

HB0603



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Introduced 01/31/11, by Rep. Michael J. Madigan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-5c

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning alternative teacher certification.

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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 Section
5 21-5c as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-5c)

7 Sec. 21-5c. Alternative route to teacher certification.

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

23 Programs established under this Section shall be known as

1 Alternative Route to Teacher Certification programs. The
2 programs may be offered by a university that offers 4-year
3 baccalaureate and masters degree programs and that is a
4 recognized institution as defined in Section 21-21, by one or
5 more not-for-profit organizations in the State, or a
6 combination thereof. The programs shall be comprised of the
7 following 3 phases: (a) a course of study offered on an
8 intensive basis in education theory, instructional methods,
9 and practice teaching; (b) the person's assignment to a
10 full-time teaching position for one school year, including the
11 designation of a mentor teacher to advise and assist the person
12 with that teaching assignment; and (c) a comprehensive
13 assessment of the person's teaching performance by school
14 officials and program participants and a recommendation by the
15 program sponsor to the State Board of Education that the person
16 be issued an initial teaching certificate. Successful
17 completion of Alternative Route to Teacher Certification
18 programs shall be deemed to satisfy any other practice or
19 student teaching and subject matter requirements established
20 by law.

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

26 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or

1 university with a bachelor's degree;

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

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

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

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

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

24 The State Board of Education may adopt rules and
25 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
26 State Board deems necessary to establish and implement the

1 program.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-862, eff. 1-15-10.)