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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5970

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5970 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections  
5 2-3.53a and 21-7.10 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.53a)

7 Sec. 2-3.53a. New principal mentoring program.

8 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2007, and subject to an annual  
9 appropriation by the General Assembly, to establish a new  
10 principal mentoring program for new principals. Any individual  
11 who is hired as a principal in the State of Illinois on or  
12 after July 1, 2007 and before July 1, 2008 shall participate in  
13 a new principal mentoring program for the duration of his or  
14 her first year as a principal and must complete the program in  
15 accordance with the requirements established by the State Board  
16 of Education by rule or, for a school district created by

1 Article 34 of this Code, in accordance with the provisions of  
2 Section 34-18.27 of this Code. School districts created by  
3 Article 34 are not subject to the requirements of subsection  
4 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of this Section. Principals  
5 hired on or after July 1, 2007 and before July 1, 2008 may  
6 participate in a second year of mentoring if it is determined  
7 by the State Superintendent of Education that sufficient  
8 funding exists for such participation. Beginning on July 1,  
9 2008, and subject to an annual appropriation by the General  
10 Assembly, any individual who is first hired as a principal in  
11 the State of Illinois on or after July 1, 2008 shall  
12 participate in a new principal mentoring program for the  
13 duration of his or her first year and second year as a  
14 principal and must complete the program in accordance with  
15 requirements herein. The new principal mentoring program shall  
16 match an experienced principal who meets the requirements of  
17 subsection (b) of this Section with each new principal ~~in his~~  
18 ~~or her first year in that position~~ in order to assist the new  
19 principal in the development of his or her professional growth  
20 and to provide guidance ~~during the new principal's first year~~  
21 ~~of service.~~

22 (b) Any individual who has been a principal in Illinois for  
23 3 or more years and who has demonstrated success as an  
24 instructional leader, as determined by the State Board by rule,  
25 is eligible to apply to be a mentor under a new principal  
26 mentoring program. Mentors shall complete mentoring training

1 by entities approved by the State Board and meet any other  
2 requirements set forth by the State Board and by the school  
3 district employing the mentor.

4 (c) The State Board shall certify an entity or entities  
5 approved to provide training of mentors.

6 (d) A mentor shall be assigned to a new principal based on  
7 (i) similarity of grade level or type of school, (ii) learning  
8 needs of the new principal, and (iii) geographical proximity of  
9 the mentor to the new principal. The principal, in  
10 collaboration with the mentor, shall identify areas for  
11 improvement of the new principal's professional growth,  
12 including, but not limited to, each of the following:

13 (1) Analyzing data and applying it to practice.

14 (2) Aligning professional development and  
15 instructional programs.

16 (3) Building a professional learning community.

17 (4) Observing classroom practices and providing  
18 feedback.

19 (5) Facilitating effective meetings.

20 (6) Developing distributive leadership practices.

21 (7) Facilitating organizational change.

22 The mentor shall not be required to provide an evaluation of  
23 the new principal on the basis of the mentoring relationship.

24 (e) On or after January 1, 2008 and on or after January 1  
25 of each year thereafter, each mentor and each new principal  
26 shall complete a survey of progress on a form developed by

1 their respective school districts. On or before July 1, 2008  
2 and on or after July 1 of each year thereafter, the State Board  
3 shall facilitate a review and evaluate the mentoring training  
4 program in collaboration with the approved providers. Each new  
5 principal and his or her mentor must complete a verification  
6 form developed by the State Board in order to certify their  
7 completion of a new principal mentoring program.

8 (f) The requirements of this Section do not apply to any  
9 individual who has previously served as an assistant principal  
10 in Illinois acting under an administrative certificate for 5 or  
11 more years and who is hired, on or after July 1, 2007, as a  
12 principal by the school district in which the individual last  
13 served as an assistant principal, although such an individual  
14 may choose to participate in this program or shall be required  
15 to participate by the school district.

16 (g) The State Board may adopt any rules necessary for the  
17 implementation of this Section.

18 (h) On an annual basis, the State Superintendent of  
19 Education shall determine whether appropriations are likely to  
20 be sufficient to require operation of the mentoring program for  
21 the coming year. In doing so, the State Superintendent shall  
22 first determine whether it is likely that funds will be  
23 sufficient to require operation of the mentoring program for  
24 individuals in their first year as principal and shall then  
25 determine whether it is likely that funds will be sufficient to  
26 require operation of the mentoring program for individuals in

1 their second year as principal. If it is likely that funds will  
2 be sufficient to require operation of the mentoring program for  
3 individuals in their first year as principal, but not for  
4 individuals in their second year as principal, the State  
5 Superintendent shall have the discretion to determine that the  
6 mentoring program for that year will only operate as to  
7 individuals in their first year as principal.

8 (i) Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that  
9 may exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head  
10 under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to  
11 make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions  
12 of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If,  
13 however, the Governor believes that rules are necessary to  
14 implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of  
15 the 95th General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to  
16 the General Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House  
17 and the Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the  
18 General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those  
19 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action  
20 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this  
21 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be  
22 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other  
23 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise  
24 explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of  
25 the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning  
26 contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative

1 Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the  
2 meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois  
3 Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such  
4 definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the  
5 jurisdiction of the Governor.

6 (Source: P.A. 94-1039, eff. 7-20-06.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.10)

8 Sec. 21-7.10. Master principal designation program.

9 (a) The General Assembly recognizes the important role a  
10 principal serves as a school's instructional leader and  
11 believes it is in the best interest of the State to establish a  
12 mechanism for training, mentoring, and recognizing master  
13 level principals.

14 (b) The State Board of Education shall certify statewide  
15 organizations representing principals, institutions of higher  
16 education, and regional offices of education and one school  
17 district or organization representing principals in a school  
18 district organized under Article 34 of this Code to establish a  
19 master principal designation program if these entities meet the  
20 criteria established by the State Board. These entities shall  
21 work with a statewide design team made up of institutions of  
22 higher education, regional offices of education, statewide  
23 organizations, and other appropriate entities, as determined  
24 by the State Board, to conceptualize the master principal  
25 designation program. The State Board shall adopt rules, in

1 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, for  
2 entities seeking to provide a program under this Section,  
3 including an approval process and other criteria. A master  
4 principal designation program aligned with the Illinois  
5 Professional Leadership Standards shall include at least the  
6 following components:

7 (1) Expansion of the principal's knowledge base and  
8 leadership.

9 (2) Application of strategies and collection of  
10 evidence of student learning and school processes.

11 (3) Demonstration of the ability and skills necessary  
12 to lead sustained academic improvement in a school or  
13 district.

14 (c) An individual serving as a principal for at least 3  
15 years is eligible for participation in a master principal  
16 designation program. Each year, those entities approved to  
17 offer a master principal designation program must submit to the  
18 State Board a report indicating the number of individuals  
19 enrolled in the program, the progress of candidates,  
20 anticipated changes to the program, and any other relevant  
21 information requested by the State Board. All substantive  
22 changes to an entity's master principal designation program  
23 shall require prior written approval from the State Board. An  
24 entity that fails to meet the requirements of this Section or  
25 any other criteria established by the State Board by rule shall  
26 have its authority to offer a master principal designation

1 program revoked pursuant to procedures established by rule by  
2 the State Board.

3 (d) The State, through the State Board, shall appropriate  
4 funds for the master principal designation program, with the  
5 State Superintendent of Education having the exclusive  
6 authority to determine (i) the number of statewide  
7 organizations to be approved as providers of the program and  
8 (ii) the amount of funding needed by the one or more approved  
9 statewide organizations to provide the program.

10 (e) In this Section, "master principal designation  
11 program" shall also be known as the Illinois Distinguished  
12 Principal Leadership Institute.

13 (f) Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that  
14 may exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head  
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