembly, the Board shall recalculate and
36 recertify its certifications for fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

1 (d) Beginning in fiscal year 1996, on the first day of each
2 month, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, the State
3 Treasurer and the State Comptroller shall transfer from the
4 General Revenue Fund to the Teacher Health Insurance Security
5 Fund 1/12 of the annual amount appropriated for that fiscal
6 year to the State Comptroller for deposit into the Teacher
7 Health Insurance Security Fund under Section 1.3 of the State
8 Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act.

9 (e) Except where otherwise specified in this Section, the
10 definitions that apply to Article 16 of the Illinois Pension
11 Code apply to this Section.

12 (f) (Blank). ~~This Section is repealed on July 1, 2004.~~
13 (Source: P.A. 92-505, eff. 12-20-01.)

14 Section 10. The State Pension Funds Continuing
15 Appropriation Act is amended by changing Section 1.3 as
16 follows:

17 (40 ILCS 15/1.3)

18 Sec. 1.3. Appropriations for the Teacher Health Insurance
19 Security Fund. Beginning in State fiscal year 1996, there is
20 hereby appropriated, on a continuing annual basis, from the
21 General Revenue Fund to the State Comptroller for deposit into
22 the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund, an amount equal to
23 the amount certified by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers'
24 Retirement System of Illinois under subsection (c) of Section
25 6.6 of the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 as the
26 estimated total amount of contributions to be paid under
27 subsection (a) of that Section 6.6 in that fiscal year.

28 In addition to any other amounts that may be appropriated
29 for this purpose, in State fiscal years 2005 through 2007,
30 there is hereby appropriated, on a continuing annual basis,
31 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Comptroller for
32 deposit into the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund, an
33 amount equal to \$13,000,000 in each fiscal year.

34 The moneys appropriated under this Section 1.3 shall be

1 deposited into the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund and
2 used only for the purposes authorized in Section 6.5 of the
3 State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971.

4 (Source: P.A. 89-25, eff. 6-21-95.)

5 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
6 2-3.11, 21-1a, 21-1b, 21-2, 21-7.1, 21-9, 21-12, 21-14, 21-16,
7 21-17, 21-18, and 21-23 as follows:

8 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.11)

9 Sec. 2-3.11. Report to Governor and General Assembly. To
10 report to the Governor and General Assembly annually on or
11 before January 14 the condition of the schools of the State for
12 the preceding year, ending on June 30.

13 Such annual report shall contain reports of the State
14 Teacher Certification Board; the schools of the State
15 charitable institutions; reports on driver education, special
16 education, and transportation; and for such year the annual
17 statistical reports of the State Board of Education, including
18 the number and kinds of school districts; number of school
19 attendance centers; number of men and women teachers;
20 enrollment by grades; total enrollment; total days attendance;
21 total days absence; average daily attendance; number of
22 elementary and secondary school graduates; assessed valuation;
23 tax levies and tax rates for various purposes; amount of
24 teachers' orders, anticipation warrants, and bonds
25 outstanding; and number of men and women teachers and total
26 enrollment of private schools. The report shall give for all
27 school districts receipts from all sources and expenditures for
28 all purposes for each fund; the total operating expense, ~~and~~
29 the per capita cost, and instructional expenditures; federal
30 and state aids and reimbursements; new school buildings, and
31 recognized schools; together with such other information and
32 suggestions as the State Board of Education may deem important
33 in relation to the schools and school laws and the means of
34 promoting education throughout the state.

1 In this Section, "instructional expenditures" means the
2 annual expenditures of school districts properly attributable
3 to expenditure functions defined in rules of the State Board of
4 Education as: 1100 (Regular Education); 1200-1220 (Special
5 Education); 1250 (Ed. Deprived/Remedial); 1400 (Vocational
6 Programs); 1600 (Summer School); 1650 (Gifted); 1800
7 (Bilingual Programs); 1900 (Truant Alternative); 2110
8 (Attendance and Social Work Services); 2120 (Guidance
9 Services); 2130 (Health Services); 2140 (Psychological
10 Services); 2150 (Speech Pathology and Audiology Services);
11 2190 (Other Support Services Pupils); 2210 (Improvement of
12 Instruction); 2220 (Educational Media Services); 2230
13 (Assessment and Testing); 2540 (Operation and Maintenance of
14 Plant Services); 2550 (Pupil Transportation Service); 2560
15 (Food Service); 4110 (Payments for Regular Programs); 4120
16 (Payments for Special Education Programs); 4130 (Payments for
17 Adult Education Programs); 4140 (Payments for Vocational
18 Education Programs); 4170 (Payments for Community College
19 Programs); 4190 (Other payments to in-state government units);
20 and 4200 (Other payments to out of state government units).

21 (Source: P.A. 84-1308; 84-1424.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/21-1a) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1a)

23 Sec. 21-1a. Tests required for certification and teacher
24 preparation.

25 (a) After July 1, 1988, in addition to all other
26 requirements, early childhood, elementary, special, high
27 school, school service personnel, or, except as provided in
28 Section 34-6, administrative certificates shall be issued to
29 persons who have satisfactorily passed a test of basic skills
30 and subject matter knowledge. A person who holds a valid and
31 comparable out-of-state certificate, however, is not required
32 to take a test of basic skills and is not required to take a
33 test of subject matter knowledge, provided that the person has
34 successfully passed a test of subject matter knowledge in
35 another state or territory of the United States that is

1 directly related in content to the specific subject area of
2 certification. The tests of basic skills and subject matter
3 knowledge shall be the tests which from time to time are
4 designated by the State Board of Education in consultation with
5 the State Teacher Certification Board and may be tests prepared
6 by an educational testing organization or tests designed by the
7 State Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
8 Certification Board. The areas to be covered by the test of
9 basic skills shall include the basic skills of reading,
10 writing, grammar and mathematics. The test of subject matter
11 knowledge shall assess content knowledge in the specific
12 subject field. The tests shall be designed to be racially
13 neutral to assure that no person in taking the tests is thereby
14 discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national
15 origin or other factors unrelated to the person's ability to
16 perform as a certificated employee. The score required to pass
17 the tests of basic skills and subject matter knowledge shall be
18 fixed by the State Board of Education in consultation with the
19 State Teacher Certification Board. The tests shall be held not
20 fewer than 3 times a year at such time and place as may be
21 designated by the State Board of Education in consultation with
22 the State Teacher Certification Board.

23 (b) Except as provided in Section 34-6, the provisions of
24 subsection (a) of this Section shall apply equally in any
25 school district subject to Article 34, provided that the State
26 Board of Education shall determine which certificates issued
27 under Sections 34-8.1 and 34-83 prior to July 1, 1988 are
28 comparable to any early childhood certificate, elementary
29 school certificate, special certificate, high school
30 certificate, school service personnel certificate or
31 administrative certificate issued under this Article as of July
32 1, 1988.

33 (c) A person who holds an early childhood, elementary,
34 special, high school or school service personnel certificate
35 issued under this Article on or at any time before July 1,
36 1988, including a person who has been issued any such

1 certificate pursuant to Section 21-11.1 or in exchange for a
2 comparable certificate theretofore issued under Section 34-8.1
3 or Section 34-83, shall not be required to take or pass the
4 tests in order to thereafter have such certificate renewed.

5 (d) The State Board of Education in consultation with the
6 State Teacher Certification Board shall conduct a pilot
7 administration of the tests by administering the test to
8 students completing teacher education programs in the 1986-87
9 school year for the purpose of determining the effect and
10 impact of testing candidates for certification.

11 Beginning with the 2002-2003 academic year, a student may
12 not enroll in a teacher preparation program at a recognized
13 teacher training institution until he or she has passed the
14 basic skills test.

15 Beginning with the 2004-2005 academic year, a preservice
16 education teacher may not student teach until he or she has
17 passed the subject matter test in the discipline in which he or
18 she will student teach.

19 (e) The rules and regulations developed to implement the
20 required test of basic skills and subject matter knowledge
21 shall include the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and (c)
22 and shall include specific regulations to govern test
23 selection; test validation and determination of a passing
24 score; administration of the tests; frequency of
25 administration; applicant fees; frequency of applicants'
26 taking the tests; the years for which a score is valid; and,
27 waiving certain additional tests for additional certificates
28 to individuals who have satisfactorily passed the test of basic
29 skills and subject matter knowledge as required in subsection
30 (a). The State Board of Education shall provide, by rule,
31 specific policies that assure uniformity in the difficulty
32 level of each form of the basic skills test and each subject
33 matter knowledge test from test-to-test and year-to-year. The
34 State Board of Education shall also set a passing score for the
35 tests.

36 (f) The State Teacher Certification Board may issue a

1 nonrenewable temporary certificate between July 1, 1988 and
2 August 31, 1988 to individuals who have taken the tests of
3 basic skills and subject matter knowledge prescribed by this
4 Section but have not received such test scores by August 31,
5 1988. Such temporary certificates shall expire on December 31,
6 1988.

7 (g) Beginning February 15, 2000, the State Board of
8 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
9 Certification Board, shall implement and administer a new
10 system of certification for teachers in the State of Illinois.
11 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
12 Teacher Certification Board, shall design and implement a
13 system of examinations and various other criteria which shall
14 be required prior to the issuance of Initial Teaching
15 Certificates and Standard Teaching Certificates. These
16 examinations and indicators shall be based on national and
17 State professional teaching standards, as determined by the
18 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
19 Teacher Certification Board. The State Board of Education may
20 adopt any and all regulations necessary to implement and
21 administer this Section.

22 (h) The State Board of Education shall report to the
23 Illinois General Assembly and the Governor with
24 recommendations for further changes and improvements to the
25 teacher certification system no later than July 1, 1999 and on
26 an annual basis until July 1, 2001.

27 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 92-734, eff. 7-25-02.)

28 (105 ILCS 5/21-1b) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1b)

29 Sec. 21-1b. Subject endorsement on certificates. All
30 certificates initially issued under this Article after June 30,
31 1986, shall be specifically endorsed by the State Board of
32 Education for each subject the holder of the certificate is
33 legally qualified to teach, such endorsements to be made in
34 accordance with standards promulgated by the State Board of
35 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification

1 Board. All certificates which are issued under this Article
2 prior to July 1, 1986 may, by application to the State Board of
3 Education, be specifically endorsed for each subject the holder
4 is legally qualified to teach. Endorsements issued under this
5 Section shall not apply to substitute teacher's certificates
6 issued under Section 21-9 of this Code.

7 Commencing July 1, 1999, each application for endorsement
8 of an existing teaching certificate shall be accompanied by a
9 \$30 nonrefundable fee. There is hereby created a Teacher
10 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund as a special fund within the
11 State Treasury. The proceeds of each \$30 fee shall be paid into
12 the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund; and the moneys in
13 that Fund shall be appropriated and used to provide the
14 technology and other resources necessary for the timely and
15 efficient processing of certification requests.

16 The State Board of Education and each regional office of
17 education are authorized to charge a service or convenience fee
18 for the use of credit cards for the payment of certification
19 fees. This service or convenience fee may not exceed the amount
20 required by the credit card processing company or vendor that
21 has entered into a contract with the State Board or regional
22 office of education for this purpose, and the fee must be paid
23 to that company or vendor.

24 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

25 (105 ILCS 5/21-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2)

26 Sec. 21-2. Grades of certificates.

27 (a) All certificates issued under this Article shall be
28 State certificates valid, except as limited in Section 21-1, in
29 every school district coming under the provisions of this Act
30 and shall be limited in time and designated as follows:
31 Provisional vocational certificate, temporary provisional
32 vocational certificate, early childhood certificate,
33 elementary school certificate, special certificate, secondary
34 certificate, school service personnel certificate,
35 administrative certificate, provisional certificate, and

1 substitute certificate. The requirement of student teaching
2 under close and competent supervision for obtaining a teaching
3 certificate may be waived by the State Teacher Certification
4 Board upon presentation to the Board by the teacher of evidence
5 of 5 years successful teaching experience on a valid
6 certificate and graduation from a recognized institution of
7 higher learning with a bachelor's degree.

8 (b) Initial Teaching Certificate. Persons who (1) have
9 completed an approved teacher preparation program, (2) are
10 recommended by an approved teacher preparation program, (3)
11 have successfully completed the Initial Teaching Certification
12 examinations required by the State Board of Education, and (4)
13 have met all other criteria established by the State Board of
14 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
15 Board, shall be issued an Initial Teaching Certificate valid
16 for 4 years of teaching, as defined in Section 21-14 of this
17 Code. Initial Teaching Certificates shall be issued for
18 categories corresponding to Early Childhood, Elementary,
19 Secondary, and Special K-12, with special certification
20 designations for Special Education, Bilingual Education,
21 fundamental learning areas (including Language Arts, Reading,
22 Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Physical Development and
23 Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign Language), and other areas
24 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
25 with the State Teacher Certification Board. Notwithstanding
26 any other provision of this Article, an Initial Teaching
27 Certificate shall be automatically extended for one year for
28 all persons who (i) have been issued an Initial Teaching
29 Certificate that expires on June 30, 2004 and (ii) have not
30 met, prior to July 1, 2004, the Standard Certificate
31 requirements under paragraph (c) of this Section. An
32 application and fee shall not be required for this extension.

33 (b-5) A person who holds an out-of-state certificate and
34 who is otherwise eligible for a comparable Illinois certificate
35 may be issued an Initial Certificate if that person has not
36 completed 4 years of teaching. Upon completion of 4 years of

1 teaching, the person is eligible for a Standard Certificate.
2 Beginning July 1, 2004, an out-of-state candidate who has
3 already earned a second-tier certificate in another state is
4 not subject to any Standard Certificate eligibility
5 requirements stated in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this
6 Section other than completion of the 4 years of teaching. An
7 out-of-state candidate who has completed less than 4 years of
8 teaching and does not hold a second-tier certificate from
9 another state must meet the requirements stated in paragraph
10 (2) of subsection (c) of this Section, proportionately reduced
11 by the amount of time remaining to complete the 4 years of
12 teaching.

13 (c) Standard Certificate.

14 (1) Persons who (i) have completed 4 years of teaching, as
15 defined in Section 21-14 of this Code, with an Initial
16 Certificate or an Initial Alternative Teaching Certificate and
17 have met all other criteria established by the State Board of
18 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
19 Board, (ii) have completed 4 years of teaching on a valid
20 equivalent certificate in another State or territory of the
21 United States, or have completed 4 years of teaching in a
22 nonpublic Illinois elementary or secondary school with an
23 Initial Certificate or an Initial Alternative Teaching
24 Certificate, and have met all other criteria established by the
25 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
26 Teacher Certification Board, or (iii) were issued teaching
27 certificates prior to February 15, 2000 and are renewing those
28 certificates after February 15, 2000, shall be issued a
29 Standard Certificate valid for 5 years, which may be renewed
30 thereafter every 5 years by the State Teacher Certification
31 Board based on proof of continuing education or professional
32 development. Beginning July 1, 2003, persons who have completed
33 4 years of teaching, as described in clauses (i) and (ii) of
34 this paragraph (1), have successfully completed the
35 requirements of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection
36 (c), and have met all other criteria established by the State

1 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
2 Certification Board, shall be issued Standard Certificates.
3 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section,
4 beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold valid out-of-state
5 certificates and have completed 4 years of teaching on a valid
6 equivalent certificate in another State or territory of the
7 United States shall be issued comparable Standard
8 Certificates. Beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold valid
9 out-of-state certificates as described in subsection (b-5) of
10 this Section are subject to the requirements of paragraphs (2)
11 through (4) of this subsection (c), as required in subsection
12 (b-5) of this Section, in order to receive a Standard
13 Certificate. Standard Certificates shall be issued for
14 categories corresponding to Early Childhood, Elementary,
15 Secondary, and Special K-12, with special certification
16 designations for Special Education, Bilingual Education,
17 fundamental learning areas (including Language Arts, Reading,
18 Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Physical Development and
19 Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign Language), and other areas
20 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
21 with the State Teacher Certification Board.

22 (2) This paragraph (2) applies only to those persons
23 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
24 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). In order
25 to receive a Standard Teaching Certificate, a person must
26 satisfy one of the following requirements, ~~which the person~~
27 ~~must identify, in writing, as the requirement that the person~~
28 ~~has chosen to satisfy to the responsible local professional~~
29 ~~development committee established pursuant to subsection (f)~~
30 ~~of Section 21-14 of this Code:~~

31 (A) Completion of a program of induction and mentoring
32 for new teachers that is based upon a specific plan
33 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation
34 with the State Teacher Certification Board. Nothing in this
35 Section, however, prohibits an induction or mentoring
36 program from operating prior to approval. Holders of

1 Initial Certificates issued before September 1, 2007 must
2 complete, at a minimum, an approved one-year induction and
3 mentoring program. Holders of Initial Certificates issued
4 on or after September 1, 2007 must complete an approved
5 2-year induction and mentoring program. The plan must
6 describe the role of mentor teachers, the criteria and
7 process for their selection, and how all the following
8 components are to be provided:

9 (i) Assignment of a formally trained mentor
10 teacher to each new teacher for a specified period of
11 time, which shall be established by the employing
12 school or school district ~~but shall be at least 2~~
13 ~~school years in duration~~, provided that a mentor
14 teacher may not directly or indirectly participate in
15 the evaluation of a new teacher pursuant to Article 24A
16 of this Code or the evaluation procedure of the school.

17 (ii) Formal mentoring for each new teacher.

18 (iii) Support for each new teacher in relation to
19 the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, the
20 content-area standards applicable to the new teacher's
21 area of certification, and any applicable local school
22 improvement and professional development plans.

23 (iv) Professional development specifically
24 designed to foster the growth of each new teacher's
25 knowledge and skills.

26 (v) Formative assessment that is based on the
27 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards and designed
28 to provide feedback to the new teacher and
29 opportunities for reflection on his or her
30 performance, which must not be used directly or
31 indirectly in any evaluation of a new teacher pursuant
32 to Article 24A of this Code or the evaluation procedure
33 of the school and which must include the activities
34 specified in clauses (B)(i), (B)(ii), and (B)(iii) of
35 this paragraph (2).

36 (vi) Assignment of responsibility for coordination

1 of the induction and mentoring program within each
2 school district participating in the program.

3 (B) Successful completion of 4 semester hours of
4 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own
5 performance in relation to the Illinois Professional
6 Teaching Standards. The coursework must be approved by the
7 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
8 Teacher Certification Board; must be offered either by an
9 institution of higher education, by such an institution in
10 partnership with a teachers' association or union or with a
11 regional office of education, or by another entity
12 authorized to issue college credit; and must include
13 demonstration of performance through all of the following
14 activities for each of the Illinois Professional Teaching
15 Standards:

16 (i) Observation, by the course instructor or
17 another experienced teacher, of the new teacher's
18 classroom practice (the observation may be recorded
19 for later viewing) for the purpose of identifying and
20 describing how the new teacher made content meaningful
21 for students; how the teacher motivated individuals
22 and the group and created an environment conducive to
23 positive social interactions, active learning, and
24 self-motivation; what instructional strategies the
25 teacher used to encourage students' development of
26 critical thinking, problem solving, and performance;
27 how the teacher communicated using written, verbal,
28 nonverbal, and visual communication techniques; and
29 how the teacher maintained standards of professional
30 conduct and provided leadership to improve students'
31 learning.

32 (ii) Review and analysis, by the course instructor
33 or another experienced teacher, of written
34 documentation (i.e., lesson plans, assignments,
35 assessment instruments, and samples of students' work)
36 prepared by the new teacher for at least 2 lessons. The

1 documentation must provide evidence of classroom
2 performance related to Illinois Professional Teaching
3 Standards 1 through 9, with an emphasis on how the
4 teacher used his or her understanding of students,
5 assessment data, and subject matter to decide on
6 learning goals; how the teacher designed or selected
7 activities and instructional materials and aligned
8 instruction to the relevant Illinois Learning
9 Standards; how the teacher adapted or modified
10 curriculum to meet individual students' needs; and how
11 the teacher sequenced instruction and designed or
12 selected student assessment strategies.

13 (iii) Demonstration of professional expertise on
14 the part of the new teacher in reflecting on his or her
15 practice, which was observed under clause (B)(i) of
16 this paragraph (2) and documented under clause (B)(ii)
17 of this paragraph (2), in terms of teaching strengths,
18 weaknesses, and implications for improvement according
19 to the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards.

20 (C) Successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester
21 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation
22 to meet the requirements for certification by the National
23 Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The
24 coursework must be approved by the State Board of
25 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
26 Certification Board, and must be offered either by an
27 institution of higher education, by such an institution in
28 partnership with a teachers' association or union or with a
29 regional office of education, or by another entity
30 authorized to issue college credit. The course must address
31 the 5 NBPTS Core Propositions and relevant standards
32 through such means as the following:

33 (i) Observation, by the course instructor or
34 another experienced teacher, of the new teacher's
35 classroom practice (the observation may be recorded
36 for later viewing) for the purpose of identifying and

1 describing how the new teacher made content meaningful
2 for students; how the teacher motivated individuals
3 and the group and created an environment conducive to
4 positive social interactions, active learning, and
5 self-motivation; what instructional strategies the
6 teacher used to encourage students' development of
7 critical thinking, problem solving, and performance;
8 how the teacher communicated using written, verbal,
9 nonverbal, and visual communication techniques; and
10 how the teacher maintained standards of professional
11 conduct and provided leadership to improve students'
12 learning.

13 (ii) Review and analysis, by the course instructor
14 or another experienced teacher, of written
15 documentation (i.e., lesson plans, assignments,
16 assessment instruments, and samples of students' work)
17 prepared by the new teacher for at least 2 lessons. The
18 documentation must provide evidence of classroom
19 performance, including how the teacher used his or her
20 understanding of students, assessment data, and
21 subject matter to decide on learning goals; how the
22 teacher designed or selected activities and
23 instructional materials and aligned instruction to the
24 relevant Illinois Learning Standards; how the teacher
25 adapted or modified curriculum to meet individual
26 students' needs; and how the teacher sequenced
27 instruction and designed or selected student
28 assessment strategies.

29 (iii) Demonstration of professional expertise on
30 the part of the new teacher in reflecting on his or her
31 practice, which was observed under clause (C)(i) of
32 this paragraph (2) and documented under clause (C)(ii)
33 of this paragraph (2), in terms of teaching strengths,
34 weaknesses, and implications for improvement.

35 (C-5) Satisfactory completion of a minimum of 12
36 semester hours of graduate credit towards an advanced

1 degree in an education-related field from an accredited
2 institution of higher education.

3 (D) Receipt of an advanced degree from an accredited
4 institution of higher education in an education-related
5 field that is earned by a person either while he or she
6 holds an Initial Teaching Certificate or prior to his or
7 her receipt of that certificate, ~~provided that at least 8~~
8 ~~semester hours of the coursework completed count toward a~~
9 ~~degree, certificate, or endorsement in a teaching field.~~

10 (E) Accumulation of 60 continuing professional
11 development units (CPDUs), earned by completing selected
12 activities that comply with paragraphs (3) and (4) of this
13 subsection (c). However, for an individual who holds an
14 Initial Teaching Certificate on the effective date of this
15 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the number of
16 CPDUs shall be reduced to reflect the teaching time
17 remaining on the Initial Teaching Certificate.

18 (F) Completion of a nationally normed,
19 performance-based assessment, if made available by the
20 State Board of Education in consultation with the State
21 Teacher Certification Board, provided that the cost to the
22 person shall not exceed the cost of the coursework
23 described in clause (B) of this paragraph (2).

24 (G) Completion of requirements for meeting the
25 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for
26 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public
27 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area.

28 (H) Receipt of a minimum 12-hour, post-baccalaureate,
29 education-related professional development certificate
30 issued by an Illinois institution of higher education and
31 developed in accordance with rules adopted by the State
32 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
33 Certification Board.

34 (I) Completion of the National Board for Professional
35 Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

36 (J) Receipt of a subsequent Illinois certificate or

1 endorsement pursuant to Article 21 of this Code.

2 (3) This paragraph (3) applies only to those persons
3 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
4 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). Persons
5 who seek to satisfy the requirements of clause (E) of paragraph
6 (2) of this subsection (c) through accumulation of CPDUs may
7 earn credit ~~At least one half the CPDUs a person must accrue in~~
8 ~~order to qualify for a Standard Teaching Certificate must be~~
9 ~~earned~~ through completion of coursework, workshops, seminars,
10 conferences, and other similar training events that are
11 pre-approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation
12 with the State Teacher Certification Board, for the purpose of
13 reflection on teaching practices in order to address all of the
14 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards necessary to obtain a
15 Standard Teaching Certificate. These activities must meet all
16 of the following requirements:

17 (A) Each activity must be designed to advance a
18 person's knowledge and skills in relation to one or more of
19 the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or in
20 relation to the content-area standards applicable to the
21 teacher's field of certification.

22 (B) Taken together, the activities completed must
23 address each of the Illinois Professional Teaching
24 Standards as provided in clauses (B)(i), (B)(ii), and
25 (B)(iii) of paragraph (2) of this subsection (c).

26 (C) Each activity must be provided by an entity
27 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation
28 with the State Teacher Certification Board, for this
29 purpose.

30 (D) Each activity, integral to its successful
31 completion, must require participants to demonstrate the
32 degree to which they have acquired new knowledge or skills,
33 such as through performance, through preparation of a
34 written product, through assembling samples of students'
35 or teachers' work, or by some other means that is
36 appropriate to the subject matter of the activity.

1 (E) One CPDU shall be available for each hour of direct
2 participation by a holder of an Initial Teaching
3 Certificate in a qualifying activity. An activity may be
4 attributed to more than one of the Illinois Professional
5 Teaching Standards, but credit for any activity shall be
6 counted only once.

7 (4) This paragraph (4) applies only to those persons
8 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
9 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). Persons
10 who seek to satisfy the requirements of clause (E) of paragraph
11 (2) of this subsection (c) through accumulation of CPDUs may
12 earn credit from the following, provided that each activity is
13 designed to advance a person's knowledge and skills in relation
14 to one or more of the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards
15 or in relation to the content-area standards applicable to the
16 person's field or fields of certification ~~The balance of the~~
17 ~~CPDUs a person must accrue in order to qualify for a Standard~~
18 ~~Teaching Certificate, in combination with those earned~~
19 ~~pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection (c), may be chosen~~
20 ~~from among the following, provided that an activity listed in~~
21 ~~clause (C) of this paragraph (4) shall be creditable only if~~
22 ~~its provider is approved for this purpose by the State Board of~~
23 ~~Education, in consultation with the State Teacher~~
24 ~~Certification Board:~~

25 (A) Collaboration and partnership activities related
26 to improving a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
27 including all of the following:

28 (i) Peer review and coaching.

29 (ii) Mentoring in a formal mentoring program,
30 including service as a consulting teacher
31 participating in a remediation process formulated
32 under Section 24A-5 of this Code.

33 (iii) Facilitating parent education programs
34 directly related to student achievement for a school,
35 school district, or regional office of education.

36 (iv) Participating in business, school, or

1 community partnerships directly related to student
2 achievement.

3 (B) Teaching college or university courses in areas
4 relevant to a teacher's field of certification, provided
5 that the teaching may only be counted once during the
6 course of 4 years.

7 (C) Conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
8 symposiums related to improving a person's knowledge and
9 skills as a teacher, including all of the following:

10 (i) Completing non-university credit directly
11 related to student achievement, the Illinois
12 Professional Teaching Standards, or content-area
13 standards.

14 (ii) Participating in or presenting at workshops,
15 seminars, conferences, institutes, and symposiums.

16 (iii) (Blank). ~~Training as external reviewers for~~
17 ~~the State Board of Education.~~

18 (iv) Training as reviewers of university teacher
19 preparation programs.

20 An activity listed in this clause (C) is creditable
21 only if its provider is approved for this purpose by the
22 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
23 Teacher Certification Board.

24 (D) Other educational experiences related to improving
25 a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including all
26 of the following:

27 (i) Participating in action research and inquiry
28 projects.

29 (ii) Observing programs or teaching in schools,
30 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
31 purposeful, and relevant to a teacher's field of
32 certification.

33 (iii) Participating in study groups related to
34 student achievement, the Illinois Professional
35 Teaching Standards, or content-area standards.

36 (iv) Participating in work/learn programs or

1 internships.

2 (v) Developing a portfolio of students' and
3 teacher's work.

4 (E) Professional leadership experiences related to
5 improving a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
6 including all of the following:

7 (i) Participating in curriculum development or
8 assessment activities at the school, school district,
9 regional office of education, State, or national level.

10 (ii) Participating in team or department
11 leadership in a school or school district.

12 (iii) (Blank). ~~Participating on external or~~
13 ~~internal school or school district review teams.~~

14 (iv) Publishing educational articles, columns, or
15 books relevant to a teacher's field of certification.

16 (v) Participating in non-strike related activities
17 of a professional association or labor organization
18 that are related to professional development.

19 (5) A person must complete the requirements ~~his or her~~
20 ~~chosen requirement under paragraph (2)~~ of this subsection (c)
21 before the expiration of his or her Initial Teaching
22 Certificate and must submit assurance ~~evidence~~ of having done
23 so to the regional superintendent of schools or a local
24 professional development committee authorized by the regional
25 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this
26 purpose. ~~Within 30 days after receipt of a person's evidence of~~
27 ~~completion, the local professional development committee shall~~
28 ~~forward the evidence of completion to the responsible regional~~
29 ~~superintendent of schools along with the local professional~~
30 ~~development committee's recommendation, based on that~~
31 ~~evidence, as to whether the person is eligible to receive a~~
32 ~~Standard Teaching Certificate. The local professional~~
33 ~~development committee shall provide a copy of this~~
34 ~~recommendation to the affected person.~~

35 Within 30 days after receipt, the ~~The~~ regional
36 superintendent of schools shall review the assurance ~~evidence~~

1 of completion submitted by a person and, based upon compliance
2 with all of the requirements for receipt of a Standard Teaching
3 Certificate, shall forward to the State Board of Education a
4 recommendation for issuance of the Standard Certificate or
5 non-issuance. The regional superintendent of schools shall
6 notify the affected person if the recommendation is for
7 non-issuance of the Standard Certificate. A person who is
8 considered not to be eligible for a Standard Certificate and
9 who has received the notice of non-issuance may appeal this
10 determination to the Regional Professional Development Review
11 Committee (RPDRC). The recommendation of the regional
12 superintendent and the RPDRC, along with all supporting
13 materials, must then be forwarded to the State Board of
14 Education for a final determination ~~of the recommendation~~
15 forwarded.

16 Upon review of a regional superintendent of school's
17 recommendations, the State Board of Education shall issue
18 Standard Teaching Certificates to those who qualify and shall
19 notify a person, in writing, of a decision denying a Standard
20 Teaching Certificate. Any decision denying issuance of a
21 Standard Teaching Certificate to a person may be appealed to
22 the State Teacher Certification Board.

23 (6) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
24 State Teacher Certification Board, may adopt rules to implement
25 this subsection (c) and may periodically evaluate any of the
26 methods of qualifying for a Standard Teaching Certificate
27 described in this subsection (c).

28 (7) The changes made to paragraphs (1) through (5) of this
29 subsection (c) by this amendatory Act of the 93rd General
30 Assembly shall apply to those persons who hold or are eligible
31 to hold an Initial Certificate on or after the effective date
32 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall
33 be given effect upon their application for a Standard
34 Certificate.

35 (8) Beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold a Standard
36 Certificate and have acquired one master's degree in an

1 education-related field are eligible for certificate renewal
2 upon completion of two-thirds of the continuing education units
3 specified in subdivision (C) of paragraph (3) of subsection (e)
4 of Section 21-14 of this Code or of the continuing professional
5 development units specified in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3)
6 of subsection (e) of Section 21-14 of this Code. Persons who
7 hold a Standard Certificate and have acquired a second master's
8 degree, an education specialist, or a doctorate in an
9 education-related field or hold a Master Certificate are
10 eligible for certificate renewal upon completion of one-third
11 of the continuing education units specified in subdivision (C)
12 of paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of Section 21-14 of this
13 Code or of the continuing professional development units
14 specified in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of subsection (e)
15 of Section 21-14 of this Code.

16 (d) Master Certificate. Persons who have successfully
17 achieved National Board certification through the National
18 Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be issued a
19 Master Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable thereafter
20 every 10 years through compliance with requirements set forth
21 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
22 Teacher Certification Board. However, each teacher who holds a
23 Master Certificate shall be eligible for a teaching position in
24 this State in the areas for which he or she holds a Master
25 Certificate without satisfying any other requirements of this
26 Code, except for those requirements pertaining to criminal
27 background checks. A holder of a Master Certificate in an area
28 of science or social science is eligible to teach in any of the
29 subject areas within those fields, including those taught at
30 the advanced level, as defined by the State Board of Education
31 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. A
32 teacher who holds a Master Certificate shall be deemed to meet
33 State certification renewal requirements in the area or areas
34 for which he or she holds a Master Certificate for the 10-year
35 term of the teacher's Master Certificate.

36 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 91-606, eff. 8-16-99;

1 91-609, eff. 1-1-00; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-796, eff.
2 8-10-02.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-7.1)

4 Sec. 21-7.1. Administrative certificate.

5 (a) After July 1, 1999, an administrative certificate valid
6 for 5 years of supervising and administering in the public
7 common schools (unless changed under subsection (a-5) of this
8 Section) may be issued to persons who have graduated from a
9 regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a
10 master's degree and who have been recommended by a recognized
11 institution of higher learning as having completed a program of
12 preparation for one or more of these endorsements. Such
13 programs of academic and professional preparation required for
14 endorsement shall be administered by the institution in
15 accordance with standards set forth by the State Superintendent
16 of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
17 Certification Board.

18 (a-5) Beginning July 1, 2003, if an administrative
19 certificate holder holds a Standard Teaching Certificate, the
20 validity period of the administrative certificate shall be
21 changed, if necessary, so that the validity period of the
22 administrative certificate coincides with the validity period
23 of the Standard Teaching Certificate. Beginning July 1, 2003,
24 if an administrative certificate holder holds a Master Teaching
25 Certificate, the validity period of the administrative
26 certificate shall be changed so that the validity period of the
27 administrative certificate coincides with the validity period
28 of the Master Teaching Certificate.

29 (b) No administrative certificate shall be issued for the
30 first time after June 30, 1987 and no endorsement provided for
31 by this Section shall be made or affixed to an administrative
32 certificate for the first time after June 30, 1987 unless the
33 person to whom such administrative certificate is to be issued
34 or to whose administrative certificate such endorsement is to
35 be affixed has been required to demonstrate as a part of a

1 program of academic or professional preparation for such
2 certification or endorsement: (i) an understanding of the
3 knowledge called for in establishing productive parent-school
4 relationships and of the procedures fostering the involvement
5 which such relationships demand; and (ii) an understanding of
6 the knowledge required for establishing a high quality school
7 climate and promoting good classroom organization and
8 management, including rules of conduct and instructional
9 procedures appropriate to accomplishing the tasks of
10 schooling; and (iii) a demonstration of the knowledge and
11 skills called for in providing instructional leadership. The
12 standards for demonstrating an understanding of such knowledge
13 shall be set forth by the State Board of Education in
14 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, and
15 shall be administered by the recognized institutions of higher
16 learning as part of the programs of academic and professional
17 preparation required for certification and endorsement under
18 this Section. As used in this subsection: "establishing
19 productive parent-school relationships" means the ability to
20 maintain effective communication between parents and school
21 personnel, to encourage parental involvement in schooling, and
22 to motivate school personnel to engage parents in encouraging
23 student achievement, including the development of programs and
24 policies which serve to accomplish this purpose; and
25 "establishing a high quality school climate" means the ability
26 to promote academic achievement, to maintain discipline, to
27 recognize substance abuse problems among students and utilize
28 appropriate law enforcement and other community resources to
29 address these problems, to support teachers and students in
30 their education endeavors, to establish learning objectives
31 and to provide instructional leadership, including the
32 development of policies and programs which serve to accomplish
33 this purpose; and "providing instructional leadership" means
34 the ability to effectively evaluate school personnel, to
35 possess general communication and interpersonal skills, and to
36 establish and maintain appropriate classroom learning

1 environments. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply
2 to or affect the initial issuance or making on or before June
3 30, 1987 of any administrative certificate or endorsement
4 provided for under this Section, nor shall such provisions
5 apply to or affect the renewal after June 30, 1987 of any such
6 certificate or endorsement initially issued or made on or
7 before June 30, 1987.

8 (c) Administrative certificates shall be renewed every 5
9 years with the first renewal being 5 years following the
10 initial receipt of an administrative certificate, unless the
11 validity period for the administrative certificate has been
12 changed under subsection (a-5) of this Section, in which case
13 the certificate shall be renewed at the same time that the
14 Standard or Master Teaching Certificate is renewed.

15 (c-5) Before July 1, 2003, renewal requirements for
16 administrators whose positions require certification shall be
17 based upon evidence of continuing professional education which
18 promotes the following goals: (1) improving administrators'
19 knowledge of instructional practices and administrative
20 procedures; (2) maintaining the basic level of competence
21 required for initial certification; and (3) improving the
22 mastery of skills and knowledge regarding the improvement of
23 teaching performance in clinical settings and assessment of the
24 levels of student performance in their schools. Evidence of
25 continuing professional education must include verification of
26 biennial attendance in a program developed by the Illinois
27 Administrators' Academy and verification of annual
28 participation in a school district approved activity which
29 contributes to continuing professional education.

30 (c-10) Beginning July 1, 2003, except as otherwise provided
31 in subsection (c-15) of this Section, persons holding
32 administrative certificates must follow the certificate
33 renewal procedure set forth in this subsection (c-10), provided
34 that those persons holding administrative certificates on June
35 30, 2003 who are renewing those certificates on or after July
36 1, 2003 shall be issued new administrative certificates valid

1 for 5 years (unless changed under subsection (a-5) of this
2 Section), which may be renewed thereafter as set forth in this
3 subsection (c-10).

4 ~~(1)~~ A person holding an administrative certificate and
5 employed in a position requiring administrative certification,
6 including a regional superintendent of schools, must satisfy
7 ~~develop an administrative certificate renewal plan for~~
8 ~~satisfying~~ the continuing professional development
9 requirements of this Section ~~required~~ to renew his or her
10 administrative certificate. The continuing professional
11 development ~~An administrative certificate renewal plan must~~
12 ~~include a minimum of 3 individual improvement goals developed~~
13 ~~by the certificate holder and~~ must include without limitation
14 the following continuing professional development purposes:

15 (1) ~~(A)~~ To improve the administrator's knowledge of
16 instructional practices and administrative procedures in
17 accordance with the Illinois Professional School Leader
18 Standards.

19 (2) ~~(B)~~ To maintain the basic level of competence
20 required for initial certification.

21 (3) ~~(C)~~ To improve the administrator's mastery of
22 skills and knowledge regarding the improvement of teaching
23 performance in clinical settings and assessment of the
24 levels of student performance in the schools.

25 ~~An administrative certificate renewal plan must include a~~
26 ~~description of how the improvement goals are to be achieved~~
27 ~~and an explanation of the selected continuing professional~~
28 ~~development activities to be completed, each of which must~~
29 ~~meet one or more of the continuing professional development~~
30 ~~purposes specified in this paragraph (1).~~

31 The continuing professional development ~~(2)~~ ~~In addition to~~
32 ~~the requirements in paragraph (1) of this subsection (c-10),~~
33 ~~the administrative certificate renewal plan~~ must include the
34 following in order for the certificate to be renewed:

35 (A) Participation in continuing professional
36 development activities, which must total a minimum of 100

1 hours of continuing professional development. ~~and which~~
2 ~~must meet all of the following requirements: (i) The~~
3 participation must consist of a minimum of 5 activities per
4 validity period of the certificate, and the certificate
5 holder must maintain documentation of completion of each
6 activity.

7 ~~(ii) The activities must address the goals in~~
8 ~~the certificate holder's professional development~~
9 ~~plan.~~

10 ~~(iii) The activities must be aligned with the~~
11 ~~Illinois Professional School Leader Standards.~~

12 ~~(iv) A portion of the activities must address~~
13 ~~the certificate holder's school improvement plan~~
14 ~~at either the district or school level.~~

15 ~~(v) The participation must include a~~
16 ~~communication, dissemination, or application~~
17 ~~component.~~

18 ~~(vi) There must be documentation of completion~~
19 ~~of each activity.~~

20 (B) Participation every year in an Illinois
21 Administrators' Academy course, which participation must
22 total a minimum of 30 ~~36~~ continuing professional
23 development hours during the period of the certificate's
24 validity and which must include completion ~~all of the~~
25 ~~following: (i) Completion of applicable required~~
26 ~~coursework, including completion of a communication,~~
27 ~~dissemination, or application component,~~ as defined by the
28 State Board of Education.

29 ~~(ii) Completion of a communication,~~
30 ~~dissemination, or application component.~~

31 ~~(iii) Documentation of completion of each~~
32 ~~activity.~~

33 ~~(3) Each administrator who is subject to the~~
34 ~~requirements of this subsection (c-10) but who is not~~
35 ~~-serving as a district or regional superintendent, a~~
36 ~~director of a cooperative program or special education~~

1 ~~program, or a director of a State-operated school must~~
2 ~~submit his or her administrative certificate renewal plan~~
3 ~~for review to the superintendent of the employing school~~
4 ~~district or to the director of the cooperative or special~~
5 ~~education program or State-operated school (or to the~~
6 ~~superintendent's or director's designee). Each district or~~
7 ~~regional superintendent, director of a cooperative program~~
8 ~~or special education program, or director of a~~
9 ~~State-operated school must submit his or her~~
10 ~~administrative certificate renewal plan for review to a~~
11 ~~review panel comprised of peers established by the regional~~
12 ~~superintendent of schools for the geographic area where the~~
13 ~~certificate holder is employed as an administrator.~~

14 ~~(4) If the certificate holder's plan does not conform~~
15 ~~to the requirements of this subsection (c-10), the reviewer~~
16 ~~or review panel must notify the certificate holder, who~~
17 ~~must revise the administrative certificate renewal plan. A~~
18 ~~certificate holder who is not a regional superintendent of~~
19 ~~schools may appeal that determination to the regional~~
20 ~~superintendent of schools for the geographic area where the~~
21 ~~certificate holder is employed as an administrator. A~~
22 ~~certificate holder who is a regional superintendent of~~
23 ~~schools may appeal that determination to the State~~
24 ~~Superintendent of Education. The regional superintendent~~
25 ~~of schools or the State Superintendent of Education (or the~~
26 ~~regional superintendent's or State Superintendent's~~
27 ~~designee) shall facilitate any modification of the plan, if~~
28 ~~necessary, to make it acceptable.~~

29 ~~(5) A certificate holder may modify his or her~~
30 ~~administrative certificate renewal plan at any time during~~
31 ~~the validity period of the administrative certificate~~
32 ~~through the process outlined in paragraphs (3) and (4) of~~
33 ~~this subsection (c-10).~~

34 ~~(6) Evidence of completion of the activities in the~~
35 ~~administrative certificate renewal plan must be submitted~~
36 ~~to the responsible reviewer or review panel. Before the~~

~~expiration of the administrative certificate, the certificate holder must request from the responsible reviewer or review panel a signed verification form developed by the State Board of Education confirming that the certificate holder has met the requirements for renewal contained in this Section. A certificate holder who is not a regional superintendent of schools must submit this form to the responsible regional superintendent of schools (or his or her designee) at the time of application for renewal of the certificate. A certificate holder who is a regional superintendent of schools must submit this form for validation to the State Superintendent of Education (or his or her designee) at the time of application for renewal of the certificate.~~

The certificate holder must complete a verification form developed by the State Board of Education and certify that 100 hours of continuing professional development activities and 5 Administrators' Academy courses have been completed. ~~(7)~~ The regional superintendent of schools shall review and validate the verification form for a certificate holder. Based on compliance with all of the requirements for renewal, the regional superintendent of schools shall forward a recommendation for renewal or non-renewal to the State Superintendent of Education and shall notify the certificate holder of the recommendation. The State Superintendent of Education shall review the recommendation to renew or non-renew and shall notify, in writing, the certificate holder of a decision denying renewal of his or her certificate. Any decision regarding non-renewal of an administrative certificate may be appealed to the State Teacher Certification Board.

The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, shall adopt rules to implement this subsection (c-10).

The regional superintendent of schools shall monitor the process for renewal of administrative certificates established

1 in this subsection (c-10).

2 (c-15) This subsection (c-15) applies to the first period
3 of an administrative certificate's validity during which the
4 holder becomes subject to the requirements of subsection (c-10)
5 of this Section if the certificate has less than 5 years'
6 validity or has less than 5 years' validity remaining when the
7 certificate holder becomes subject to the requirements of
8 subsection (c-10) of this Section. With respect to this period,
9 the 100 hours of continuing professional development and 5
10 activities per validity period specified in clause (A) of
11 ~~paragraph (2) of~~ subsection (c-10) of this Section shall
12 instead be deemed to mean 20 hours of continuing professional
13 development and one activity per year of the certificate's
14 validity or remaining validity and the 30 ~~36~~ continuing
15 professional development hours specified in clause (B) of
16 ~~paragraph (2) of~~ subsection (c-10) of this Section shall
17 instead be deemed to mean completion of at least one course per
18 year of the certificate's validity or remaining validity.
19 Certificate holders who evaluate certified staff must complete
20 a 2-day teacher evaluation course, in addition to the 30
21 continuing professional development hours. ~~If the certificate~~
22 ~~has 3 or fewer years of validity or 3 or fewer years of~~
23 ~~validity remaining, the certificate holder is not subject to~~
24 ~~the requirements for submission and approval of plans for~~
25 ~~continuing professional development described in paragraphs~~
26 ~~(1) through (4) of subsection (c 10) of this Section with~~
27 ~~respect to that period of the certificate's validity.~~

28 (c-20) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
29 the State Teacher Certification Board, shall develop
30 procedures for implementing this Section and shall administer
31 the renewal of administrative certificates. Failure to submit
32 satisfactory evidence of continuing professional education
33 which contributes to promoting the goals of this Section shall
34 result in a loss of administrative certification.

35 (d) Any limited or life supervisory certificate issued
36 prior to July 1, 1968 shall continue to be valid for all

1 administrative and supervisory positions in the public schools
2 for which it is valid as of that date as long as its holder
3 meets the requirements for registration or renewal as set forth
4 in the statutes or until revoked according to law.

5 (e) The administrative or supervisory positions for which
6 the certificate shall be valid shall be determined by one or
7 more of 3 endorsements: general supervisory, general
8 administrative and superintendent.

9 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, endorsements
10 shall be made under conditions set forth in this Section. The
11 State Board of Education shall, in consultation with the State
12 Teacher Certification Board, adopt rules pursuant to the
13 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, establishing
14 requirements for obtaining administrative certificates where
15 the minimum administrative or supervisory requirements surpass
16 those set forth in this Section.

17 The State Teacher Certification Board shall file with the
18 State Board of Education a written recommendation when
19 considering additional administrative or supervisory
20 requirements. All additional requirements shall be based upon
21 the requisite knowledge necessary to perform those tasks
22 required by the certificate. The State Board of Education shall
23 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
24 establish standards within its rules which shall include the
25 academic and professional requirements necessary for
26 certification. These standards shall at a minimum contain, but
27 not be limited to, those used by the State Board of Education
28 in determining whether additional knowledge will be required.
29 Additionally, the State Board of Education shall in
30 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
31 establish provisions within its rules whereby any member of the
32 educational community or the public may file a formal written
33 recommendation or inquiry regarding requirements.

34 (1) Until July 1, 2003, the general supervisory
35 endorsement shall be affixed to the administrative
36 certificate of any holder who has at least 16 semester

1 hours of graduate credit in professional education
2 including 8 semester hours of graduate credit in curriculum
3 and research and who has at least 2 years of full-time
4 teaching experience or school service personnel experience
5 in public schools, schools under the supervision of the
6 Department of Corrections, schools under the
7 administration of the Department of Rehabilitation
8 Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the standards
9 established by the State Superintendent of Education or
10 comparable out-of-state recognition standards approved by
11 the State Superintendent of Education.

12 Such endorsement shall be required for supervisors,
13 curriculum directors and for such similar and related
14 positions as determined by the State Superintendent of
15 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
16 Certification Board.

17 (2) The general administrative endorsement shall be
18 affixed to the administrative certificate of any holder who
19 has at least 20 semester hours of graduate credit in
20 educational administration and supervision and who has at
21 least 2 years of full-time teaching experience or school
22 service personnel experience in public schools, schools
23 under the supervision of the Department of Corrections,
24 schools under the administration of the Department of
25 Rehabilitation Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the
26 standards established by the State Superintendent of
27 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards
28 approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

29 Such endorsement shall be required for principal,
30 assistant principal, assistant or associate
31 superintendent, junior college dean and for related or
32 similar positions as determined by the State
33 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
34 Teacher Certification Board.

35 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act,
36 after January 1, 1990 and until January 1, 1991, any

1 teacher employed by a district subject to Article 34 shall
2 be entitled to receive an administrative certificate with a
3 general administrative endorsement affixed thereto if he
4 or she: (i) had at least 3 years of experience as a
5 certified teacher for such district prior to August 1,
6 1985; (ii) obtained a Master's degree prior to August 1,
7 1985; (iii) completed at least 20 hours of graduate credit
8 in education courses (including at least 12 hours in
9 educational administration and supervision) prior to
10 September 1, 1987; and (iv) has received a rating of
11 superior for at least each of the last 5 years. Any person
12 who obtains an administrative certificate with a general
13 administrative endorsement affixed thereto under this
14 paragraph shall not be qualified to serve in any
15 administrative position except assistant principal.

16 (3) The chief school business official endorsement
17 shall be affixed to the administrative certificate of any
18 holder who qualifies by having a Master's degree, two years
19 of administrative experience in school business
20 management, and a minimum of 20 semester hours of graduate
21 credit in a program established by the State Superintendent
22 of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
23 Certification Board for the preparation of school business
24 administrators. Such endorsement shall also be affixed to
25 the administrative certificate of any holder who qualifies
26 by having a Master's Degree in Business Administration,
27 Finance or Accounting from a regionally accredited
28 institution of higher education.

29 After June 30, 1977, such endorsement shall be required
30 for any individual first employed as a chief school
31 business official.

32 (4) The superintendent endorsement shall be affixed to
33 the administrative certificate of any holder who has
34 completed 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the
35 master's degree in a program for the preparation of
36 superintendents of schools including 16 semester hours of

1 graduate credit in professional education and who has at
2 least 2 years experience as an administrator or supervisor
3 in the public schools or the State Board of Education or
4 education service regions or in nonpublic schools meeting
5 the standards established by the State Superintendent of
6 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards
7 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and holds
8 general supervisory or general administrative endorsement,
9 or who has had 2 years of experience as a supervisor or
10 administrator while holding an all-grade supervisory
11 certificate or a certificate comparable in validity and
12 educational and experience requirements.

13 After June 30, 1968, such endorsement shall be required
14 for a superintendent of schools, except as provided in the
15 second paragraph of this Section and in Section 34-6.

16 Any person appointed to the position of superintendent
17 between the effective date of this Act and June 30, 1993 in
18 a school district organized pursuant to Article 32 with an
19 enrollment of at least 20,000 pupils shall be exempt from
20 the provisions of this paragraph (4) until June 30, 1996.

21 (f) All official interpretations or acts of issuing or
22 denying administrative certificates or endorsements by the
23 State Teacher's Certification Board, State Board of Education
24 or the State Superintendent of Education, from the passage of
25 P.A. 81-1208 on November 8, 1979 through September 24, 1981 are
26 hereby declared valid and legal acts in all respects and
27 further that the purported repeal of the provisions of this
28 Section by P.A. 81-1208 and P.A. 81-1509 is declared null and
29 void.

30 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 92-796, eff. 8-10-02.)

31 (105 ILCS 5/21-9) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-9)

32 Sec. 21-9. Substitute certificates and substitute
33 teaching.

34 (a) A substitute teacher's certificate may be issued for
35 teaching in all grades of the common schools. Such certificate

1 may be issued upon request of the regional superintendent of
2 schools of any region in which the teacher is to teach. A
3 substitute teacher's certificate is valid for teaching in the
4 public schools of any county. Such certificate may be issued to
5 persons who either (a) hold a certificate valid for teaching in
6 the common schools as shown on the face of the certificate, (b)
7 hold a bachelor of arts degree from an institution of higher
8 learning accredited by the North Central Association or other
9 comparable regional accrediting association or have been
10 graduated from a recognized institution of higher learning with
11 a bachelor's degree, or (c) have had 2 years of teaching
12 experience and meet such other rules and regulations as may be
13 adopted by the State Board of Education in consultation with
14 the State Teacher Certification Board. Such certificate shall
15 expire on June 30 in the fourth year from date of issue.
16 Substitute teacher's certificates are not subject to
17 endorsement as described in Section 21-1b of this Code.

18 (b) A teacher holding a substitute teacher's certificate
19 may teach only in the place of a certified teacher who is under
20 contract with the employing board and may teach only when no
21 appropriate fully certified teacher is available to teach in a
22 substitute capacity. A teacher holding an early childhood
23 certificate, an elementary certificate, a high school
24 certificate, or a special certificate may also substitute teach
25 in grades K-12 but only in the place of a certified teacher who
26 is under contract with the employing board. A substitute
27 teacher may teach only for a period not to exceed 90 paid
28 school days or 450 paid school hours in any one school district
29 in any one school term. However, ~~for the 2001-2002, 2002-2003,~~
30 ~~and 2003-2004 school years,~~ a teacher holding an early
31 childhood, elementary, high school, or special certificate may
32 substitute teach for a period not to exceed 120 paid school
33 days or 600 paid school hours in any one school district in any
34 one school term. Where such teaching is partly on a daily and
35 partly on an hourly basis, a school day shall be considered as
36 5 hours. The teaching limitations imposed by this subsection

1 upon teachers holding substitute certificates shall not apply
2 in any school district operating under Article 34.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 92-184, eff. 7-27-01.)

4 (105 ILCS 5/21-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-12)

5 Sec. 21-12. Printing; Seal; Signature; Credentials. All
6 certificates shall be printed by and bear the signatures of the
7 chairman and of the secretary of the State Teacher
8 Certification Board. Each certificate shall show the
9 integrally printed seal of the State Teacher Certification
10 Board. All college credentials offered as the basis of a
11 certificate shall be presented to the secretary of the State
12 Teacher Certification Board for inspection and approval.

13 Commencing July 1, 1999, each application for a certificate
14 or evaluation of credentials shall be accompanied by an
15 evaluation fee of \$30 payable to the State Superintendent of
16 Education, which is not refundable, except that no application
17 or evaluation fee shall be required for a Master Certificate
18 issued pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this Code.
19 The proceeds of each \$30 fee shall be paid into the Teacher
20 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund, created under Section 21-1b of
21 this Code; and the moneys in that Fund shall be appropriated
22 and used to provide the technology and other resources
23 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
24 certification requests.

25 The State Board of Education and each regional office of
26 education are authorized to charge a service or convenience fee
27 for the use of credit cards for the payment of certification
28 fees. This service or convenience fee may not exceed the amount
29 required by the credit card processing company or vendor that
30 has entered into a contract with the State Board or regional
31 office of education for this purpose, and the fee must be paid
32 to that company or vendor.

33 When evaluation verifies the requirements for a valid
34 certificate, the applicant shall be issued an entitlement card
35 that may be presented to a regional superintendent of schools

1 for issuance of a certificate.

2 The applicant shall be notified of any deficiencies.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

4 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

5 Sec. 21-14. Registration and renewal of certificates.

6 (a) A limited four-year certificate or a certificate issued
7 after July 1, 1955, shall be renewable at its expiration or
8 within 60 days thereafter by the county superintendent of
9 schools having supervision and control over the school where
10 the teacher is teaching upon certified evidence of meeting the
11 requirements for renewal as required by this Act and prescribed
12 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State
13 Teacher Certification Board. An elementary supervisory
14 certificate shall not be renewed at the end of the first
15 four-year period covered by the certificate unless the holder
16 thereof has filed certified evidence with the State Teacher
17 Certification Board that he has a master's degree or that he
18 has earned 8 semester hours of credit in the field of
19 educational administration and supervision in a recognized
20 institution of higher learning. The holder shall continue to
21 earn 8 semester hours of credit each four-year period until
22 such time as he has earned a master's degree.

23 All certificates not renewed or registered as herein
24 provided shall lapse after a period of 5 years from the
25 expiration of the last year of registration. Such certificates
26 may be reinstated for a one year period upon payment of all
27 accumulated registration fees. Such reinstated certificates
28 shall only be renewed: (1) by earning 5 semester hours of
29 credit in a recognized institution of higher learning in the
30 field of professional education or in courses related to the
31 holder's contractual teaching duties; or (2) by presenting
32 evidence of holding a valid regular certificate of some other
33 type. Any certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the
34 certificate holder. A voluntarily surrendered certificate
35 shall be treated as a revoked certificate.

1 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before
2 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after February
3 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be exchanged for
4 Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in subsection (c) of
5 Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard Teaching Certificates,
6 including those issued to persons who previously held teaching
7 certificates issued before February 15, 2000, shall be
8 renewable under the conditions set forth in this subsection
9 (b).

10 Initial Teaching Certificates ~~are nonrenewable and~~ are
11 valid for 4 years of teaching, as provided in subsection (b) of
12 Section 21-2 of this Code, and are renewable every 4 years
13 until the person completes 4 years of teaching. If the holder
14 of an Initial Certificate has completed 4 years of teaching but
15 has not completed the requirements set forth in paragraph (2)
16 of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, then the
17 Initial Certificate may be reinstated for one year, during
18 which the requirements must be met. A holder of an Initial
19 Certificate who has not completed 4 years of teaching may
20 continuously register the certificate for additional 4-year
21 periods without penalty. Initial Certificates that are not
22 registered shall lapse consistent with subsection (a) of this
23 Section and may be reinstated only in accordance with
24 subsection (a). Standard Teaching Certificates are renewable
25 every 5 years as provided in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and
26 subsection (c) of this Section. For purposes of this Section,
27 "teaching" is defined as employment and performance of services
28 in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary school,
29 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement with a
30 governing body or board of control, in a certificated teaching
31 position, or a charter school operating in compliance with the
32 Charter Schools Law.

33 (c) In compliance with subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of
34 this Code, which provides that a Standard Teaching Certificate
35 may be renewed by the State Teacher Certification Board based
36 upon proof of continuing professional development, the State

1 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board
2 shall jointly:

3 (1) establish a procedure for renewing Standard
4 Teaching Certificates, which shall include but not be
5 limited to annual timelines for the renewal process and the
6 components set forth in subsections (d) through (k) of this
7 Section;

8 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

9 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing
10 professional development activities;

11 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category of
12 continuing professional development activities, based upon
13 recommendations submitted by a continuing professional
14 development activity task force, which shall consist of 6
15 staff members from the State Board of Education, appointed
16 by the State Superintendent of Education, and 6 teacher
17 representatives, 3 of whom are selected by the Illinois
18 Education Association and 3 of whom are selected by the
19 Illinois Federation of Teachers;

20 (5) designate the type and amount of documentation
21 required to show that continuing professional development
22 activities have been completed; and

23 (6) provide, on a timely basis to all Illinois
24 teachers, certificate holders, regional superintendents of
25 schools, school districts, and others with an interest in
26 continuing professional development, information about the
27 standards and requirements established pursuant to this
28 subsection (c).

29 (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an individual
30 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
31 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
32 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
33 of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter
34 school in compliance with the Charter Schools Law must be
35 maintained Valid and Active through certificate renewal
36 activities specified in the certificate renewal procedure

1 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section,
2 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is
3 only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis
4 as a substitute teacher shall pay only the required
5 registration fee to renew his or her certificate and maintain
6 it as Valid and Active. All other Standard Teaching
7 Certificates held may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through
8 the registration process provided for in the certificate
9 renewal procedure established pursuant to subsection (c) of
10 this Section. A Valid and Exempt certificate must be
11 immediately activated, through procedures developed jointly by
12 the State Board of Education and the State Teacher
13 Certification Board, upon the certificate holder becoming
14 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
15 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
16 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
17 of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter
18 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A
19 holder of a Valid and Exempt certificate may activate his or
20 her certificate through procedures provided for in the
21 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to
22 subsection (c) of this Section.

23 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been
24 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
25 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
26 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree
27 from an approved institution in an education-related field;
28 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as
29 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this
30 subsection (e); (iii) earning at least 24 continuing education
31 units as described in subdivision (C) of paragraph (3) of this
32 subsection (e); (iv) completing the National Board for
33 Professional Teaching Standards process as described in
34 subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or (v)
35 earning 120 continuing professional development units ("CPDU")
36 as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of this

1 subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional
2 development units for each continuing professional development
3 activity identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
4 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly
5 determined by the State Board of Education and the State
6 Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the certificate
7 holder has maintained the certificate as Valid and Exempt for a
8 portion of the 5-year period of validity, the number of
9 continuing professional development units needed to renew the
10 certificate as Valid and Active shall be proportionately
11 reduced by the amount of time the certificate was Valid and
12 Exempt. Furthermore, if a certificate holder is employed and
13 performs teaching services on a part-time basis for all or a
14 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the
15 number of continuing professional development units needed to
16 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by
17 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been
18 employed and performed teaching services on a part-time basis.
19 Part-time shall be defined as less than 50% of the school day
20 or school term.

21 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary, if
22 a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as Valid
23 and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's validity and
24 the certificate holder has completed his or her certificate
25 renewal plan before July 1, 2002, the certificate shall be
26 renewed as Valid and Active.

27 (2) Beginning July 1, 2004, in order to satisfy the
28 requirements for continuing professional development provided
29 for in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, each ~~Each~~
30 Valid and Active Standard Teaching Certificate holder shall
31 complete professional development activities ~~develop a~~
32 ~~certificate renewal plan for satisfying the continuing~~
33 ~~professional development requirement provided for in~~
34 ~~subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code. Certificate~~
35 ~~holders with multiple certificates shall develop a certificate~~
36 ~~renewal plan that addresses only~~ that address the certificate

1 or those certificates that are required of his or her
2 certificated teaching position, if the certificate holder is
3 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
4 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
5 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
6 of control, or that certificate or those certificates most
7 closely related to his or her teaching position, if the
8 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except as
9 otherwise provided in this subsection (e), the certificate
10 holder's activities must address ~~a certificate renewal plan~~
11 ~~shall include a minimum of 3 individual improvement goals~~
12 ~~developed by the certificate holder and shall reflect~~ purposes
13 (A), (B), ~~and~~ (C), or (D) and must ~~may~~ reflect purpose (E) ~~(D)~~
14 of the following continuing professional development purposes:

15 (A) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge
16 and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois
17 Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content
18 Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of
19 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in
20 order to keep the certificate holder current in those
21 areas.

22 (B) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and
23 skills in areas determined to be critical for all Illinois
24 teachers, as defined by the State Board of Education, known
25 as "State priorities".

26 (C) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the
27 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if the
28 teacher is employed in an Illinois public or State-operated
29 elementary school, secondary school, or cooperative or
30 joint agreement with a governing body or board of control.

31 (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and
32 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the
33 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,
34 or relevant education degree.

35 (E) Address the needs of serving students with
36 disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general

1 curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to
2 meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving
3 such students in the least restrictive environment.
4 Teachers who hold certificates endorsed for special
5 education must devote at least 50% of their continuing
6 professional development activities to this purpose.
7 Teachers holding other certificates must devote at least
8 20% of their activities to this purpose.

9 ~~A certificate renewal plan must include a description of how~~
10 ~~these goals are to be achieved and an explanation of selected~~
11 ~~continuing professional development activities to be~~
12 ~~completed, each of which must meet one or more of the~~
13 ~~continuing professional development purposes specified in this~~
14 ~~paragraph (2). The plan shall identify potential activities and~~
15 ~~include projected timelines for those activities that will~~
16 ~~assure completion of the plan before the expiration of the~~
17 ~~5-year validity of the Standard Teaching Certificate. Except as~~
18 ~~otherwise provided in this subsection (c), at least 50% of~~
19 ~~continuing professional development units must relate to~~
20 ~~purposes (A) and (B) set forth in this paragraph (2): the~~
21 ~~advancement of a certificate holder's knowledge and skills as a~~
22 ~~teacher consistent with the Illinois Professional Teaching~~
23 ~~Standards and the Illinois Content Area Standards in the~~
24 ~~certificate holder's areas of certification, endorsement, or~~
25 ~~teaching assignment in order to keep the certificate holder~~
26 ~~current in those areas and the development of a certificate~~
27 ~~holder's knowledge and skills in the State priorities that~~
28 ~~exist at the time the certificate renewal plan is developed.~~

29 A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is
30 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
31 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing education
32 requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated under that
33 Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
34 professional development requirements established by the State
35 Board of Education and the Teacher Certification Board to renew
36 a Standard Certificate.

1 (3) Continuing professional development activities
2 ~~included in a certificate renewal plan~~ may include, but are not
3 limited to, the following activities:

4 (A) completion of an advanced degree from an approved
5 institution in an education-related field;

6 (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an
7 approved education-related program, of which at least 2
8 semester hours relate to the continuing professional
9 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph
10 (2) of this subsection (e), completion of which means no
11 ~~provided that such a plan need not include any other~~
12 continuing professional development activities are
13 required ~~nor reflect or contain activities related to the~~
14 ~~other continuing professional development purposes set~~
15 ~~forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection (e);~~

16 (C) continuing education units that satisfy the
17 continuing professional development purposes set forth in
18 paragraph (2) of this subsection (e), with each continuing
19 education unit equal to 5 clock hours, provided that a plan
20 that includes at least 24 continuing education units (or
21 120 clock/contact hours) need not include any other
22 continuing professional development activities;

23 (D) completion of the National Board for ~~of~~
24 Professional Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for
25 certification or recertification, completion of which
26 means no ~~provided that a plan that includes completion of~~
27 ~~the NBPTS process need not include any other continuing~~
28 professional development activities are required ~~nor~~
29 ~~reflect or contain activities related to the continuing~~
30 ~~professional development purposes set forth in paragraph~~
31 ~~(2) of subsection (e) of this Section;~~

32 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional
33 development units that satisfy the continuing professional
34 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this
35 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the
36 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of

1 this paragraph (3);

2 (F) collaboration and partnership activities related
3 to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a
4 teacher, including the following:

5 (i) participating on collaborative planning and
6 professional improvement teams and committees;

7 (ii) peer review and coaching;

8 (iii) mentoring in a formal mentoring program,
9 including service as a consulting teacher
10 participating in a remediation process formulated
11 under Section 24A-5 of this Code;

12 (iv) participating in site-based management or
13 decision making teams, relevant committees, boards, or
14 task forces directly related to school improvement
15 plans;

16 (v) coordinating community resources in schools,
17 if the project is a specific goal of the school
18 improvement plan;

19 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a
20 school, school district, or regional office of
21 education directly related to student achievement or
22 school improvement plans;

23 (vii) participating in business, school, or
24 community partnerships directly related to student
25 achievement or school improvement plans; or

26 (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher
27 education candidate in clinical supervision, provided
28 that the supervision may only be counted once during
29 the course of 5 years;

30 (G) college or university coursework related to
31 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher
32 as follows:

33 (i) completing undergraduate or graduate credit
34 earned from a regionally accredited institution in
35 coursework relevant to the certificate area being
36 renewed, including coursework that incorporates

1 induction activities and development of a portfolio of
2 both student and teacher work that provides experience
3 in reflective practices, provided the coursework meets
4 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or Illinois
5 Content Area Standards and supports the essential
6 characteristics of quality professional development;
7 or

8 (ii) teaching college or university courses in
9 areas relevant to the certificate area being renewed,
10 provided that the teaching may only be counted once
11 during the course of 5 years;

12 (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
13 symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge
14 and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the
15 activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board
16 acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including
17 the following:

18 (i) completing non-university credit directly
19 related to student achievement, school improvement
20 plans, or State priorities;

21 (ii) participating in or presenting at workshops,
22 seminars, conferences, institutes, and symposiums;

23 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality
24 Assurance; or

25 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher
26 preparation programs.†

27 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,
28 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are
29 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial
30 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.
31 The State Superintendent of Education and regional
32 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the
33 activities and events provided or to be provided under this
34 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding
35 those activities and events, and either the State
36 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent

1 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher
2 Certification Board and the State Board of Education
3 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered
4 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

5 (I) other educational experiences related to improving
6 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including
7 the following:

8 (i) participating in action research and inquiry
9 projects;

10 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,
11 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
12 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

13 (iii) traveling related to one's ~~ones~~ teaching
14 assignment, directly related to student achievement or
15 school improvement plans and approved by the regional
16 superintendent of schools or his or her designee at
17 least 30 days prior to the travel experience, provided
18 that the traveling shall not include time spent
19 commuting to destinations where the learning
20 experience will occur;

21 (iv) participating in study groups related to
22 student achievement or school improvement plans;

23 (v) serving on a statewide education-related
24 committee, including but not limited to the State
25 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of Education
26 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council
27 on Education of Children with Disabilities;

28 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or
29 internships; or

30 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and
31 teacher work;

32 (J) professional leadership experiences related to
33 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
34 including the following:

35 (i) participating in curriculum development or
36 assessment activities at the school, school district,

1 regional office of education, State, or national
2 level;

3 (ii) participating in team or department
4 leadership in a school or school district;

5 (iii) participating on external or internal school
6 or school district review teams;

7 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns, or
8 books relevant to the certificate area being renewed;

9 or

10 (v) participating in non-strike related
11 professional association or labor organization service
12 or activities related to professional development;

13 (K) receipt of a subsequent Illinois certificate or
14 endorsement pursuant to this Article; or

15 (L) completion of requirements for meeting the
16 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for
17 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public
18 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area.

19 (M) Successful completion of 4 semester hours of
20 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own
21 performance in relation to the Illinois Teaching
22 Standards, as described in clause (B) of paragraph (2) of
23 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

24 (N) Successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester
25 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation
26 to meet the requirements for certification by the National
27 Board for Professional Teaching Standards, as described in
28 clause (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section
29 21-2 of this Code.

30 (4) A person must complete the requirements of this
31 subsection (e) before the expiration of his or her Standard
32 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance to the regional
33 superintendent of schools or, if applicable, a local
34 professional development committee authorized by the regional
35 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this
36 purpose. The statement of assurance shall contain a list of the

1 activities completed, the provider offering each activity, the
2 number of credits earned for each activity, and the purposes to
3 which each activity is attributed. The certificate holder shall
4 maintain the evidence of completion of each activity for at
5 least one certificate renewal cycle. The certificate holder
6 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has
7 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required
8 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the
9 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall
10 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting
11 documentation. ~~A certificate renewal plan must initially be~~
12 ~~approved by the certificate holder's local professional~~
13 ~~development committee, as provided for in subsection (f) of~~
14 ~~this Section. If the local professional development committee~~
15 ~~does not approve the certificate renewal plan, the certificate~~
16 ~~holder may appeal that determination to the regional~~
17 ~~professional development review committee, as provided for in~~
18 ~~paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of this Section. If the~~
19 ~~regional professional development review committee disagrees~~
20 ~~with the local professional development committee's~~
21 ~~determination, the certificate renewal plan shall be deemed~~
22 ~~approved and the certificate holder may begin satisfying the~~
23 ~~continuing professional development activities set forth in~~
24 ~~the plan. If the regional professional development review~~
25 ~~committee agrees with the local professional development~~
26 ~~committee's determination, the certificate renewal plan shall~~
27 ~~be deemed disapproved and shall be returned to the certificate~~
28 ~~holder to develop a revised certificate renewal plan. In all~~
29 ~~cases, the regional professional development review committee~~
30 ~~shall immediately notify both the local professional~~
31 ~~development committee and the certificate holder of its~~
32 ~~determination.~~

33 (5) (Blank). ~~A certificate holder who wishes to modify the~~
34 ~~continuing professional development activities or goals in his~~
35 ~~or her certificate renewal plan must submit the proposed~~
36 ~~modifications to his or her local professional development~~

~~committee for approval prior to engaging in the proposed activities. If the local professional development committee does not approve the proposed modification, the certificate holder may appeal that determination to the regional professional development review committee, as set forth in paragraph (4) of this subsection (e).~~

~~(6) (Blank). When a certificate holder changes assignments or school districts during the course of completing a certificate renewal plan, the professional development and continuing education credit earned pursuant to the plan shall transfer to the new assignment or school district and count toward the total requirements. This certificate renewal plan must be reviewed by the appropriate local professional development committee and may be modified to reflect the certificate holder's new work assignment or the school improvement plan of the new school district or school building.~~

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, a school district is authorized to enter into an agreement with the exclusive bargaining representative, if any, to form a local professional development committee (LPDC). The membership and terms of members of the LPDC may be determined by the agreement. Provisions regarding LPDCs contained in a collective bargaining agreement in existence on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly between a school district and the exclusive bargaining representative shall remain in full force and effect for the term of the agreement, unless terminated by mutual agreement. The LPDC shall make recommendations to the regional superintendent of schools on renewal of teaching certificates. The regional superintendent of schools for each region each school district, charter school, and cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board of control that employs certificated staff, shall establish and implement, in conjunction with its exclusive representative, if any, one or more local professional development committees, as set forth in this subsection (f), which shall perform the following

1 functions:

2 (1) review recommendations for ~~and approve~~ certificate
3 renewal, if any, received from LPDCs plans and any
4 ~~modifications made to these plans, including transferred~~
5 ~~plans;~~

6 (2) (blank); ~~maintain a file of approved certificate~~
7 ~~renewal plans;~~

8 (3) (blank); ~~monitor certificate holders' progress in~~
9 ~~completing approved certificate renewal plans, provided~~
10 ~~that a local professional development committee shall not~~
11 ~~be required to maintain materials submitted by certificate~~
12 ~~holders to demonstrate their progress in completing their~~
13 ~~certificate renewal plans after the committee has reviewed~~
14 ~~the materials and the credits have been awarded;~~

15 (4) (blank); ~~assist in the development of professional~~
16 ~~development plans based upon needs identified in~~
17 ~~certificate renewal plans;~~

18 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the
19 requirements for ~~of their~~ certificate renewal ~~plans~~ and
20 notify certificate holders if the decision is not to renew
21 the certificate ~~of its determination;~~

22 (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity
23 to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to
24 renew the certificate to the regional professional
25 development review committee ~~address the committee when it~~
26 ~~has determined that the certificate holder has not met the~~
27 ~~requirements of his or her certificate renewal plan;~~

28 (7) issue and forward recommendations for renewal or
29 nonrenewal of certificate holders' Standard Teaching
30 Certificates to the State Teacher Certification Board
31 ~~appropriate regional superintendent of schools, based upon~~
32 ~~whether certificate holders have met the requirements of~~
33 ~~their approved certificate renewal plans, with 30-day~~
34 ~~written notice of its recommendation provided to the~~
35 ~~certificate holder prior to forwarding the recommendation~~
36 ~~to the regional superintendent of schools, provided that if~~

1 ~~the local professional development committee's~~
2 ~~recommendation is for certificate nonrenewal, the written~~
3 ~~notice provided to the certificate holder shall include a~~
4 ~~return receipt; and~~

5 (8) (blank). ~~reconsider its recommendation of~~
6 ~~certificate nonrenewal, upon request of the certificate~~
7 ~~holder within 30 days of receipt of written notification~~
8 ~~that the local professional development committee will~~
9 ~~make such a recommendation, and forward to the regional~~
10 ~~superintendent of schools its recommendation within 30~~
11 ~~days of receipt of the certificate holder's request.~~

12 ~~Each local professional development committee shall~~
13 ~~consist of at least 3 classroom teachers; one superintendent or~~
14 ~~chief administrator of the school district, charter school, or~~
15 ~~cooperative or joint agreement or his or her designee; and one~~
16 ~~at large member who shall be either (i) a parent, (ii) a member~~
17 ~~of the business community, (iii) a community member, or (iv) an~~
18 ~~administrator, with preference given to an individual chosen~~
19 ~~from among those persons listed in items (i), (ii), and (iii)~~
20 ~~in order to secure representation of an interest not already~~
21 ~~represented on the committee. Except in a school district in a~~
22 ~~city having a population exceeding 500,000, a local~~
23 ~~professional development committee shall be responsible for no~~
24 ~~more than 200 certificate renewal plans annually unless~~
25 ~~otherwise mutually agreed upon by the school district, charter~~
26 ~~school, or governing body or board of control of a cooperative~~
27 ~~or joint agreement and its exclusive representative, if any. If~~
28 ~~mutually agreed upon by the school district, charter school, or~~
29 ~~governing body or board of control of a cooperative or joint~~
30 ~~agreement and its exclusive representative, if any, additional~~
31 ~~members may be added to a local professional development~~
32 ~~committee, provided that a majority of members are classroom~~
33 ~~teachers. Except in a school district in a city having a~~
34 ~~population exceeding 500,000, if additional members are added~~
35 ~~to a local professional development committee, the maximum~~
36 ~~number of certificate renewal plans for which the committee~~

1 ~~shall annually be responsible may be increased by 50 plans for~~
2 ~~each additional member, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon~~
3 ~~by the school district, charter school, or governing body or~~
4 ~~board of control of a cooperative or joint agreement and its~~
5 ~~exclusive representative, if any. The school district, charter~~
6 ~~school, or governing body or board of control of a cooperative~~
7 ~~or joint agreement and its exclusive representative, if any,~~
8 ~~shall determine the term of service of the members of a local~~
9 ~~professional development committee. All individuals selected~~
10 ~~to serve on local professional development committees must be~~
11 ~~known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or their~~
12 ~~respective field of practice.~~

13 ~~The exclusive representative, if any, shall select the~~
14 ~~classroom teacher members of the local professional~~
15 ~~development committee. If no exclusive representative exists,~~
16 ~~then the classroom teacher members of a local professional~~
17 ~~development committee shall be selected by the classroom~~
18 ~~teachers that come within the local professional development~~
19 ~~committee's authority. The school district, charter school, or~~
20 ~~governing body or board of control of a cooperative or joint~~
21 ~~agreement shall select the 2 non-classroom teacher members (the~~
22 ~~superintendent or chief administrator of the school district,~~
23 ~~charter school, or cooperative or joint agreement or his or her~~
24 ~~designee and the at-large member) of a local professional~~
25 ~~development committee. Vacancies in positions on a local~~
26 ~~professional development committee shall be filled in the same~~
27 ~~manner as the original selections. The members of a local~~
28 ~~professional development committee shall select a chairperson.~~
29 ~~Local professional development committee meetings shall be~~
30 ~~scheduled so as not to interfere with committee members'~~
31 ~~regularly scheduled teaching duties, except when otherwise~~
32 ~~permitted by the policies of or agreed to or approved by the~~
33 ~~school district, charter school, or governing body or board of~~
34 ~~control of a cooperative or joint agreement, or its designee.~~

35 ~~The board of education or governing board shall convene the~~
36 ~~first meeting of the local professional development committee.~~

1 ~~All actions taken by the local professional development~~
2 ~~committee shall require that a majority of committee members be~~
3 ~~present, and no committee action may be taken unless 50% or~~
4 ~~more of those present are teacher members.~~

5 ~~The State Board of Education and the State Teacher~~
6 ~~Certification Board shall jointly provide local professional~~
7 ~~development committee members with a training manual, and the~~
8 ~~members shall certify that they have received and read the~~
9 ~~manual.~~

10 ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection~~
11 ~~(f), for a teacher employed and performing services in a~~
12 ~~nonpublic or State-operated elementary or secondary school,~~
13 ~~all references to a local professional development committee~~
14 ~~shall mean the regional superintendent of schools of the~~
15 ~~regional office of education for the geographic area where the~~
16 ~~teaching is done.~~

17 (g) (1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall
18 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for
19 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he or
20 she receives from a local professional development committee,
21 if any, or, if a certificate holder appeals the recommendation
22 to the regional professional development review committee, the
23 recommendation for renewal or nonrenewal he or she receives
24 from a regional professional development review committee and,
25 within 14 days of receipt of the recommendation, shall provide
26 the State Teacher Certification Board with verification of the
27 following, if applicable:

28 (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily
29 completed professional development and continuing
30 education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of
31 subsection (e) of this Section; ~~a certificate renewal plan~~
32 ~~was filed and approved by the appropriate local~~
33 ~~professional development committee;~~

34 (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement
35 of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)
36 of this Section, and this statement has been attached to

1 ~~the application for renewal; the professional development~~
2 ~~and continuing education activities set forth in the~~
3 ~~approved certificate renewal plan have been satisfactorily~~
4 ~~completed;~~

5 (C) the local professional development committee, if
6 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate
7 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the
8 recommendation, ~~along with all supporting documentation as~~
9 ~~jointly required by the State Board of Education and the~~
10 ~~State Teacher Certification Board,~~ to the regional
11 superintendent of schools;

12 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her
13 local professional development committee's recommendation
14 of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional professional
15 development review committee and the result of that appeal;

16 (E) the regional superintendent of schools has
17 concurred or nonconcurred with the local professional
18 development committee's or regional professional
19 development review committee's recommendation, if any, to
20 renew or nonrenew the certificate holder's Standard
21 Teaching Certificate and made a recommendation to that
22 effect; and

23 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard
24 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

25 ~~If At the same time the regional superintendent of schools~~
26 ~~provides the State Teacher Certification Board with the notice~~
27 ~~required by this subsection (g) includes a recommendation of~~
28 ~~certificate nonrenewal, then, at the same time the regional~~
29 ~~superintendent of schools provides the State Teacher~~
30 ~~Certification Board with the notice, he or she shall also~~
31 ~~notify the certificate holder in writing, by certified mail,~~
32 ~~return receipt requested, that this notice has been provided to~~
33 ~~the State Teacher Certification Board, ~~provided that if the~~~~
34 ~~notice provided by the regional superintendent of schools to~~
35 ~~the State Teacher Certification Board includes a~~
36 ~~recommendation of certificate nonrenewal, the written notice~~

1 ~~provided to the certificate holder shall be by certified mail,~~
2 ~~return receipt requested.~~

3 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
4 his or her local professional development committee's
5 recommendation of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional
6 professional development review committee, within 14 days of
7 receipt of notice that the recommendation has been sent to the
8 regional superintendent of schools. Each regional
9 superintendent of schools shall establish a regional
10 professional development review committee or committees for
11 the purpose of advising the regional superintendent of schools,
12 upon request, and handling certificate holder appeals. This
13 committee shall consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one
14 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2
15 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either (i)
16 a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a
17 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference
18 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed
19 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure representation
20 of an interest not already represented on the committee. The
21 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational
22 employee members of the review committee shall be selected by
23 their exclusive representative, if any, and the administrators
24 and at-large member shall be selected by the regional
25 superintendent of schools. A regional superintendent of
26 schools may add additional members to the committee, provided
27 that the same proportion of teachers to administrators and
28 at-large members on the committee is maintained. Any additional
29 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational
30 employee members shall be selected by their exclusive
31 representative, if any. Vacancies in positions on a regional
32 professional development review committee shall be filled in
33 the same manner as the original selections. Committee members
34 shall serve staggered 3-year terms. All individuals selected to
35 serve on regional professional development review committees
36 must be known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or

1 their respective field of practice.

2 ~~The exclusive representative responsible for choosing the~~
3 ~~individuals that serve on a regional professional development~~
4 ~~review committee shall notify each school district, charter~~
5 ~~school, or governing body or board of control of a cooperative~~
6 ~~or joint agreement employing the individuals chosen to serve~~
7 ~~and provide their names to the appropriate regional~~
8 ~~superintendent of schools. Regional professional development~~
9 ~~review committee meetings shall be scheduled so as not to~~
10 ~~interfere with the committee members' regularly scheduled~~
11 ~~teaching duties, except when otherwise permitted by the~~
12 ~~policies of or agreed to or approved by the school district,~~
13 ~~charter school, or governing body or board of control of a~~
14 ~~cooperative or joint agreement, or its designee, provided that~~
15 ~~the school district, charter school, or governing body or board~~
16 ~~of control shall not unreasonably withhold permission for a~~
17 ~~committee member to attend regional professional development~~
18 ~~review committee meetings.~~

19 ~~In a city having a population exceeding 500,000 that does~~
20 ~~not have a regional office of education, one or more separate~~
21 ~~regional professional development review committees shall be~~
22 ~~established as mutually agreed upon by the board of education~~
23 ~~of the school district organized under Article 34 of this Code~~
24 ~~and the exclusive representative. The composition of each~~
25 ~~committee shall be the same as for a regional professional~~
26 ~~development review committee, except that members of the~~
27 ~~committee shall be jointly appointed by the board of education~~
28 ~~and the exclusive representative. All other provisions of this~~
29 ~~Section concerning regional professional development review~~
30 ~~committees shall apply to these committees.~~

31 ~~The regional professional development review committee may~~
32 ~~require information in addition to that received from a~~
33 ~~certificate holder's local professional development committee~~
34 ~~or request that the certificate holder appear before it, shall~~
35 ~~either concur or nonconcur with a local professional~~
36 ~~development committee's recommendation of nonrenewal, and~~

1 ~~shall forward to the regional superintendent of schools its~~
2 ~~recommendation of renewal or nonrenewal. All actions taken by~~
3 ~~the regional professional development review committee shall~~
4 ~~require a quorum and be by a simple majority of those present~~
5 ~~and voting. A record of all votes shall be maintained. The~~
6 ~~committee shall have 45 days from receipt of a certificate~~
7 ~~holder's appeal to make its recommendation to the regional~~
8 ~~superintendent of schools.~~

9 ~~The State Board of Education and the State Teacher~~
10 ~~Certification Board shall jointly provide regional~~
11 ~~professional development review committee members with a~~
12 ~~training manual, and the members shall be required to attend~~
13 ~~one training seminar sponsored jointly by the State Board of~~
14 ~~Education and the State Teacher Certification Board.~~

15 (h) (1) The State Teacher Certification Board shall review
16 the regional superintendent of schools' recommendations to
17 renew or nonrenew Standard Teaching Certificates and notify
18 certificate holders in writing whether their certificates have
19 been renewed or nonrenewed within 90 days of receipt of the
20 recommendations, unless a certificate holder has appealed a
21 regional superintendent of schools' recommendation of
22 nonrenewal, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection
23 (h). The State Teacher Certification Board shall verify that
24 the certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth
25 in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section.

26 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
27 a regional superintendent of school's recommendation to
28 nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the State
29 Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt of
30 notice that the decision has been sent to the State Teacher
31 Certification Board, which shall hold an appeal hearing within
32 60 days of receipt of the appeal. When such an appeal is taken,
33 the certificate holder's Standard Teaching Certificate shall
34 continue to be valid until the appeal is finally determined.
35 The State Teacher Certification Board shall review the regional
36 superintendent of school's recommendation, the regional

1 professional development review committee's recommendation, if
2 any, and the local professional development committee's
3 recommendation, if any, and all relevant documentation to
4 verify whether the certificate holder has met the renewal
5 criteria set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this
6 Section. The State Teacher Certification Board may request that
7 the certificate holder appear before it. All actions taken by
8 the State Teacher Certification Board shall require a quorum
9 and be by a simple majority of those present and voting. A
10 record of all votes shall be maintained. The State Teacher
11 Certification Board shall notify the certificate holder in
12 writing, within 7 days of completing the review, whether his or
13 her Standard Teaching Certificate has been renewed or
14 nonrenewed, provided that if the State Teacher Certification
15 Board determines to nonrenew a certificate, the written notice
16 provided to the certificate holder shall be by certified mail,
17 return receipt requested. All certificate renewal or
18 nonrenewal decisions of the State Teacher Certification Board
19 are final and subject to administrative review, as set forth in
20 Section 21-24 of this Code.

21 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet the
22 same requirements and follow the same procedures as holders of
23 Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their renewal
24 cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2
25 of this Code and their renewal requirements shall be subject to
26 paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

27 A holder of a teaching certificate endorsed as a
28 speech-language pathologist who has been granted the
29 Certificate of Clinical Competence by the American
30 Speech-Language Hearing Association may renew his or her
31 Standard Teaching Certificate pursuant to the 10-year renewal
32 cycle set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

33 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master
34 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing
35 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary
36 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement

1 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated
2 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their certificates
3 ~~through~~ by developing and submitting a certificate renewal plan
4 ~~to~~ the regional superintendent of schools of the regional
5 office of education for the geographic area where their
6 teaching is done, ~~who, or whose designee, shall approve the~~
7 ~~plan and serve as the certificate holder's local professional~~
8 ~~development committee.~~ These certificate holders shall follow
9 the same renewal criteria and procedures as all other Standard
10 and Master Teaching Certificate holders, except that their
11 continuing professional development activities need not ~~plans~~
12 ~~shall not be required to~~ reflect or address the knowledge,
13 skills, and goals of a local school improvement plan.

14 (k) (Blank). ~~Each school district, charter school, or~~
15 ~~cooperative or joint agreement shall be paid an annual amount~~
16 ~~of not less than \$1,000, as determined by a formula based on~~
17 ~~the number of Standard Teaching and Master Teaching Certificate~~
18 ~~holders, subject to renewal and established by rule, not to~~
19 ~~exceed \$1,000,000 annually for all school districts, charter~~
20 ~~schools, and cooperatives or joint agreements, for~~
21 ~~administrative costs associated with conducting the meetings~~
22 ~~of the local professional development committee, as determined~~
23 ~~in consultation with the committee. Each regional office of~~
24 ~~education shall receive \$2,000 annually to pay school~~
25 ~~districts, charter schools, or cooperatives or joint~~
26 ~~agreements for costs, as defined by rule, incurred in staff~~
27 ~~attendance at regional professional development review~~
28 ~~committee meetings and the training seminar required under~~
29 ~~paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of this Section.~~

30 (l) (Blank). ~~The State Board of Education and the State~~
31 ~~Teacher Certification Board shall jointly contract with an~~
32 ~~independent party to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the~~
33 ~~certificate renewal system pursuant to this Section. The first~~
34 ~~report of this evaluation shall be presented to the General~~
35 ~~Assembly on January 1, 2005 and on January 1 of every third~~
36 ~~year thereafter.~~

1 (m) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act
2 of the 93rd General Assembly that affect renewal of Standard
3 and Master Certificates shall apply to those persons who hold
4 Standard or Master Certificates on or after the effective date
5 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall
6 be given effect upon renewal of those certificates.

7 (Source: P.A. 92-510, eff. 6-1-02; 92-796, eff. 8-10-02; 93-81,
8 eff. 7-2-03.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/21-16) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-16)

10 Sec. 21-16. Fees - Requirement for registration.

11 (a) Until February 15, 2000, every applicant when issued a
12 certificate shall pay to the regional superintendent of schools
13 a fee of \$1, which shall be paid into the institute fund. Every
14 certificate issued under the provisions of this Act shall be
15 registered annually or, at the option of the holder of the
16 certificate, once every 3 years. The regional superintendent of
17 schools having supervision and control over the school where
18 the teaching is done shall register the certificate before the
19 holder begins to teach, otherwise it shall be registered in any
20 county in the State of Illinois; and one fee of \$4 per year for
21 registration or renewal of one or more certificates which have
22 been issued to the same holder shall be paid into the institute
23 fund.

24 Until February 15, 2000, requirements for registration of
25 any certificate limited in time shall include evidence of
26 professional growth defined as successful teaching experience
27 since last registration of certificate, attendance at
28 professional meetings, membership in professional
29 organizations, additional credits earned in recognized
30 teacher-training institutions, travel specifically for
31 educational experience, reading of professional books and
32 periodicals, filing all reports as required by the regional
33 superintendent of schools and the State Superintendent of
34 Education or such other professional experience or combination
35 of experiences as are presented by the teacher and are approved

1 by the State Superintendent of Education in consultation with
2 the State Teacher Certification Board. A duplicate certificate
3 may be issued to the holder of a valid life certificate or
4 valid certificate limited in time by the State Superintendent
5 of Education; however, it shall only be issued upon request of
6 a regional superintendent of schools and upon payment to the
7 regional superintendent of schools who requests such duplicate
8 a fee of \$4.

9 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, all persons who are issued
10 Standard Teaching Certificates pursuant to clause (ii) of
11 paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and all persons
12 who renew Standard Teaching Certificates shall pay a \$25 fee
13 for registration of all certificates held. All persons who are
14 issued Standard Teaching Certificates under clause (i) of
15 paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and all other
16 applicants for Standard Teaching Certificates shall pay an
17 original application fee, pursuant to Section 21-12, and a \$25
18 fee for registration of all certificates held. These
19 certificates shall be registered and the registration fee paid
20 once every 5 years. Standard Teaching Certificate applicants
21 and holders shall not be required to pay any other registration
22 fees for issuance or renewal of their certificates, except as
23 provided in Section 21-17 of this Code. Beginning February 15,
24 2000, Master Teaching Certificates shall be issued and renewed
25 upon payment by the applicant or certificate holder of a \$50
26 fee for registration of all certificates held. These
27 certificates shall be registered and the fee paid once every 10
28 years. Master Teaching Certificate applicants and holders
29 shall not be required to pay any other application or
30 registration fees for issuance or renewal of their
31 certificates, except as provided in Section 21-17 of this Code.
32 All other certificates issued under the provisions of this Code
33 shall be registered for the validity period of the certificate
34 at the rate of \$5 per year for the total number of years for
35 which the certificate is valid for registration of all
36 certificates held, or for a maximum of 5 years for life

1 certificates. The regional superintendent of schools having
2 supervision and control over the school where the teaching is
3 done shall register the certificate before the holder begins to
4 teach, otherwise it shall be registered in any county in the
5 State of Illinois. Each holder shall pay the appropriate
6 registration fee to the regional superintendent of schools. The
7 regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
8 registration fees into the institute fund. Any certificate
9 holder who teaches in more than one educational service region
10 shall register the certificate or certificates in all regions
11 where the teaching is done, but shall be required to pay one
12 registration fee for all certificates held, provided holders of
13 certificates issued pursuant to Section 21-9 of this Code shall
14 be required to pay one registration fee, in each educational
15 service region in which his or her certificate or certificates
16 are registered, for all certificates held.

17 A duplicate certificate may be issued to the holder of a
18 valid life certificate or valid certificate limited in time by
19 the State Superintendent of Education; however, it shall only
20 be issued upon request of a regional superintendent of schools
21 and upon payment to the regional superintendent of schools who
22 requests the duplicate a fee of \$4, which shall be deposited
23 into the institute fund.

24 The State Board of Education and each regional office of
25 education are authorized to charge a service or convenience fee
26 for the use of credit cards for the payment of certification
27 fees. This service or convenience fee may not exceed the amount
28 required by the credit card processing company or vendor that
29 has entered into a contract with the State Board or regional
30 office of education for this purpose, and the fee must be paid
31 to that company or vendor.

32 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 92-796, eff. 8-10-02.)

33 (105 ILCS 5/21-17) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-17)

34 Sec. 21-17. Fee and duplicate certificate. A duplicate
35 certificate shall be issued by the State Superintendent of

1 Education when requested by the regional superintendent of
2 schools as provided in Section 21-16. The request for a
3 duplicate certificate shall be accompanied by a fee of \$4,
4 which shall be deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee
5 Revolving Fund.

6 The State Board of Education and each regional office of
7 education are authorized to charge a service or convenience fee
8 for the use of credit cards for the payment of certification
9 fees. This service or convenience fee may not exceed the amount
10 required by the credit card processing company or vendor that
11 has entered into a contract with the State Board or regional
12 office of education for this purpose, and the fee must be paid
13 to that company or vendor.

14 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/21-18) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-18)

16 Sec. 21-18. Registration of life certificate-Fee.

17 The holder of any life certificate, while he continues to
18 teach, shall annually before entering upon his duties, present
19 his certificate or proper evidence thereof to the regional
20 ~~county~~ superintendent of schools ~~for registration~~ and pay a fee
21 of \$2, which fee shall be paid into the institute fund.

22 The State Board of Education and each regional office of
23 education are authorized to charge a service or convenience fee
24 for the use of credit cards for the payment of certification
25 fees. This service or convenience fee may not exceed the amount
26 required by the credit card processing company or vendor that
27 has entered into a contract with the State Board or regional
28 office of education for this purpose, and the fee must be paid
29 to that company or vendor.

30 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 31.)

31 (105 ILCS 5/21-23) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-23)

32 Sec. 21-23. Suspension or revocation of certificate.

33 (a) Any certificate issued pursuant to this Article,
34 including but not limited to any administrative certificate or

1 endorsement, may be suspended for a period not to exceed one
2 calendar year by the regional superintendent or for a period
3 not to exceed 5 calendar years by the State Superintendent of
4 Education upon evidence of immorality, a condition of health
5 detrimental to the welfare of pupils, incompetency,
6 unprofessional conduct, the neglect of any professional duty,
7 willful failure to report an instance of suspected child abuse
8 or neglect as required by the Abused and Neglected Child
9 Reporting Act, failure to establish satisfactory repayment on
10 an educational loan guaranteed by the Illinois Student
11 Assistance Commission, or other just cause. Unprofessional
12 conduct shall include refusal to attend or participate in,
13 institutes, teachers' meetings, professional readings, or to
14 meet other reasonable requirements of the regional
15 superintendent or State Superintendent of Education.
16 Unprofessional conduct also includes conduct that violates the
17 standards, ethics, or rules applicable to the security,
18 administration, monitoring, or scoring of, or the reporting of
19 scores from, any assessment test or the Prairie State
20 Achievement Examination administered under Section 2-3.64 or
21 that is known or intended to produce or report manipulated or
22 artificial, rather than actual, assessment or achievement
23 results or gains from the administration of those tests or
24 examinations. It shall also include neglect or unnecessary
25 delay in making of statistical and other reports required by
26 school officers. The regional superintendent or State
27 Superintendent of Education shall upon receipt of evidence of
28 immorality, a condition of health detrimental to the welfare of
29 pupils, incompetency, unprofessional conduct, the neglect of
30 any professional duty or other just cause serve written notice
31 to the individual and afford the individual opportunity for a
32 hearing prior to suspension. If a hearing is requested within
33 10 days of notice of opportunity for hearing it shall act as a
34 stay of proceedings not to exceed 30 days, unless the
35 individual requests a delay. In such an instance, the stay of
36 proceedings must be continued for another 30 days. No

1 certificate shall be suspended until the teacher has an
2 opportunity for a hearing at the educational service region.
3 When a certificate is suspended, the right of appeal shall lie
4 to the State Teacher Certification Board. When an appeal is
5 taken within 10 days after notice of suspension it shall act as
6 a stay of proceedings not to exceed 120 ~~60~~ days. If a
7 certificate is suspended for a period greater than one year,
8 the State Superintendent of Education shall review the
9 suspension prior to the expiration of that period to determine
10 whether the cause for the suspension has been remedied or
11 continues to exist. Upon determining that the cause for
12 suspension has not abated, the State Superintendent of
13 Education may order that the suspension be continued for an
14 appropriate period. Nothing in this Section prohibits the
15 continuance of such a suspension for an indefinite period if
16 the State Superintendent determines that the cause for the
17 suspension remains unabated. Any certificate may be revoked for
18 the same reasons as for suspension by the State Superintendent
19 of Education. No certificate shall be revoked until the teacher
20 has an opportunity for a hearing before the State Teacher
21 Certification Board, which hearing must be held within 120 ~~60~~
22 days from the date the appeal is taken, unless the State
23 Teacher Certification Board requests a delay. In such an
24 instance, the stay of the revocation proceedings must be
25 continued until the completion of the proceedings.

26 The State Board may refuse to issue or may suspend the
27 certificate of any person who fails to file a return, or to pay
28 the tax, penalty or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay
29 any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest, as required
30 by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of
31 Revenue, until such time as the requirements of any such tax
32 Act are satisfied.

33 (b) Any certificate issued pursuant to this Article may be
34 suspended for an appropriate length of time as determined by
35 either the regional superintendent or State Superintendent of
36 Education upon evidence that the holder of the certificate has

1 been named as a perpetrator in an indicated report filed
2 pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act,
3 approved June 26, 1975, as amended, and upon proof by clear and
4 convincing evidence that the licensee has caused a child to be
5 an abused child or neglected child as defined in the Abused and
6 Neglected Child Reporting Act.

7 The regional superintendent or State Superintendent of
8 Education shall, upon receipt of evidence that the certificate
9 holder has been named a perpetrator in any indicated report,
10 serve written notice to the individual and afford the
11 individual opportunity for a hearing prior to suspension. If a
12 hearing is requested within 10 days of notice of opportunity
13 for hearing, it shall act as a stay of proceedings not to
14 exceed 30 days, unless the individual requests a delay. In such
15 an instance, the stay of proceedings must be continued for
16 another 30 days. No certificate shall be suspended until the
17 teacher has an opportunity for a hearing at the educational
18 service region. When a certificate is suspended, the right of
19 appeal shall lie to the State Teacher Certification Board. When
20 an appeal is taken within 10 days after notice of suspension it
21 shall act as a stay of proceedings not to exceed 120 ~~60~~ days.
22 The State Superintendent may revoke any certificate upon proof
23 at hearing by clear and convincing evidence that the
24 certificate holder has caused a child to be an abused child or
25 neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected Child
26 Reporting Act. No certificate shall be revoked until the
27 teacher has an opportunity for a hearing before the State
28 Teacher Certification Board, which hearing must be held within
29 120 ~~60~~ days from the date the appeal is taken, unless the
30 teacher or the hearing officer appointed by the State Teacher
31 Certification Board requests a delay. In such an instance, the
32 stay of the revocation proceedings must be continued until the
33 completion of the proceedings.

34 (c) The State Superintendent of Education or a person
35 designated by him shall have the power to administer oaths to
36 witnesses at any hearing conducted before the State Teacher

1 Certification Board pursuant to this Section. The State
2 Superintendent of Education or a person designated by him is
3 authorized to subpoena and bring before the State Teacher
4 Certification Board any person in this State and to take
5 testimony either orally or by deposition or by exhibit, with
6 the same fees and mileage and in the same manner as prescribed
7 by law in judicial proceedings in the civil cases in circuit
8 courts of this State.

9 Any circuit court, upon the application of the State
10 Superintendent of Education, may, by order duly entered,
11 require the attendance of witnesses and the production of
12 relevant books and papers at any hearing the State
13 Superintendent of Education is authorized to conduct pursuant
14 to this Section, and the court may compel obedience to its
15 orders by proceedings for contempt.

16 (d) As used in this Section, "teacher" means any school
17 district employee regularly required to be certified, as
18 provided in this Article, in order to teach or supervise in the
19 public schools.

20 (Source: P.A. 89-610, eff. 8-6-96.)

21 Section 20. The School Construction Law is amended by
22 changing Sections 5-30 and 5-40 and adding Section 5-57 as
23 follows:

24 (105 ILCS 230/5-30)

25 Sec. 5-30. Priority of school construction projects. The
26 State Board of Education shall develop standards for the
27 determination of priority needs concerning school construction
28 projects based upon approved district facilities plans. Such
29 standards shall call for prioritization based on the degree of
30 need and project type in the following order:

31 (1) Replacement or reconstruction of school buildings
32 destroyed or damaged by flood, tornado, fire, earthquake,
33 or other disasters, either man-made or produced by nature;

34 (2) Projects designed to alleviate a shortage of

1 classrooms due to population growth or to replace aging
2 school buildings;

3 (3) Projects resulting from interdistrict
4 reorganization of school districts contingent on local
5 referenda;

6 (4) Replacement or reconstruction of school facilities
7 determined to be severe and continuing health or life
8 safety hazards;

9 (5) Alterations necessary to provide accessibility for
10 qualified individuals with disabilities; and

11 (6) Other unique solutions to facility needs.

12 The State Board of Education may not make any material changes
13 to the standards in effect on May 18, 2004, unless the State
14 Board of Education is specifically authorized by law.

15 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

16 (105 ILCS 230/5-40)

17 Sec. 5-40. Supervision of school construction projects.
18 The Capital Development Board shall exercise general
19 supervision over school construction projects financed
20 pursuant to this Article. School districts, however, must be
21 allowed to choose the architect and engineer for their school
22 construction projects, and no project may be disapproved by the
23 State Board of Education or the Capital Development Board
24 solely due to a school district's selection of an architect or
25 engineer.

26 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

27 (105 ILCS 230/5-57 new)

28 Sec. 5-57. Administration of powers; no changes.
29 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Capital
30 Development Board may not make any material changes in the
31 administration of its powers granted under this Law from how it
32 administered those powers on May 18, 2004, unless specifically
33 authorized by law.

1 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
2 Section 8.28 as follows:

3 (30 ILCS 805/8.28 new)

4 Sec. 8.28. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
5 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
6 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
7 the 93rd General Assembly.

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