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**HB3489**

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-9

from Ch. 122, par. 21-9

Amends the School Code. With respect to the issuance of substitute teacher's certificates, provides that a person who holds a bachelor of arts degree from an institution of higher learning accredited by the North Central Association or other comparable regional accrediting association or has been graduated from a recognized institution of higher learning with a bachelor's degree must also complete a 15-hour substitute authorization program approved by the State Board of Education. Sets forth required components of the program.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

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 21-9 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-9) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-9)

7 Sec. 21-9. Substitute certificates and substitute  
8 teaching.

9 (a) A substitute teacher's certificate may be issued for  
10 teaching in all grades of the common schools. Such certificate  
11 may be issued upon request of the regional superintendent of  
12 schools of any region in which the teacher is to teach. A  
13 substitute teacher's certificate is valid for teaching in the  
14 public schools of any county. Such certificate may be issued to  
15 persons who either (a) hold a certificate valid for teaching in  
16 the common schools as shown on the face of the certificate, (b)  
17 have completed a 15-hour substitute authorization program  
18 approved by the State Board of Education and either hold a  
19 bachelor of arts degree from an institution of higher learning  
20 accredited by the North Central Association or other comparable  
21 regional accrediting association or have been graduated from a  
22 recognized institution of higher learning with a bachelor's  
23 degree, or (c) have had 2 years of teaching experience and meet

1 such other rules and regulations as may be adopted by the State  
2 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher  
3 Certification Board.

4 An approved substitute authorization program shall consist  
5 of all of the following components:

6 (1) Classroom management. This component includes an  
7 understanding of individual and group motivation and  
8 behavior to create a learning environment that encourages  
9 positive social interaction, active engagement in  
10 learning, and self-motivation.

11 (2) Strategies for learning. This component includes  
12 understanding and using a variety of learning strategies to  
13 encourage students' development of critical thinking,  
14 problem solving, and performance skills.

15 (3) Diversity. This component includes understanding  
16 how students differ in their approaches to learning and  
17 creating learning opportunities that are equitable and are  
18 adaptable to diverse learners.

19 (4) Ethics. This component includes fostering  
20 relationships with parents, school colleagues, and  
21 organizations in the larger community to support students'  
22 learning and development and to be aware of the State Board  
23 of Education's rules of professional practice and  
24 competent performance.

25 The cost of attending a substitute authorization program must  
26 be paid by the person attending the program. The State Board of

1 Education may adopt rules concerning substitute authorization  
2 programs.

3 A substitute teacher's ~~Such~~ certificate shall expire on  
4 June 30 in the fourth year from date of issue. Persons who have  
5 completed a substitute authorization program are not required  
6 to retake the program in order to renew their certificate.  
7 Substitute teacher's certificates are not subject to  
8 endorsement as described in Section 21-1b of this Code.

9 (b) A teacher holding a substitute teacher's certificate  
10 may teach only in the place of a certified teacher who is under  
11 contract with the employing board and may teach only when no  
12 appropriate fully certified teacher is available to teach in a  
13 substitute capacity. A teacher holding an early childhood  
14 certificate, an elementary certificate, a high school  
15 certificate, or a special certificate may also substitute teach  
16 in grades K-12 but only in the place of a certified teacher who  
17 is under contract with the employing board. A substitute  
18 teacher may teach only for a period not to exceed 90 paid  
19 school days or 450 paid school hours in any one school district  
20 in any one school term. However, a teacher holding an early  
21 childhood, elementary, high school, or special certificate may  
22 substitute teach for a period not to exceed 120 paid school  
23 days or 600 paid school hours in any one school district in any  
24 one school term. Where such teaching is partly on a daily and  
25 partly on an hourly basis, a school day shall be considered as  
26 5 hours. The teaching limitations imposed by this subsection

1 upon teachers holding substitute certificates shall not apply  
2 in any school district operating under Article 34.

3 (c) In order to substitute teach in the public schools, a  
4 person holding a valid substitute teacher's certificate or a  
5 person holding a valid early childhood certificate, a valid  
6 elementary certificate, a valid high school certificate, or a  
7 valid special certificate shall register as a substitute  
8 teacher with the regional superintendent of schools in each  
9 educational service region where the person will be employed. A  
10 person who registers as a substitute teacher with the regional  
11 superintendent of schools is responsible for (1) the payment of  
12 fees to register the certificate for its period of validity,  
13 (2) authorization of a criminal history records check and  
14 checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide  
15 Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database, as  
16 provided in Section 10-21.9 of this Code, (3) payment of the  
17 cost of the criminal history records check and checks of the  
18 Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child Murderer  
19 and Violent Offender Against Youth Database, and (4) providing  
20 evidence of physical fitness and freedom from communicable  
21 disease, including tuberculosis, which may consist of a  
22 physical examination and a tuberculin skin test as required by  
23 Section 24-5 of this Code.

24 The regional superintendent of schools shall maintain a  
25 file for each registered substitute teacher in the educational  
26 service region that includes a copy of the person's

1 certificate, the results from the criminal history records  
2 check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and  
3 Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth  
4 Database, a copy of the physical examination, and a copy of the  
5 tuberculin skin test. The regional superintendent of schools  
6 shall issue a signed and sealed certificate of authorization to  
7 the substitute teacher that verifies that the substitute  
8 teacher has completed the registration process and criminal  
9 history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender  
10 Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender  
11 Against Youth Database and has a physical examination and  
12 negative tuberculin test on file with the regional  
13 superintendent of schools and is thereby approved to substitute  
14 teach in the public schools of the educational service region.  
15 This certificate must be presented to all prospective employing  
16 school districts in the educational service region, who shall  
17 photocopy the certificate and keep a copy of the certificate  
18 with employment records for the substitute teacher.

19 Persons wishing to substitute teach in more than one  
20 educational service region shall register as a substitute  
21 teacher with the appropriate regional superintendent of  
22 schools. The registration process shall include all items  
23 listed in the first paragraph of this subsection (b), with the  
24 exception of the authorization of a criminal history records  
25 check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and  
26 Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth

1 Database and the accompanying payment of associated fees. If  
2 the substitute teacher has been issued a signed and sealed  
3 certificate of authorization from another regional  
4 superintendent of schools, the registering entity may  
5 photocopy the certificate for its files and verify the  
6 substitute teacher's registration status.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-1489, eff. 1-1-11.)