



Elementary Secondary Education Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 616

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 616 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections  
5 21-5a, 21-5b, 21-5c, 21-5d, and 21-5e as follows:

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

7 Sec. 21-5a. Alternative math-science certification. The  
8 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
9 Teacher Certification Board, may ~~shall~~ establish and implement  
10 an alternative certification program under which persons who  
11 qualify for admission to, and who successfully complete the  
12 program and meet the additional requirements established by  
13 this Section shall be issued an initial teaching certificate  
14 for teaching mathematics, science or mathematics and science in  
15 grades 9 through 12 of the common schools. In establishing an  
16 alternative certification program under this Section, the

1 State Board of Education shall designate an appropriate area  
2 within the State where the program shall be offered and made  
3 available to persons qualified for admission to the program. In  
4 addition, the State Board of Education, in cooperation with one  
5 or more recognized institutions of higher learning, one or more  
6 non-profit entities, or a combination thereof, shall develop a  
7 comprehensive course of study that persons admitted to the  
8 program must successfully complete in order to satisfy one  
9 criterion for issuance of an initial certificate under this  
10 Section. The comprehensive course of study so developed shall  
11 include one semester of practice teaching.

12 An initial teaching certificate, valid for 4 years for  
13 teaching mathematics, science or mathematics and science in  
14 grades 9 through 12 of the common schools and renewable as  
15 provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under this Section  
16 21-5a to persons who qualify for admission to the alternative  
17 certification program and who at the time of applying for an  
18 initial teaching certificate under this Section:

19 (1) have graduated with a master's degree in  
20 mathematics or any science discipline from an institution  
21 of higher learning whose scholarship standards are  
22 approved by the State Board of Education for purposes of  
23 the alternative certification program;

24 (2) have been employed for at least 10 years in an area  
25 requiring knowledge and practical application of their  
26 academic background in mathematics or a science

1 discipline;

2 (3) have successfully completed the alternative  
3 certification program and the course of comprehensive  
4 study, including one semester of practice teaching,  
5 developed as part of the program as provided in this  
6 Section and approved by the State Board of Education; and

7 (4) have passed the examinations required by Section  
8 21-1a.

9 The alternative certification program shall be implemented  
10 at the commencement of the 1992-1993 academic year.

11 The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for  
12 admission to the alternative certification program and shall  
13 adopt rules and regulations that are consistent with this  
14 Section and that the State Board of Education deems necessary  
15 to establish and implement the program.

16 Alternative certification programs under Sections 21-5a  
17 through 21-5e may be provided by various types of qualified  
18 providers, including both institutions of higher education and  
19 other providers operating independently from institutions of  
20 higher education; provided however, that any and all programs  
21 must be approved by the State Board of Education in accordance  
22 with rules and regulations.

23 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/21-5b)

25 Sec. 21-5b. Alternative certification. The State Board of

1 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
2 Certification Board, shall establish and implement an  
3 alternative certification program under which persons who meet  
4 the requirements of and successfully complete the program  
5 established by this Section shall be issued an alternative  
6 teaching certificate for teaching in the schools. The program  
7 shall be limited to not more than 260 new participants during  
8 each year that the program is in effect. The State Board of  
9 Education, in cooperation with one or more not-for-profit  
10 organizations in the State that support excellence in teaching,  
11 which may be in a partnership formed with a university that  
12 offers 4-year baccalaureate and masters degree programs and  
13 that is a recognized institution as defined in Section 21-21,  
14 may ~~and one or more not for profit organizations in the State~~  
15 ~~which support excellence in teaching,~~ shall within 30 days  
16 after submission by the program sponsor partnership approve a  
17 course of study developed by the program sponsor partnership  
18 that persons in the program must successfully complete in order  
19 to satisfy one criterion for issuance of an alternative  
20 certificate under this Section. The Alternative Teacher  
21 Certification program course of study must include ~~the current~~  
22 content and skills ~~contained in the university's current~~  
23 ~~courses for State certification~~ which have been approved by the  
24 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
25 Teacher Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for  
26 State teacher certification.

1           The alternative certification program established under  
2 this Section shall be known as the Alternative Teacher  
3 Certification program. The Alternative Teacher Certification  
4 Program shall be offered by the submitting partnership, and  
5 such partnership may be offered by ~~in conjunction with~~ one or  
6 more not-for-profit organizations in the State which support  
7 excellence in teaching. The program shall be comprised of the  
8 following 3 phases: (a) the first phase is the course of study  
9 offered on an intensive basis in education theory,  
10 instructional methods, and practice teaching; (b) the second  
11 phase is the person's assignment to a full-time teaching  
12 position for one school year; and (c) the third phase is a  
13 comprehensive assessment of the person's teaching performance  
14 by school officials and the partnership participants and a  
15 recommendation by the program sponsor ~~partner institution of~~  
16 ~~higher education~~ to the State Board of Education that the  
17 person be issued a standard alternative teaching certificate.  
18 Successful completion of the Alternative Teacher Certification  
19 program shall be deemed to satisfy any other practice or  
20 student teaching and subject matter requirements established  
21 by law.

22           A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for  
23 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,  
24 shall be issued under this Section 21-5b to persons who at the  
25 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching  
26 certificate under this Section:

1           (1) have graduated from an accredited college or  
2 university with a bachelor's degree;

3           (2) have successfully completed the first phase of the  
4 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in  
5 this Section;

6           (3) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject  
7 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a; and

8           (4) (i) have been employed for a period of at least 5  
9 years in an area requiring application of the individual's  
10 education or (ii) have attained at least a cumulative grade  
11 average of a "B" if the individual is assigned either to a  
12 school district that has not met the annual measurable  
13 objective for highly qualified teachers required by the  
14 Illinois Revised Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) Plan or to  
15 a school district whose data filed with the State Board of  
16 Education indicates that the district's poor and minority  
17 students are taught by teachers who are not highly  
18 qualified at a higher rate than other students; however,  
19 this item (4) does not apply with respect to a provisional  
20 alternative teaching certificate for teaching in schools  
21 situated in a school district that is located in a city  
22 having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.  
23 Assignment may be made under clause (ii) of this item (4)  
24 only if the district superintendent and the exclusive  
25 bargaining representative of the district's teachers, if  
26 any, jointly agree to permit the assignment.

1           A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate  
2 under this Section shall be treated as a regularly certified  
3 teacher for purposes of compensation, benefits, and other terms  
4 and conditions of employment afforded teachers in the school  
5 who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an  
6 exclusive bargaining representative, if any.

7           Until February 15, 2000, a standard alternative teaching  
8 certificate, valid for 4 years for teaching in the schools and  
9 renewable as provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under  
10 this Section 21-5b to persons who first complete the  
11 requirements for the provisional alternative teaching  
12 certificate and who at the time of applying for a standard  
13 alternative teaching certificate under this Section have  
14 successfully completed the second and third phases of the  
15 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in this  
16 Section. Alternatively, beginning February 15, 2000, at the end  
17 of the 4-year validity period, persons who were issued a  
18 standard alternative teaching certificate shall be eligible,  
19 on the same basis as holders of an Initial Teaching Certificate  
20 issued under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this Code, to  
21 apply for a Standard Teaching Certificate, provided they meet  
22 the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code  
23 and further provided that a person who does not apply for and  
24 receive a Standard Teaching Certificate shall be able to teach  
25 only in schools situated in a school district that is located  
26 in a city having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

1           Beginning February 15, 2000, persons who have completed the  
2 requirements for a standard alternative teaching certificate  
3 under this Section shall be issued an Initial Alternative  
4 Teaching Certificate valid for 4 years of teaching and not  
5 renewable. At the end of the 4-year validity period, these  
6 persons shall be eligible, on the same basis as holders of an  
7 Initial Teaching Certificate issued under subsection (b) of  
8 Section 21-2 of this Code, to apply for a Standard Teaching  
9 Certificate, provided they meet the requirements of subsection  
10 (c) of Section 21-2.

11           Such ~~This~~ alternative certification program shall be  
12 implemented so that the first provisional alternative teaching  
13 certificates issued under this Section are effective upon the  
14 commencement of the 1997-1998 academic year and the first  
15 standard alternative teaching certificates issued under this  
16 Section are effective upon the commencement of the 1998-1999  
17 academic year.

18           The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the  
19 partnership or partnerships establishing such ~~the~~ Alternative  
20 Teacher Certification programs ~~program~~, shall adopt rules and  
21 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the  
22 State Board of Education deems necessary to establish and  
23 implement the program.

24           (Source: P.A. 95-270, eff. 8-17-07.)



1           Sec. 21-5c. Alternative route to teacher certification.  
2           The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
3           Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and implement one  
4           or more ~~an~~ alternative route to teacher certification programs  
5           ~~program~~ under which persons who meet the requirements of and  
6           successfully complete the programs ~~program~~ established by this  
7           Section shall be issued an initial teaching certificate for  
8           teaching in schools in this State. The State Board of Education  
9           may ~~shall~~ approve a course of study that persons in such  
10          programs ~~the program~~ must successfully complete in order to  
11          satisfy one criterion for issuance of a certificate under this  
12          Section. The Alternative Route to Teacher Certification  
13          programs ~~program~~ course of study must include ~~the current~~  
14          content and skills ~~contained in a university's current courses~~  
15          ~~for State certification~~ which have been approved by the State  
16          Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
17          Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for State  
18          teacher certification.

19          Programs ~~The program~~ established under this Section shall  
20          be known as ~~the~~ Alternative Route to Teacher Certification  
21          programs ~~program~~. The programs ~~program~~ may be offered by a  
22          university that offers 4-year baccalaureate and masters degree  
23          programs and that is a recognized institution as defined in  
24          Section 21-21, by ~~in conjunction with~~ one or more  
25          not-for-profit organizations in the State, or a combination  
26          thereof. The programs ~~program~~ shall be comprised of the

1 following 3 phases: (a) a course of study offered on an  
2 intensive basis in education theory, instructional methods,  
3 and practice teaching; (b) the person's assignment to a  
4 full-time teaching position for one school year, including the  
5 designation of a mentor teacher to advise and assist the person  
6 with that teaching assignment; and (c) a comprehensive  
7 assessment of the person's teaching performance by school  
8 officials and program participants and a recommendation by the  
9 program sponsor ~~institution of higher education~~ to the State  
10 Board of Education that the person be issued an initial  
11 teaching certificate. Successful completion of ~~the~~ Alternative  
12 Route to Teacher Certification programs ~~program~~ shall be deemed  
13 to satisfy any other practice or student teaching and subject  
14 matter requirements established by law.

15 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for  
16 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,  
17 shall be issued under this Section 21-5c to persons who at the  
18 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching  
19 certificate under this Section:

20 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or  
21 university with a bachelor's degree;

22 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years  
23 in an area requiring application of the individual's  
24 education;

25 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the  
26 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in

1           this Section; and

2                   (4) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject  
3           matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a.

4           An initial teaching certificate, valid for teaching in the  
5           common schools, shall be issued under Section 21-3 or 21-5 to  
6           persons who first complete the requirements for the provisional  
7           alternative teaching certificate and who at the time of  
8           applying for an initial teaching certificate have successfully  
9           completed the second and third phases of the Alternative Route  
10          to Teacher Certification program as provided in this Section.

11          A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate  
12          or an initial teaching certificate earned under this Section  
13          shall be treated as a regularly certified teacher for purposes  
14          of compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions of  
15          employment afforded teachers in the school who are members of a  
16          bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining  
17          representative, if any.

18          The State Board of Education may adopt rules and  
19          regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the  
20          State Board deems necessary to establish and implement the  
21          program.

22          (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

23                   (105 ILCS 5/21-5d)

24           Sec. 21-5d. Alternative route to administrative  
25          certification. The State Board of Education, in consultation

1 with the State Teacher Certification Board and an advisory  
2 panel consisting of no less than 7 administrators appointed by  
3 the State Superintendent of Education, shall establish and  
4 implement one or more ~~an~~ alternative route to administrative  
5 certification program under which persons who meet the  
6 requirements of and successfully complete the program  
7 established by this Section shall be issued a standard  
8 administrative certificate for serving as an administrator in  
9 schools in this State. For the purposes of this Section only,  
10 "administrator" means a person holding any administrative  
11 position for which a standard administrative certificate with a  
12 general administrative endorsement, chief school business  
13 official endorsement, or superintendent endorsement is  
14 required, except a principal or an assistant principal. The  
15 State Board of Education may ~~shall~~ approve a course of study  
16 that persons in the program must successfully complete in order  
17 to satisfy one criterion for issuance of a certificate under  
18 this Section. The Alternative Route to Administrative  
19 Certification program course of study must include ~~the current~~  
20 content and skills ~~contained in a university's current courses~~  
21 ~~for State certification~~ which have been approved by the State  
22 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
23 Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for  
24 administrative certification.

25 Programs ~~The program~~ established under this Section shall  
26 be known as the Alternative Route to Administrative

1 Certification programs ~~program~~. The programs ~~The program~~ shall  
2 be comprised of the following 3 phases: (a) a course of study  
3 offered on an intensive basis in education management,  
4 governance, organization, and planning; (b) the person's  
5 assignment to a full-time position for one school year as an  
6 administrator; and (c) a comprehensive assessment of the  
7 person's performance by school officials and a recommendation  
8 to the State Board of Education that the person be issued a  
9 standard administrative certificate. Successful completion of  
10 an ~~the~~ Alternative Route to Administrative Certification  
11 program shall be deemed to satisfy any other supervisory,  
12 administrative, or management experience requirements  
13 established by law.

14 A provisional alternative administrative certificate,  
15 valid for one year of serving as an administrator in the common  
16 schools and not renewable, shall be issued under this Section  
17 21-5d to persons who at the time of applying for the  
18 provisional alternative administrative certificate under this  
19 Section:

20 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or  
21 university with a master's degree in a management field or  
22 with a bachelor's degree and the life experience equivalent  
23 of a master's degree in a management field as determined by  
24 the State Board of Education;

25 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years  
26 in a management level position;

1           (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the  
2           Alternative Route to Administrative Certification program  
3           as provided in this Section; and

4           (4) have passed any examination required by the State  
5           Board of Education.

6           A standard administrative certificate with a general  
7           administrative endorsement, chief school business official  
8           endorsement, or superintendent endorsement, renewable as  
9           provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under Section 21-7.1  
10          to persons who first complete the requirements for the  
11          provisional alternative administrative certificate and who at  
12          the time of applying for a standard administrative certificate  
13          have successfully completed the second and third phases of an  
14          ~~the~~ Alternative Route to Administrative Certification program  
15          as provided in this Section.

16          The State Board of Education may adopt rules and  
17          regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the  
18          State Board deems necessary to establish and implement those  
19          programs ~~the program~~.

20          (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

21           (105 ILCS 5/21-5e)

22           Sec. 21-5e. Alternative Route to Administrative  
23           Certification for National Board Certified Teachers.

24           (a) It shall be the policy of the State of Illinois to  
25           improve the recruitment and preparation of instructional

1 leaders.

2 (b) On or before July 1, 2007, the State Board of  
3 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
4 Certification Board, may ~~shall~~ establish and implement one or  
5 more ~~an~~ alternative route to administrative certification for  
6 teacher leaders, to be known as the Alternative Route to an  
7 Administrative Certificate for National Board Certified  
8 Teachers. "Teacher leader" means a certified teacher who has  
9 already received National Board certification through the  
10 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who has  
11 a teacher leader endorsement under Section 21-7.5 of this Code.  
12 Persons who meet the requirements of and successfully complete  
13 a ~~the~~ program established by this Section shall be issued a  
14 standard administrative certificate for serving in schools in  
15 this State. The State Board may ~~shall~~ approve a course of study  
16 that persons must successfully complete in order to satisfy one  
17 criterion for issuance of the administrative certificate under  
18 this Section. The Alternative Route to an Administrative  
19 Certificate for National Board Certified Teachers must include  
20 ~~the current~~ content and skills contained in ~~a college's or~~  
21 ~~university's courses and~~ the Illinois Professional School  
22 Leader Standards for State certification, with the exception of  
23 content and skills ~~courses that contain the competency areas~~  
24 ~~and the Illinois Professional School Leader Standards~~ that a  
25 candidate has already demonstrated meeting ~~met~~ through  
26 National Board certification or through a teacher leadership

1 master's degree program.

2 (c) The Alternative Route to an Administrative Certificate  
3 for National Board Certified Teachers shall be comprised of the  
4 following 4 phases:

5 (1) National Board certification and an endorsement in  
6 teacher leadership in accordance with Section 21-7.5 of  
7 this Code;

8 (2) a master's degree in a teacher leader program;

9 (3) 15 hours of coursework in which the candidate must  
10 show evidence of meeting competencies for organizational  
11 management and development, finance, supervision and  
12 evaluation, policy and legal issues, and leadership, as  
13 stated in the Illinois Professional School Leader  
14 Standards for principals; and

15 (4) a passing score on the Illinois Administrator  
16 Assessment.

17 (d) Successful completion of the Alternative Route to an  
18 Administrative Certificate for National Board Certified  
19 Teachers shall be deemed to satisfy all requirements to receive  
20 an administrative certificate established by law. The State  
21 Board shall adopt rules that are consistent with this Section  
22 and that the State Board deems necessary for the establishment  
23 and implementation of the program.

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

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon



1 becoming law.".