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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 a technical change in a provision concerning the registration and renewal of teaching certificates.

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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) (blank); (iv) completing the National  
12 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as described  
13 in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or  
14 (v) earning 120 continuing professional development units  
15 ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of  
16 this subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional  
17 development units for each continuing professional development  
18 activity identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of  
19 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly  
20 determined by the State Board of Education and the State  
21 Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the certificate  
22 holder has maintained the certificate as Valid and Exempt for a  
23 portion of the 5-year period of validity, the number of  
24 continuing professional development units needed to renew the  
25 certificate as Valid and Active shall be proportionately  
26 reduced by the amount of time the certificate was Valid and

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

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

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



1 closely related to his or her teaching position, if the  
2 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except as  
3 otherwise provided in this subsection (e), the certificate  
4 holder's activities must address purposes (A), (B), (C), or (D)  
5 and must reflect purpose (E) of the following continuing  
6 professional development purposes:

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

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

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

23 (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and  
24 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the  
25 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,  
26 or relevant education degree.

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

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

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

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

23               (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an  
24               approved education-related program, of which at least 2  
25               semester hours relate to the continuing professional  
26               development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph

1 (2) of this subsection (e), completion of which means no  
2 other continuing professional development activities are  
3 required;

4 (C) (blank);

5 (D) completion of the National Board for Professional  
6 Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for certification or  
7 recertification, completion of which means no other  
8 continuing professional development activities are  
9 required;

10 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional  
11 development units that satisfy the continuing professional  
12 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this  
13 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the  
14 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of  
15 this paragraph (3);

16 (F) collaboration and partnership activities related  
17 to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a  
18 teacher, including the following:

19 (i) participating on collaborative planning and  
20 professional improvement teams and committees;

21 (ii) peer review and coaching;

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

26 (iv) participating in site-based management or

1 decision making teams, relevant committees, boards, or  
2 task forces directly related to school improvement  
3 plans;

4 (v) coordinating community resources in schools,  
5 if the project is a specific goal of the school  
6 improvement plan;

7 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a  
8 school, school district, or regional office of  
9 education directly related to student achievement or  
10 school improvement plans;

11 (vii) participating in business, school, or  
12 community partnerships directly related to student  
13 achievement or school improvement plans; or

14 (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher  
15 education candidate in clinical supervision, provided  
16 that the supervision may only be counted once during  
17 the course of 5 years;

18 (G) college or university coursework related to  
19 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher  
20 as follows:

21 (i) completing undergraduate or graduate credit  
22 earned from a regionally accredited institution in  
23 coursework relevant to the certificate area being  
24 renewed, including coursework that incorporates  
25 induction activities and development of a portfolio of  
26 both student and teacher work that provides experience

1 in reflective practices, provided the coursework meets  
2 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or Illinois  
3 Content Area Standards and supports the essential  
4 characteristics of quality professional development;  
5 or

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

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

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

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

21 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality  
22 Assurance; or

23 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher  
24 preparation programs.

25 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,  
26 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are

1 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial  
2 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.  
3 The State Superintendent of Education and regional  
4 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the  
5 activities and events provided or to be provided under this  
6 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding  
7 those activities and events, and either the State  
8 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent  
9 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher  
10 Certification Board and the State Board of Education  
11 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered  
12 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

13 (I) other educational experiences related to improving  
14 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including  
15 the following:

16 (i) participating in action research and inquiry  
17 projects;

18 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,  
19 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,  
20 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

21 (iii) traveling related to one's teaching  
22 assignment, directly related to student achievement or  
23 school improvement plans and approved by the regional  
24 superintendent of schools or his or her designee at  
25 least 30 days prior to the travel experience, provided  
26 that the traveling shall not include time spent

1 commuting to destinations where the learning  
2 experience will occur;

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

5 (v) serving on a statewide education-related  
6 committee, including but not limited to the State  
7 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of Education  
8 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council  
9 on Education of Children with Disabilities;

10 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or  
11 internships; or

12 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and  
13 teacher work;

14 (J) professional leadership experiences related to  
15 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,  
16 including the following:

17 (i) participating in curriculum development or  
18 assessment activities at the school, school district,  
19 regional office of education, State, or national  
20 level;

21 (ii) participating in team or department  
22 leadership in a school or school district;

23 (iii) participating on external or internal school  
24 or school district review teams;

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

1 or

2 (v) participating in non-strike related  
3 professional association or labor organization service  
4 or activities related to professional development;

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

7 (L) completion of requirements for meeting the  
8 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for  
9 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public  
10 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area;

11 (M) successful completion of 4 semester hours of  
12 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own  
13 performance in relation to the Illinois Teaching  
14 Standards, as described in clause (B) of paragraph (2) of  
15 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code; or

16 (N) successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester  
17 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation  
18 to meet the requirements for certification by the National  
19 Board for Professional Teaching Standards, as described in  
20 clause (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section  
21 21-2 of this Code.

22 (4) A person must complete the requirements of this  
23 subsection (e) before the expiration of his or her Standard  
24 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance to the regional  
25 superintendent of schools or, if applicable, a local  
26 professional development committee authorized by the regional



1 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this  
2 purpose. The statement of assurance shall contain a list of the  
3 activities completed, the provider offering each activity, the  
4 number of credits earned for each activity, and the purposes to  
5 which each activity is attributed. The certificate holder shall  
6 maintain the evidence of completion of each activity for at  
7 least one certificate renewal cycle. The certificate holder  
8 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has  
9 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required  
10 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the  
11 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall  
12 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting  
13 documentation.

14 (5) (Blank).

15 (6) (Blank).

16 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, a  
17 school district is authorized to enter into an agreement with  
18 the exclusive bargaining representative, if any, to form a  
19 local professional development committee (LPDC). The  
20 membership and terms of members of the LPDC may be determined  
21 by the agreement. Provisions regarding LPDCs contained in a  
22 collective bargaining agreement in existence on the effective  
23 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly  
24 between a school district and the exclusive bargaining  
25 representative shall remain in full force and effect for the  
26 term of the agreement, unless terminated by mutual agreement.

1 The LPDC shall make recommendations to the regional  
2 superintendent of schools on renewal of teaching certificates.  
3 The regional superintendent of schools for each region shall  
4 perform the following functions:

5 (1) review recommendations for certificate renewal, if  
6 any, received from LPDCs;

7 (2) (blank);

8 (3) (blank);

9 (4) (blank);

10 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the  
11 requirements for certificate renewal and notify  
12 certificate holders if the decision is not to renew the  
13 certificate;

14 (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity  
15 to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to  
16 renew the certificate to the regional professional  
17 development review committee;

18 (7) issue and forward recommendations for renewal or  
19 nonrenewal of certificate holders' Standard Teaching  
20 Certificates to the State Teacher Certification Board; and

21 (8) (blank).

22 (g)(1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall  
23 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for  
24 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he or  
25 she receives from a local professional development committee,  
26 if any, or, if a certificate holder appeals the recommendation

1 to the regional professional development review committee, the  
2 recommendation for renewal or nonrenewal he or she receives  
3 from a regional professional development review committee and,  
4 within 14 days of receipt of the recommendation, shall provide  
5 the State Teacher Certification Board with verification of the  
6 following, if applicable:

7 (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily  
8 completed professional development and continuing  
9 education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of  
10 subsection (e) of this Section;

11 (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement  
12 of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)  
13 of this Section, and this statement has been attached to  
14 the application for renewal;

15 (C) the local professional development committee, if  
16 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate  
17 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the  
18 recommendation to the regional superintendent of schools;

19 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her  
20 local professional development committee's recommendation  
21 of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional professional  
22 development review committee and the result of that appeal;

23 (E) the regional superintendent of schools has  
24 concurred or nonconcurred with the local professional  
25 development committee's or regional professional  
26 development review committee's recommendation, if any, to

1 renew or nonrenew the certificate holder's Standard  
2 Teaching Certificate and made a recommendation to that  
3 effect; and

4 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard  
5 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

6 If the notice required by this subsection (g) includes a  
7 recommendation of certificate nonrenewal, then, at the same  
8 time the regional superintendent of schools provides the State  
9 Teacher Certification Board with the notice, he or she shall  
10 also notify the certificate holder in writing, by certified  
11 mail, return receipt requested, that this notice has been  
12 provided to the State Teacher Certification Board.

13 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal  
14 his or her local professional development committee's  
15 recommendation of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional  
16 professional development review committee, within 14 days of  
17 receipt of notice that the recommendation has been sent to the  
18 regional superintendent of schools. Each regional  
19 superintendent of schools shall establish a regional  
20 professional development review committee or committees for  
21 the purpose of advising the regional superintendent of schools,  
22 upon request, and handling certificate holder appeals. This  
23 committee shall consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one  
24 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2  
25 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either (i)  
26 a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a

1 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference  
2 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed  
3 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure representation  
4 of an interest not already represented on the committee. The  
5 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational  
6 employee members of the review committee shall be selected by  
7 their exclusive representative, if any, and the administrators  
8 and at-large member shall be selected by the regional  
9 superintendent of schools. A regional superintendent of  
10 schools may add additional members to the committee, provided  
11 that the same proportion of teachers to administrators and  
12 at-large members on the committee is maintained. Any additional  
13 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational  
14 employee members shall be selected by their exclusive  
15 representative, if any. Vacancies in positions on a regional  
16 professional development review committee shall be filled in  
17 the same manner as the original selections. Committee members  
18 shall serve staggered 3-year terms. All individuals selected to  
19 serve on regional professional development review committees  
20 must be known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or  
21 their respective field of practice.

22 (h) (1) The State Teacher Certification Board shall review  
23 the regional superintendent of schools' recommendations to  
24 renew or nonrenew Standard Teaching Certificates and notify  
25 certificate holders in writing whether their certificates have  
26 been renewed or nonrenewed within 90 days of receipt of the

1 recommendations, unless a certificate holder has appealed a  
2 regional superintendent of schools' recommendation of  
3 nonrenewal, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection  
4 (h). The State Teacher Certification Board shall verify that  
5 the certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth  
6 in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section.

7 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal  
8 a regional superintendent of school's recommendation to  
9 nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the State  
10 Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt of  
11 notice that the decision has been sent to the State Teacher  
12 Certification Board, which shall hold an appeal hearing within  
13 60 days of receipt of the appeal. When such an appeal is taken,  
14 the certificate holder's Standard Teaching Certificate shall  
15 continue to be valid until the appeal is finally determined.  
16 The State Teacher Certification Board shall review the regional  
17 superintendent of school's recommendation, the regional  
18 professional development review committee's recommendation, if  
19 any, and the local professional development committee's  
20 recommendation, if any, and all relevant documentation to  
21 verify whether the certificate holder has met the renewal  
22 criteria set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this  
23 Section. The State Teacher Certification Board may request that  
24 the certificate holder appear before it. All actions taken by  
25 the State Teacher Certification Board shall require a quorum  
26 and be by a simple majority of those present and voting. A

1 record of all votes shall be maintained. The State Teacher  
2 Certification Board shall notify the certificate holder in  
3 writing, within 7 days of completing the review, whether his or  
4 her Standard Teaching Certificate has been renewed or  
5 nonrenewed, provided that if the State Teacher Certification  
6 Board determines to nonrenew a certificate, the written notice  
7 provided to the certificate holder shall be by certified mail,  
8 return receipt requested. All certificate renewal or  
9 nonrenewal decisions of the State Teacher Certification Board  
10 are final and subject to administrative review, as set forth in  
11 Section 21-24 of this Code.

12 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet the  
13 same requirements and follow the same procedures as holders of  
14 Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their renewal  
15 cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2  
16 of this Code and their renewal requirements shall be subject to  
17 paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

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

24 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master  
25 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing  
26 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary

1 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
2 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated  
3 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their certificates  
4 through the regional superintendent of schools of the regional  
5 office of education for the geographic area where their  
6 teaching is done. These certificate holders shall follow the  
7 same renewal criteria and procedures as all other Standard and  
8 Master Teaching Certificate holders, except that their  
9 continuing professional development activities need not  
10 reflect or address the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local  
11 school improvement plan.

12 (k) (Blank).

13 (l) (Blank).

14 (m) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act  
15 of the 93rd General Assembly that affect renewal of Standard  
16 and Master Certificates shall apply to those persons who hold  
17 Standard or Master Certificates on or after the effective date  
18 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall  
19 be given effect upon renewal of those certificates.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-793, eff. 1-1-09.)