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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 226

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 226, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
6 21-7.1 and by adding Section 21-7.6 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-7.1)

8 Sec. 21-7.1. Administrative certificate.

9 (a) After July 1, 1999, an administrative certificate valid
10 for 5 years of supervising and administering in the public
11 common schools (unless changed under subsection (a-5) of this
12 Section) may be issued to persons who have graduated from a
13 regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a
14 master's degree and who have been recommended by a recognized
15 institution of higher learning, a not-for-profit entity, or a
16 combination thereof, as having completed a program of

1 preparation for one or more of these endorsements. Such
2 programs of academic and professional preparation required for
3 endorsement shall be administered by an ~~the~~ institution or
4 not-for-profit entity approved to offer such programs by the
5 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
6 Teacher Certification Board, and shall be operated in
7 accordance with this Article and the standards set forth by the
8 State Superintendent of Education in consultation with the
9 State Teacher Certification Board. Any program offered in whole
10 or in part by a not-for-profit entity must also be approved by
11 the Board of Higher Education.

12 (a-5) Beginning July 1, 2003, if an administrative
13 certificate holder holds a Standard Teaching Certificate, the
14 validity period of the administrative certificate shall be
15 changed, if necessary, so that the validity period of the
16 administrative certificate coincides with the validity period
17 of the Standard Teaching Certificate. Beginning July 1, 2003,
18 if an administrative certificate holder holds a Master Teaching
19 Certificate, the validity period of the administrative
20 certificate shall be changed so that the validity period of the
21 administrative certificate coincides with the validity period
22 of the Master Teaching Certificate.

23 (b) No administrative certificate shall be issued for the
24 first time after June 30, 1987 and no endorsement provided for
25 by this Section shall be made or affixed to an administrative
26 certificate for the first time after June 30, 1987 unless the

1 person to whom such administrative certificate is to be issued
2 or to whose administrative certificate such endorsement is to
3 be affixed has been required to demonstrate as a part of a
4 program of academic or professional preparation for such
5 certification or endorsement: (i) an understanding of the
6 knowledge called for in establishing productive parent-school
7 relationships and of the procedures fostering the involvement
8 which such relationships demand; and (ii) an understanding of
9 the knowledge required for establishing a high quality school
10 climate and promoting good classroom organization and
11 management, including rules of conduct and instructional
12 procedures appropriate to accomplishing the tasks of
13 schooling; and (iii) a demonstration of the knowledge and
14 skills called for in providing instructional leadership. The
15 standards for demonstrating an understanding of such knowledge
16 shall be set forth by the State Board of Education in
17 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, and
18 shall be administered by the recognized institutions of higher
19 learning as part of the programs of academic and professional
20 preparation required for certification and endorsement under
21 this Section. As used in this subsection: "establishing
22 productive parent-school relationships" means the ability to
23 maintain effective communication between parents and school
24 personnel, to encourage parental involvement in schooling, and
25 to motivate school personnel to engage parents in encouraging
26 student achievement, including the development of programs and

1 policies which serve to accomplish this purpose; and
2 "establishing a high quality school climate" means the ability
3 to promote academic achievement, to maintain discipline, to
4 recognize substance abuse problems among students and utilize
5 appropriate law enforcement and other community resources to
6 address these problems, to support teachers and students in
7 their education endeavors, to establish learning objectives
8 and to provide instructional leadership, including the
9 development of policies and programs which serve to accomplish
10 this purpose; and "providing instructional leadership" means
11 the ability to effectively evaluate school personnel, to
12 possess general communication and interpersonal skills, and to
13 establish and maintain appropriate classroom learning
14 environments. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply
15 to or affect the initial issuance or making on or before June
16 30, 1987 of any administrative certificate or endorsement
17 provided for under this Section, nor shall such provisions
18 apply to or affect the renewal after June 30, 1987 of any such
19 certificate or endorsement initially issued or made on or
20 before June 30, 1987.

21 (c) Administrative certificates shall be renewed every 5
22 years with the first renewal being 5 years following the
23 initial receipt of an administrative certificate, unless the
24 validity period for the administrative certificate has been
25 changed under subsection (a-5) of this Section, in which case
26 the certificate shall be renewed at the same time that the

1 Standard or Master Teaching Certificate is renewed.

2 (c-5) (Blank). ~~Before July 1, 2003, renewal requirements~~
3 ~~for administrators whose positions require certification shall~~
4 ~~be based upon evidence of continuing professional education~~
5 ~~which promotes the following goals: (1) improving~~
6 ~~administrators' knowledge of instructional practices and~~
7 ~~administrative procedures; (2) maintaining the basic level of~~
8 ~~competence required for initial certification; and (3)~~
9 ~~improving the mastery of skills and knowledge regarding the~~
10 ~~improvement of teaching performance in clinical settings and~~
11 ~~assessment of the levels of student performance in their~~
12 ~~schools. Evidence of continuing professional education must~~
13 ~~include verification of biennial attendance in a program~~
14 ~~developed by the Illinois Administrators' Academy and~~
15 ~~verification of annual participation in a school district~~
16 ~~approved activity which contributes to continuing professional~~
17 ~~education.~~

18 (c-10) Except ~~Beginning July 1, 2003, except~~ as otherwise
19 provided in subsection (c-15) of this Section, persons holding
20 administrative certificates must follow the certificate
21 renewal procedure set forth in this subsection (c-10), provided
22 that those persons holding administrative certificates on June
23 30, 2003 who are renewing those certificates on or after July
24 1, 2003 shall be issued new administrative certificates valid
25 for 5 years (unless changed under subsection (a-5) of this
26 Section), which may be renewed thereafter as set forth in this

1 subsection (c-10).

2 A person holding an administrative certificate and
3 employed in a position requiring administrative certification,
4 including a regional superintendent of schools, must satisfy
5 the continuing professional development requirements of this
6 Section to renew his or her administrative certificate. The
7 continuing professional development must include without
8 limitation the following continuing professional development
9 purposes:

10 (1) To improve the administrator's knowledge of
11 instructional practices and administrative procedures in
12 accordance with the Illinois Professional School Leader
13 Standards.

14 (2) To maintain the basic level of competence required
15 for initial certification.

16 (3) To improve the administrator's mastery of skills
17 and knowledge regarding the improvement of teaching
18 performance in clinical settings and assessment of the
19 levels of student performance in the schools.

20 The continuing professional development must include the
21 following in order for the certificate to be renewed:

22 (A) Participation in continuing professional
23 development activities, which must total a minimum of 100
24 hours of continuing professional development. The
25 participation must consist of a minimum of 5 activities per
26 validity period of the certificate, and the certificate

1 holder must maintain documentation of completion of each
2 activity.

3 (B) Participation every year in an Illinois
4 Administrators' Academy course, which participation must
5 total a minimum of 30 continuing professional development
6 hours during the period of the certificate's validity and
7 which must include completion of applicable required
8 coursework, including completion of a communication,
9 dissemination, or application component, as defined by the
10 State Board of Education.

11 The certificate holder must complete a verification form
12 developed by the State Board of Education and certify that 100
13 hours of continuing professional development activities and 5
14 Administrators' Academy courses have been completed. The
15 regional superintendent of schools shall review and validate
16 the verification form for a certificate holder. Based on
17 compliance with all of the requirements for renewal, the
18 regional superintendent of schools shall forward a
19 recommendation for renewal or non-renewal to the State
20 Superintendent of Education and shall notify the certificate
21 holder of the recommendation. The State Superintendent of
22 Education shall review the recommendation to renew or non-renew
23 and shall notify, in writing, the certificate holder of a
24 decision denying renewal of his or her certificate. Any
25 decision regarding non-renewal of an administrative
26 certificate may be appealed to the State Teacher Certification

1 Board.

2 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
3 State Teacher Certification Board, shall adopt rules to
4 implement this subsection (c-10).

5 The regional superintendent of schools shall monitor the
6 process for renewal of administrative certificates established
7 in this subsection (c-10).

8 (c-15) This subsection (c-15) applies to the first period
9 of an administrative certificate's validity during which the
10 holder becomes subject to the requirements of subsection (c-10)
11 of this Section if the certificate has less than 5 years'
12 validity or has less than 5 years' validity remaining when the
13 certificate holder becomes subject to the requirements of
14 subsection (c-10) of this Section. With respect to this period,
15 the 100 hours of continuing professional development and 5
16 activities per validity period specified in clause (A) of
17 subsection (c-10) of this Section shall instead be deemed to
18 mean 20 hours of continuing professional development and one
19 activity per year of the certificate's validity or remaining
20 validity and the 30 continuing professional development hours
21 specified in clause (B) of subsection (c-10) of this Section
22 shall instead be deemed to mean completion of at least one
23 course per year of the certificate's validity or remaining
24 validity. Certificate holders who evaluate certified staff
25 must complete a 2-day teacher evaluation course, in addition to
26 the 30 continuing professional development hours.

1 (c-20) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
2 the State Teacher Certification Board, shall develop
3 procedures for implementing this Section and shall administer
4 the renewal of administrative certificates. Failure to submit
5 satisfactory evidence of continuing professional education
6 which contributes to promoting the goals of this Section shall
7 result in a loss of administrative certification.

8 (d) Any limited or life supervisory certificate issued
9 prior to July 1, 1968 shall continue to be valid for all
10 administrative and supervisory positions in the public schools
11 for which it is valid as of that date as long as its holder
12 meets the requirements for registration or renewal as set forth
13 in the statutes or until revoked according to law.

14 (e) The administrative or supervisory positions for which
15 the certificate shall be valid shall be determined by one or
16 more of the following 3 endorsements: general supervisory,
17 general administrative, principal, chief school business
18 official, and superintendent.

19 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, endorsements
20 shall be made under conditions set forth in this Section. The
21 State Board of Education shall, in consultation with the State
22 Teacher Certification Board, adopt rules pursuant to the
23 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, establishing
24 requirements for obtaining administrative certificates where
25 the minimum administrative or supervisory requirements surpass
26 those set forth in this Section.

1 The State Teacher Certification Board shall file with the
2 State Board of Education a written recommendation when
3 considering additional administrative or supervisory
4 requirements. All additional requirements shall be based upon
5 the requisite knowledge necessary to perform those tasks
6 required by the certificate. The State Board of Education shall
7 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
8 establish standards within its rules which shall include the
9 academic and professional requirements necessary for
10 certification. These standards shall at a minimum contain, but
11 not be limited to, those used by the State Board of Education
12 in determining whether additional knowledge will be required.
13 Additionally, the State Board of Education shall in
14 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
15 establish provisions within its rules whereby any member of the
16 educational community or the public may file a formal written
17 recommendation or inquiry regarding requirements.

18 (1) Until July 1, 2003, the general supervisory
19 endorsement shall be affixed to the administrative
20 certificate of any holder who has at least 16 semester
21 hours of graduate credit in professional education
22 including 8 semester hours of graduate credit in curriculum
23 and research and who has at least 2 years of full-time
24 teaching experience or school service personnel experience
25 in public schools, schools under the supervision of the
26 Department of Corrections, schools under the

1 administration of the Department of Rehabilitation
2 Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the standards
3 established by the State Superintendent of Education or
4 comparable out-of-state recognition standards approved by
5 the State Superintendent of Education.

6 Such endorsement shall be required for supervisors,
7 curriculum directors and for such similar and related
8 positions as determined by the State Superintendent of
9 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
10 Certification Board.

11 (2) Until June 30, 2014, the ~~The~~ general administrative
12 endorsement shall be affixed to the administrative
13 certificate of any holder who has at least 20 semester
14 hours of graduate credit in educational administration and
15 supervision and who has at least 2 years of full-time
16 teaching experience or school service personnel experience
17 in public schools, schools under the supervision of the
18 Department of Corrections, schools under the
19 administration of the Department of Rehabilitation
20 Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the standards
21 established by the State Superintendent of Education or
22 comparable out-of-state recognition standards approved by
23 the State Superintendent of Education.

24 Such endorsement or a principal endorsement shall be
25 required for principal, assistant principal, assistant or
26 associate superintendent, and junior college dean and for

1 related or similar positions as determined by the State
2 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
3 Teacher Certification Board.

4 ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act,~~
5 ~~after January 1, 1990 and until January 1, 1991, any~~
6 ~~teacher employed by a district subject to Article 34 shall~~
7 ~~be entitled to receive an administrative certificate with a~~
8 ~~general administrative endorsement affixed thereto if he~~
9 ~~or she: (i) had at least 3 years of experience as a~~
10 ~~certified teacher for such district prior to August 1,~~
11 ~~1985; (ii) obtained a Master's degree prior to August 1,~~
12 ~~1985; (iii) completed at least 20 hours of graduate credit~~
13 ~~in education courses (including at least 12 hours in~~
14 ~~educational administration and supervision) prior to~~
15 ~~September 1, 1987; and (iv) has received a rating of~~
16 ~~superior for at least each of the last 5 years. Any person~~
17 ~~who obtains an administrative certificate with a general~~
18 ~~administrative endorsement affixed thereto under this~~
19 ~~paragraph shall not be qualified to serve in any~~
20 ~~administrative position except assistant principal.~~

21 (2.5) The principal endorsement shall be affixed to the
22 administrative certificate of any holder who qualifies by:

23 (A) successfully completing a principal
24 preparation program approved in accordance with
25 Section 21-7.6 of this Code and any applicable rules;

26 (B) having 4 years of teaching experience;

1 however, the State Board of Education shall allow, by
2 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based on
3 meeting standards set forth in such rules, including
4 without limitation a review of performance evaluations
5 or other evidence of demonstrated qualifications; and
6 (C) having a master's degree.

7 (3) The chief school business official endorsement
8 shall be affixed to the administrative certificate of any
9 holder who qualifies by having a Master's degree, 2 years
10 of administrative experience in school business management
11 or 2 years of university-approved practical experience,
12 and a minimum of 20 semester hours of graduate credit in a
13 program established by the State Superintendent of
14 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
15 Certification Board for the preparation of school business
16 administrators. Such endorsement shall also be affixed to
17 the administrative certificate of any holder who qualifies
18 by having a Master's Degree in Business Administration,
19 Finance or Accounting from a regionally accredited
20 institution of higher education.

21 After June 30, 1977, such endorsement shall be required
22 for any individual first employed as a chief school
23 business official.

24 (4) The superintendent endorsement shall be affixed to
25 the administrative certificate of any holder who has
26 completed 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the

1 master's degree in a program for the preparation of
2 superintendents of schools including 16 semester hours of
3 graduate credit in professional education and who has at
4 least 2 years experience as an administrator or supervisor
5 in the public schools or the State Board of Education or
6 education service regions or in nonpublic schools meeting
7 the standards established by the State Superintendent of
8 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards
9 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and holds
10 general supervisory or general administrative endorsement,
11 or who has had 2 years of experience as a supervisor or
12 administrator while holding an all-grade supervisory
13 certificate or a certificate comparable in validity and
14 educational and experience requirements.

15 After June 30, 1968, such endorsement shall be required
16 for a superintendent of schools, except as provided in the
17 second paragraph of this Section and in Section 34-6.

18 Any person appointed to the position of superintendent
19 between the effective date of this Act and June 30, 1993 in
20 a school district organized pursuant to Article 32 with an
21 enrollment of at least 20,000 pupils shall be exempt from
22 the provisions of this paragraph (4) until June 30, 1996.

23 (f) All official interpretations or acts of issuing or
24 denying administrative certificates or endorsements by the
25 State Teacher's Certification Board, State Board of Education
26 or the State Superintendent of Education, from the passage of

1 P.A. 81-1208 on November 8, 1979 through September 24, 1981 are
2 hereby declared valid and legal acts in all respects and
3 further that the purported repeal of the provisions of this
4 Section by P.A. 81-1208 and P.A. 81-1509 is declared null and
5 void.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-56, eff. 1-1-10.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.6 new)

8 Sec. 21-7.6. Principal preparation programs.

9 (a) It is the policy of this State that an essential
10 element of improving student learning is supporting and
11 employing highly effective school principals in leadership
12 roles who improve teaching and learning and increase academic
13 achievement and the development of all students.

14 (b) No later than July 1, 2014, all institutions of higher
15 education and not-for-profit entities approved by the State
16 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
17 Certification Board, to offer principal preparation programs
18 must do all of the following:

19 (1) Meet the standards and requirements for such
20 programs in accordance with this Section and any rules
21 adopted by the State Board of Education.

22 (2) Prepare candidates to meet approved standards for
23 principal skills, knowledge, and responsibilities, which
24 shall include a focus on instruction and student learning
25 and which must be used for principal professional

1 development, mentoring, and evaluation.

2 (3) Include specific requirements for (i) the
3 selection and assessment of candidates, (ii) training in
4 the evaluation of staff, (iii) an internship, and (iv) a
5 partnership with one or more school districts or
6 State-recognized, non-public schools where the chief
7 administrator is required to have the certification
8 necessary to be a principal in an Illinois public school
9 and where a majority of the instructors are required to
10 have the certification necessary to be instructors in an
11 Illinois public school.

12 In accordance with subsection (a) of Section 21-7.1 of this
13 Code, any principal preparation program offered in whole or in
14 part by a not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the
15 Board of Higher Education.

16 (c) No candidates may be admitted to an approved general
17 administrative preparation program after September 1, 2012.
18 Institutions of higher education currently offering general
19 administrative preparation programs may no longer entitle
20 principals with a general administrative endorsement after
21 June 30, 2014.

22 (d) Candidates successfully completing a principal
23 preparation program established pursuant to this Section shall
24 obtain a principal endorsement on an administrative
25 certificate and are eligible to work in, at a minimum, those
26 capacities set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of

1 Section 21-7.1 of this Code. Beginning on July 1, 2014, the
2 general administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued.
3 Individuals who hold a valid and registered administrative
4 certificate with a general administrative endorsement prior to
5 July 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one full year
6 during the 5 years prior in a position requiring a general
7 administrative endorsement shall, upon request to the State
8 Board of Education and through July 1, 2015, have their
9 respective general administrative endorsement converted to a
10 principal endorsement. All other individuals holding a valid
11 and registered administrative certificate with a general
12 administrative endorsement prior to July 1, 2014 shall have
13 such general administrative endorsement converted to a
14 principal endorsement upon request to the State Board of
15 Education and by completing one of the following pathways:

16 (1) Take and pass a State principal assessment
17 developed by the State Board of Education.

18 (2) Through July 1, 2019, complete an Illinois
19 Administrators' Academy course designated by the State
20 Superintendent of Education.

21 (3) Complete a principal preparation program
22 established and approved pursuant to this Section and
23 applicable rules.

24 Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly
25 shall prevent an individual having a general administrative
26 endorsement from serving at any time in any position identified

1 in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this
2 Code.

3 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt rules necessary
4 to implement and administer principal preparation programs
5 under this Section.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
7 2010.".