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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-14

from Ch. 122, par. 21-14

Amends the Teacher Certification Article of the School Code. Makes technical changes in a provision concerning the validity period of teaching certificates.

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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 21-14 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

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

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

1 such time as he has earned a master's degree.

2 All certificates not renewed or registered as herein
3 provided shall lapse after a period of 5 years from the
4 expiration of the last year of registration. Such certificates
5 may be reinstated for a one year period upon payment of all
6 accumulated registration fees. Such reinstated certificates
7 shall only be renewed: (1) by earning 5 semester hours of
8 credit in a recognized institution of higher learning in the
9 field of professional education or in courses related to the
10 holder's contractual teaching duties; or (2) by presenting
11 evidence of holding a valid regular certificate of some other
12 type. Any certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the
13 certificate holder. A voluntarily surrendered certificate
14 shall be treated as a revoked certificate.

15 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before
16 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after February
17 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be exchanged for
18 Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in subsection (c) of
19 Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard Teaching Certificates,
20 including those issued to persons who previously held teaching
21 certificates issued before February 15, 2000, shall be
22 renewable under the conditions set forth in this subsection
23 (b).

24 Initial Teaching Certificates are valid for 4 years of
25 teaching, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this
26 Code, and are renewable every 4 years until the person

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

20 (c) In compliance with subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of
21 this Code, which provides that a Standard Teaching Certificate
22 may be renewed by the State Teacher Certification Board based
23 upon proof of continuing professional development, the State
24 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board
25 shall jointly:

26 (1) establish a procedure for renewing Standard

1 Teaching Certificates, which shall include but not be
2 limited to annual timelines for the renewal process and the
3 components set forth in subsections (d) through (k) of this
4 Section;

5 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

6 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing
7 professional development activities;

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

17 (5) designate the type and amount of documentation
18 required to show that continuing professional development
19 activities have been completed; and

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

26 (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an individual

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

1 her certificate through procedures provided for in the
2 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to
3 subsection (c) of this Section.

4 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been
5 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
6 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
7 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree
8 from an approved institution in an education-related field;
9 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as
10 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this
11 subsection (e); (iii) earning at least 24 continuing education
12 units as described in subdivision (C) of paragraph (3) of this
13 subsection (e); (iv) completing the National Board for
14 Professional Teaching Standards process as described in
15 subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or (v)
16 earning 120 continuing professional development units ("CPDU")
17 as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of this
18 subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional
19 development units for each continuing professional development
20 activity identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
21 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly
22 determined by the State Board of Education and the State
23 Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the certificate
24 holder has maintained the certificate as Valid and Exempt for a
25 portion of the 5-year period of validity, the number of
26 continuing professional development units needed to renew the

1 certificate as Valid and Active shall be proportionately
2 reduced by the amount of time the certificate was Valid and
3 Exempt. Furthermore, if a certificate holder is employed and
4 performs teaching services on a part-time basis for all or a
5 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the
6 number of continuing professional development units needed to
7 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by
8 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been
9 employed and performed teaching services on a part-time basis.
10 Part-time shall be defined as less than 50% of the school day
11 or school term.

12 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary, if
13 a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as Valid
14 and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's validity and
15 the certificate holder has completed his or her certificate
16 renewal plan before July 1, 2002, the certificate shall be
17 renewed as Valid and Active.

18 (2) Beginning July 1, 2004, in order to satisfy the
19 requirements for continuing professional development provided
20 for in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, each Valid
21 and Active Standard Teaching Certificate holder shall complete
22 professional development activities that address the
23 certificate or those certificates that are required of his or
24 her certificated teaching position, if the certificate holder
25 is employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
26 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or

1 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
2 of control, or that certificate or those certificates most
3 closely related to his or her teaching position, if the
4 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except as
5 otherwise provided in this subsection (e), the certificate
6 holder's activities must address purposes (A), (B), (C), or (D)
7 and must reflect purpose (E) of the following continuing
8 professional development purposes:

9 (A) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge
10 and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois
11 Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content
12 Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of
13 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in
14 order to keep the certificate holder current in those
15 areas.

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

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

25 (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and
26 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the

1 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,
2 or relevant education degree.

3 (E) Address the needs of serving students with
4 disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general
5 curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to
6 meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving
7 such students in the least restrictive environment.
8 Teachers who hold certificates endorsed for special
9 education must devote at least 50% of their continuing
10 professional development activities to this purpose.
11 Teachers holding other certificates must devote at least
12 20% of their activities to this purpose.

13 A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is
14 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
15 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing education
16 requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated under that
17 Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
18 professional development requirements established by the State
19 Board of Education and the Teacher Certification Board to renew
20 a Standard Certificate.

21 (3) Continuing professional development activities may
22 include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

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

25 (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an
26 approved education-related program, of which at least 2

1 semester hours relate to the continuing professional
2 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph
3 (2) of this subsection (e), completion of which means no
4 other continuing professional development activities are
5 required;

6 (C) continuing education units that satisfy the
7 continuing professional development purposes set forth in
8 paragraph (2) of this subsection (e), with each continuing
9 education unit equal to 5 clock hours, provided that a plan
10 that includes at least 24 continuing education units (or
11 120 clock/contact hours) need not include any other
12 continuing professional development activities;

13 (D) completion of the National Board for Professional
14 Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for certification or
15 recertification, completion of which means no other
16 continuing professional development activities are
17 required;

18 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional
19 development units that satisfy the continuing professional
20 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this
21 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the
22 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
23 this paragraph (3);

24 (F) collaboration and partnership activities related
25 to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a
26 teacher, including the following:

1 (i) participating on collaborative planning and
2 professional improvement teams and committees;

3 (ii) peer review and coaching;

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

8 (iv) participating in site-based management or
9 decision making teams, relevant committees, boards, or
10 task forces directly related to school improvement
11 plans;

12 (v) coordinating community resources in schools,
13 if the project is a specific goal of the school
14 improvement plan;

15 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a
16 school, school district, or regional office of
17 education directly related to student achievement or
18 school improvement plans;

19 (vii) participating in business, school, or
20 community partnerships directly related to student
21 achievement or school improvement plans; or

22 (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher
23 education candidate in clinical supervision, provided
24 that the supervision may only be counted once during
25 the course of 5 years;

26 (G) college or university coursework related to

1 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher
2 as follows:

3 (i) completing undergraduate or graduate credit
4 earned from a regionally accredited institution in
5 coursework relevant to the certificate area being
6 renewed, including coursework that incorporates
7 induction activities and development of a portfolio of
8 both student and teacher work that provides experience
9 in reflective practices, provided the coursework meets
10 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or Illinois
11 Content Area Standards and supports the essential
12 characteristics of quality professional development;
13 or

14 (ii) teaching college or university courses in
15 areas relevant to the certificate area being renewed,
16 provided that the teaching may only be counted once
17 during the course of 5 years;

18 (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
19 symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge
20 and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the
21 activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board
22 acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including
23 the following:

24 (i) completing non-university credit directly
25 related to student achievement, school improvement
26 plans, or State priorities;

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

3 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality
4 Assurance; or

5 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher
6 preparation programs.

7 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,
8 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are
9 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial
10 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.

11 The State Superintendent of Education and regional
12 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the
13 activities and events provided or to be provided under this
14 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding
15 those activities and events, and either the State
16 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent
17 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher
18 Certification Board and the State Board of Education
19 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered
20 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

21 (I) other educational experiences related to improving
22 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including
23 the following:

24 (i) participating in action research and inquiry
25 projects;

26 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,

1 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
2 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

3 (iii) traveling related to one's teaching
4 assignment, directly related to student achievement or
5 school improvement plans and approved by the regional
6 superintendent of schools or his or her designee at
7 least 30 days prior to the travel experience, provided
8 that the traveling shall not include time spent
9 commuting to destinations where the learning
10 experience will occur;

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

13 (v) serving on a statewide education-related
14 committee, including but not limited to the State
15 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of Education
16 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council
17 on Education of Children with Disabilities;

18 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or
19 internships; or

20 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and
21 teacher work;

22 (J) professional leadership experiences related to
23 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
24 including the following:

25 (i) participating in curriculum development or
26 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; ~~or~~

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; or ~~or~~

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

1 Board for Professional Teaching Standards, as described in
2 clause (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section
3 21-2 of this Code.

4 (4) A person must complete the requirements of this
5 subsection (e) before the expiration of his or her Standard
6 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance to the regional
7 superintendent of schools or, if applicable, a local
8 professional development committee authorized by the regional
9 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this
10 purpose. The statement of assurance shall contain a list of the
11 activities completed, the provider offering each activity, the
12 number of credits earned for each activity, and the purposes to
13 which each activity is attributed. The certificate holder shall
14 maintain the evidence of completion of each activity for at
15 least one certificate renewal cycle. The certificate holder
16 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has
17 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required
18 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the
19 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall
20 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting
21 documentation.

22 (5) (Blank).

23 (6) (Blank).

24 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, a
25 school district is authorized to enter into an agreement with
26 the exclusive bargaining representative, if any, to form a

1 local professional development committee (LPDC). The
2 membership and terms of members of the LPDC may be determined
3 by the agreement. Provisions regarding LPDCs contained in a
4 collective bargaining agreement in existence on the effective
5 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly
6 between a school district and the exclusive bargaining
7 representative shall remain in full force and effect for the
8 term of the agreement, unless terminated by mutual agreement.
9 The LPDC shall make recommendations to the regional
10 superintendent of schools on renewal of teaching certificates.
11 The regional superintendent of schools for each region shall
12 perform the following functions:

13 (1) review recommendations for certificate renewal, if
14 any, received from LPDCs;

15 (2) (blank);

16 (3) (blank);

17 (4) (blank);

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

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;

26 (7) issue and forward recommendations for renewal or

1 nonrenewal of certificate holders' Standard Teaching
2 Certificates to the State Teacher Certification Board; and

3 (8) (blank).

4 (g)(1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall
5 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for
6 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he or
7 she receives from a local professional development committee,
8 if any, or, if a certificate holder appeals the recommendation
9 to the regional professional development review committee, the
10 recommendation for renewal or nonrenewal he or she receives
11 from a regional professional development review committee and,
12 within 14 days of receipt of the recommendation, shall provide
13 the State Teacher Certification Board with verification of the
14 following, if applicable:

15 (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily
16 completed professional development and continuing
17 education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of
18 subsection (e) of this Section;

19 (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement
20 of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)
21 of this Section, and this statement has been attached to
22 the application for renewal;

23 (C) the local professional development committee, if
24 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate
25 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the
26 recommendation to the regional superintendent of schools;

1 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her
2 local professional development committee's recommendation
3 of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional professional
4 development review committee and the result of that appeal;

5 (E) the regional superintendent of schools has
6 concurred or nonconcurred with the local professional
7 development committee's or regional professional
8 development review committee's recommendation, if any, to
9 renew or nonrenew the certificate holder's Standard
10 Teaching Certificate and made a recommendation to that
11 effect; and

12 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard
13 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

14 If the notice required by this subsection (g) includes a
15 recommendation of certificate nonrenewal, then, at the same
16 time the regional superintendent of schools provides the State
17 Teacher Certification Board with the notice, he or she shall
18 also notify the certificate holder in writing, by certified
19 mail, return receipt requested, that this notice has been
20 provided to the State Teacher Certification Board.

21 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
22 his or her local professional development committee's
23 recommendation of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional
24 professional development review committee, within 14 days of
25 receipt of notice that the recommendation has been sent to the
26 regional superintendent of schools. Each regional

1 superintendent of schools shall establish a regional
2 professional development review committee or committees for
3 the purpose of advising the regional superintendent of schools,
4 upon request, and handling certificate holder appeals. This
5 committee shall consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one
6 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2
7 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either (i)
8 a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a
9 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference
10 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed
11 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure representation
12 of an interest not already represented on the committee. The
13 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational
14 employee members of the review committee shall be selected by
15 their exclusive representative, if any, and the administrators
16 and at-large member shall be selected by the regional
17 superintendent of schools. A regional superintendent of
18 schools may add additional members to the committee, provided
19 that the same proportion of teachers to administrators and
20 at-large members on the committee is maintained. Any additional
21 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational
22 employee members shall be selected by their exclusive
23 representative, if any. Vacancies in positions on a regional
24 professional development review committee shall be filled in
25 the same manner as the original selections. Committee members
26 shall serve staggered 3-year terms. All individuals selected to

1 serve on regional professional development review committees
2 must be known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or
3 their respective field of practice.

4 (h)(1) The State Teacher Certification Board shall review
5 the regional superintendent of schools' recommendations to
6 renew or nonrenew Standard Teaching Certificates and notify
7 certificate holders in writing whether their certificates have
8 been renewed or nonrenewed within 90 days of receipt of the
9 recommendations, unless a certificate holder has appealed a
10 regional superintendent of schools' recommendation of
11 nonrenewal, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection
12 (h). The State Teacher Certification Board shall verify that
13 the certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth
14 in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section.

15 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
16 a regional superintendent of school's recommendation to
17 nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the State
18 Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt of
19 notice that the decision has been sent to the State Teacher
20 Certification Board, which shall hold an appeal hearing within
21 60 days of receipt of the appeal. When such an appeal is taken,
22 the certificate holder's Standard Teaching Certificate shall
23 continue to be valid until the appeal is finally determined.
24 The State Teacher Certification Board shall review the regional
25 superintendent of school's recommendation, the regional
26 professional development review committee's recommendation, if

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

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

26 A holder of a teaching certificate endorsed as a

1 speech-language pathologist who has been granted the
2 Certificate of Clinical Competence by the American
3 Speech-Language Hearing Association may renew his or her
4 Standard Teaching Certificate pursuant to the 10-year renewal
5 cycle set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

6 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master
7 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing
8 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary
9 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
10 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated
11 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their certificates
12 through the regional superintendent of schools of the regional
13 office of education for the geographic area where their
14 teaching is done. These certificate holders shall follow the
15 same renewal criteria and procedures as all other Standard and
16 Master Teaching Certificate holders, except that their
17 continuing professional development activities need not
18 reflect or address the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local
19 school improvement plan.

20 (k) (Blank).

21 (l) (Blank).

22 (m) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act
23 of the 93rd General Assembly that affect renewal of Standard
24 and Master Certificates shall apply to those persons who hold
25 Standard or Master Certificates on or after the effective date
26 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall

1 be given effect upon renewal of those certificates.

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

3 eff. 7-2-03; 93-679, eff. 6-30-04; revised 9-20-06.)