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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/6-2.1	from Ch. 122, par. 6-2.1
105 ILCS 5/14C-8	from Ch. 122, par. 14C-8
105 ILCS 5/3-14.11 rep.	
105 ILCS 5/3-14.19 rep.	
105 ILCS 5/6-11 rep.	
105 ILCS 5/21-19 rep.	
105 ILCS 5/29-17 rep.	

Amends the School Code. Repeals Sections in relation to the examination of a school treasurer's books, accounts, and vouchers; furnishing a township treasurer with a list of school districts; the posting of maps of congressional townships and educational service regions at polling places; the report of certain employment information by a teacher to the regional superintendent; and State reimbursement for the installation of passenger seat backs of a certain height in school buses. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 6-2.1 and 14C-8 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/6-2.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 6-2.1)

7 Sec. 6-2.1. On and after the effective date of this
8 amendatory Act, the provisions of Sections 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 6-10,
9 6-11 (now repealed), 6-12, 6-17, 6-18, 6-19, 6-20, and 6-21 of
10 this School Code shall have no application in any educational
11 service region having a population of 2,000,000 or more
12 inhabitants.

13 (Source: P.A. 87-969.)

14 (105 ILCS 5/14C-8) (from Ch. 122, par. 14C-8)

15 Sec. 14C-8. Teacher certification - Qualifications -
16 Issuance of certificates. No person shall be eligible for
17 employment by a school district as a teacher of transitional
18 bilingual education without either (a) holding a valid teaching
19 certificate issued pursuant to Article 21 of this Code and
20 meeting such additional language and course requirements as
21 prescribed by the State Board of Education or (b) meeting the
22 requirements set forth in this Section. The Certification Board

1 shall issue certificates valid for teaching in all grades of
2 the common school in transitional bilingual education programs
3 to any person who presents it with satisfactory evidence that
4 he possesses an adequate speaking and reading ability in a
5 language other than English in which transitional bilingual
6 education is offered and communicative skills in English, and
7 possessed within 5 years previous to his or her applying for a
8 certificate under this Section a valid teaching certificate
9 issued by a foreign country, or by a State or possession or
10 territory of the United States, or other evidence of teaching
11 preparation as may be determined to be sufficient by the
12 Certification Board, or holds a degree from an institution of
13 higher learning in a foreign country which the Certification
14 Board determines to be the equivalent of a bachelor's degree
15 from a recognized institution of higher learning in the United
16 States; provided that any person seeking a certificate under
17 this Section must meet the following additional requirements:

18 (1) Such persons must be in good health;

19 (2) Such persons must be of sound moral character;

20 (3) Such persons must be legally present in the United
21 States and possess legal authorization for employment;

22 (4) Such persons must not be employed to replace any
23 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be replaced
24 for any reason.

25 Certificates issuable pursuant to this Section shall be
26 issuable only during the 5 years immediately following the

1 effective date of this Act and thereafter for additional
2 periods of one year only upon a determination by the State
3 Board of Education that a school district lacks the number of
4 teachers necessary to comply with the mandatory requirements of
5 Sections 14C-2.1 and 14C-3 of this Article for the
6 establishment and maintenance of programs of transitional
7 bilingual education and said certificates issued by the
8 Certification Board shall be valid for a period of 6 years
9 following their date of issuance and shall not be renewed,
10 except that one renewal for a period of two years may be
11 granted if necessary to permit the holder of a certificate
12 issued under this Section to acquire a teaching certificate
13 pursuant to Article 21 of this Code. Such certificates and the
14 persons to whom they are issued shall be exempt from the
15 provisions of Article 21 of this Code except that Sections
16 21-12, 21-13, 21-16, 21-17, ~~21-19~~, 21-21, 21-22, 21-23 and
17 21-24 shall continue to be applicable to all such certificates.

18 After the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1984, an
19 additional renewal for a period to expire August 31, 1985, may
20 be granted. The State Board of Education shall report to the
21 General Assembly on or before January 31, 1985 its
22 recommendations for the qualification of teachers of bilingual
23 education and for the qualification of teachers of English as a
24 second language. Said qualification program shall take effect
25 no later than August 31, 1985.

26 Beginning July 1, 2001, the State Board of Education shall

1 implement a test or tests to assess the speaking, reading,
2 writing, and grammar skills of applicants for a certificate
3 issued under this Section in the English language and in the
4 language of the transitional bilingual education program
5 requested by the applicant and shall establish appropriate fees
6 for these tests. The State Board of Education, in consultation
7 with the Certification Board, shall promulgate rules to
8 implement the required tests, including specific provisions to
9 govern test selection, test validation, determination of a
10 passing score, administration of the test or tests, frequency
11 of administration, applicant fees, identification requirements
12 for test takers, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
13 years for which a score is valid, waiving tests for individuals
14 who have satisfactorily passed other tests, and the
15 consequences of dishonest conduct in the application for or
16 taking of the tests.

17 If the qualifications of an applicant for a certificate
18 valid for teaching in transitional bilingual education
19 programs in all grades of the common schools do not meet the
20 requirements established for the issuance of that certificate,
21 the Certification Board nevertheless shall issue the applicant
22 a substitute teacher's certificate under Section 21-9 whenever
23 it appears from the face of the application submitted for
24 certification as a teacher of transitional bilingual education
25 and the evidence presented in support thereof that the
26 applicant's qualifications meet the requirements established

1 for the issuance of a certificate under Section 21-9; provided,
2 that if it does not appear from the face of such application
3 and supporting evidence that the applicant is qualified for
4 issuance of a certificate under Section 21-9 the Certification
5 Board shall evaluate the application with reference to the
6 requirements for issuance of certificates under Section 21-9
7 and shall inform the applicant, at the time it denies the
8 application submitted for certification as a teacher of
9 transitional bilingual education, of the additional
10 qualifications which the applicant must possess in order to
11 meet the requirements established for issuance of (i) a
12 certificate valid for teaching in transitional bilingual
13 education programs in all grades of the common schools and (ii)
14 a substitute teacher's certificate under Section 21-9.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-370, eff. 7-30-99.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/3-14.11 rep.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/3-14.19 rep.)

18 (105 ILCS 5/6-11 rep.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/21-19 rep.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/29-17 rep.)

21 Section 10. The School Code is amended by repealing
22 Sections 3-14.11, 3-14.19, 6-11, 21-19, and 29-17.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.