

**HB3107**



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 2/22/2005, by Rep. Tom Cross

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/21-5c

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning alternative teacher certification.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 21-5c as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-5c)

7 Sec. 21-5c. Alternative route to teacher certification.  
8 The ~~The~~ State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
9 State Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and  
10 implement an alternative route to teacher certification  
11 program under which persons who meet the requirements of and  
12 successfully complete the program established by this Section  
13 shall be issued an initial teaching certificate for teaching in  
14 schools in this State. The State Board of Education shall  
15 approve a course of study that persons in the program must  
16 successfully complete in order to satisfy one criterion for  
17 issuance of a certificate under this Section. The Alternative  
18 Route to Teacher Certification program course of study must  
19 include the current content and skills contained in a  
20 university's current courses for State certification which  
21 have been approved by the State Board of Education, in  
22 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, as the  
23 requirement for State teacher certification.

24 The program established under this Section shall be known  
25 as the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program. The  
26 program may be offered in conjunction with one or more  
27 not-for-profit organizations in the State. The program shall be  
28 comprised of the following 3 phases: (a) a course of study  
29 offered on an intensive basis in education theory,  
30 instructional methods, and practice teaching; (b) the person's  
31 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school  
32 year, including the designation of a mentor teacher to advise

1 and assist the person with that teaching assignment; and (c) a  
2 comprehensive assessment of the person's teaching performance  
3 by school officials and program participants and a  
4 recommendation by the institution of higher education to the  
5 State Board of Education that the person be issued an initial  
6 teaching certificate. Successful completion of the Alternative  
7 Route to Teacher Certification program shall be deemed to  
8 satisfy any other practice or student teaching and subject  
9 matter requirements established by law.

10 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for  
11 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,  
12 shall be issued under this Section 21-5c to persons who at the  
13 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching  
14 certificate under this Section:

15 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or  
16 university with a bachelor's degree;

17 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years  
18 in an area requiring application of the individual's  
19 education;

20 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the  
21 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in  
22 this Section; and

23 (4) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject  
24 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a.

25 An initial teaching certificate, valid for teaching in the  
26 common schools, shall be issued under Section 21-3 or 21-5 to  
27 persons who first complete the requirements for the provisional  
28 alternative teaching certificate and who at the time of  
29 applying for an initial teaching certificate have successfully  
30 completed the second and third phases of the Alternative Route  
31 to Teacher Certification program as provided in this Section.

32 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate  
33 or an initial teaching certificate earned under this Section  
34 shall be treated as a regularly certified teacher for purposes  
35 of compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions of  
36 employment afforded teachers in the school who are members of a

1 bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining  
2 representative, if any.

3 The State Board of Education may adopt rules and  
4 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the  
5 State Board deems necessary to establish and implement the  
6 program.

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