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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4278

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4278 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 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

1 four-year period covered by the certificate unless the holder  
2 thereof has filed certified evidence with the State Teacher  
3 Certification Board that he has a master's degree or that he  
4 has earned 8 semester hours of credit in the field of  
5 educational administration and supervision in a recognized  
6 institution of higher learning. The holder shall continue to  
7 earn 8 semester hours of credit each four-year period until  
8 such time as he has earned a master's degree.

9 All certificates not renewed as provided in this Section or  
10 registered in accordance with this Code shall lapse after a  
11 period of 6 months from the expiration of the last year of  
12 registration. Such certificates may be immediately reinstated  
13 upon payment by the applicant to the State Board of Education  
14 of (1) any and all back fees, including without limitation  
15 registration fees, owed from the time of expiration of the  
16 certificate until the date of reinstatement; and (2) a \$500  
17 penalty or the demonstration of proficiency by completing 9  
18 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited  
19 institution of higher education in the content area that most  
20 aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas; provided  
21 that, until September 1, 2012, certificates that have lapsed  
22 solely for the failure to pay a registration fee may be  
23 immediately reinstated upon payment only of any and all back  
24 fees, including without limitation registration fees, owed  
25 from the time of expiration of the certificate until the date  
26 of reinstatement. Penalty ~~Any and all back fees and penalty~~

1 amounts shall be deposited by the State Board of Education into  
2 the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund. Beginning on the  
3 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General  
4 Assembly, all back fees for registration must be paid and kept  
5 in accordance with Sections 3-12 and 21-16 of this Code. Any  
6 certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the certificate  
7 holder. A voluntarily surrendered certificate shall be treated  
8 as a revoked certificate.

9 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before  
10 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after February  
11 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be exchanged for  
12 Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in subsection (c) of  
13 Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard Teaching Certificates,  
14 including those issued to persons who previously held teaching  
15 certificates issued before February 15, 2000, shall be  
16 renewable under the conditions set forth in this subsection  
17 (b).

18 Initial Teaching Certificates are valid for 4 years of  
19 teaching, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this  
20 Code, and are renewable every 4 years until the person  
21 completes 4 years of teaching. If the holder of an Initial  
22 Certificate has completed 4 years of teaching but has not  
23 completed the requirements set forth in paragraph (2) of  
24 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, then the Initial  
25 Certificate may be reinstated for one year, during which the  
26 requirements must be met. A holder of an Initial Certificate

1 who has not completed 4 years of teaching may continuously  
2 register the certificate for additional 4-year periods without  
3 penalty. Initial Certificates that are not registered shall  
4 lapse consistent with subsection (a) of this Section and may be  
5 reinstated only in accordance with subsection (a). Standard  
6 Teaching Certificates are renewable every 5 years as provided  
7 in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and subsection (c) of this  
8 Section. For purposes of this Section, "teaching" is defined as  
9 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or  
10 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
11 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board  
12 of control, in a certificated teaching position, or a charter  
13 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law.

14 (c) In compliance with subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of  
15 this Code, which provides that a Standard Teaching Certificate  
16 may be renewed by the State Teacher Certification Board based  
17 upon proof of continuing professional development, the State  
18 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board  
19 shall jointly:

20 (1) establish a procedure for renewing Standard  
21 Teaching Certificates, which shall include but not be  
22 limited to annual timelines for the renewal process and the  
23 components set forth in subsections (d) through (k) of this  
24 Section;

25 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

26 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing

1 professional development activities;

2 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category of  
3 continuing professional development activities, based upon  
4 recommendations submitted by a continuing professional  
5 development activity task force, which shall consist of 6  
6 staff members from the State Board of Education, appointed  
7 by the State Superintendent of Education, and 6 teacher  
8 representatives, 3 of whom are selected by the Illinois  
9 Education Association and 3 of whom are selected by the  
10 Illinois Federation of Teachers;

11 (5) designate the type and amount of documentation  
12 required to show that continuing professional development  
13 activities have been completed; and

14 (6) provide, on a timely basis to all Illinois  
15 teachers, certificate holders, regional superintendents of  
16 schools, school districts, and others with an interest in  
17 continuing professional development, information about the  
18 standards and requirements established pursuant to this  
19 subsection (c).

20 (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an individual  
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 in compliance with the Charter Schools Law must be  
26 maintained Valid and Active through certificate renewal

1 activities specified in the certificate renewal procedure  
2 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section,  
3 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is  
4 only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis  
5 as a substitute teacher shall pay only the required  
6 registration fee to renew his or her certificate and maintain  
7 it as Valid and Active. All other Standard Teaching  
8 Certificates held may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through  
9 the registration process provided for in the certificate  
10 renewal procedure established pursuant to subsection (c) of  
11 this Section. A Valid and Exempt certificate must be  
12 immediately activated, through procedures developed jointly by  
13 the State Board of Education and the State Teacher  
14 Certification Board, upon the certificate holder becoming  
15 employed and performing 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. A  
20 holder of a Valid and Exempt certificate may activate his or  
21 her certificate through procedures provided for in the  
22 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to  
23 subsection (c) of this Section.

24 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been  
25 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the  
26 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active

1 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree  
2 from an approved institution in an education-related field;  
3 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as  
4 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this  
5 subsection (e); (iii) (blank); (iv) completing the National  
6 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as described  
7 in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or  
8 (v) earning 120 continuing professional development units  
9 ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of  
10 this subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional  
11 development units for each continuing professional development  
12 activity identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of  
13 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly  
14 determined by the State Board of Education and the State  
15 Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the certificate  
16 holder has maintained the certificate as Valid and Exempt for a  
17 portion of the 5-year period of validity, the number of  
18 continuing professional development units needed to renew the  
19 certificate as Valid and Active shall be proportionately  
20 reduced by the amount of time the certificate was Valid and  
21 Exempt. Furthermore, if a certificate holder is employed and  
22 performs teaching services on a part-time basis for all or a  
23 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the  
24 number of continuing professional development units needed to  
25 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by  
26 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been

1 employed and performed teaching services on a part-time basis.  
2 Part-time shall be defined as less than 50% of the school day  
3 or school term.

4 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary, if  
5 a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as Valid  
6 and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's validity and  
7 the certificate holder has completed his or her certificate  
8 renewal plan before July 1, 2002, the certificate shall be  
9 renewed as Valid and Active.

10 (2) Beginning July 1, 2004, in order to satisfy the  
11 requirements for continuing professional development provided  
12 for in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, each Valid  
13 and Active Standard Teaching Certificate holder shall complete  
14 professional development activities that address the  
15 certificate or those certificates that are required of his or  
16 her certificated teaching position, if the certificate holder  
17 is employed and performing services in an Illinois public or  
18 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
19 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board  
20 of control, or that certificate or those certificates most  
21 closely related to his or her teaching position, if the  
22 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except as  
23 otherwise provided in this subsection (e), the certificate  
24 holder's activities must address purposes (A), (B), (C), or (D)  
25 and must reflect purpose (E) of the following continuing  
26 professional development purposes:



1           (A) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge  
2           and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois  
3           Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content  
4           Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of  
5           certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in  
6           order to keep the certificate holder current in those  
7           areas.

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

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

17          (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and  
18          skills in an additional teaching field or toward the  
19          acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,  
20          or relevant education degree.

21          (E) Address the needs of serving students with  
22          disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general  
23          curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to  
24          meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving  
25          such students in the least restrictive environment.  
26          Teachers who hold certificates endorsed for special

1 education must devote at least 50% of their continuing  
2 professional development activities to this purpose.  
3 Teachers holding other certificates must devote at least  
4 20% of their activities to this purpose.

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

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

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

17 (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an  
18 approved education-related program, of which at least 2  
19 semester hours relate to the continuing professional  
20 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph  
21 (2) of this subsection (e), completion of which means no  
22 other continuing professional development activities are  
23 required;

24 (C) (blank);

25 (D) completion of the National Board for Professional  
26 Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for certification or

1           recertification, completion of which means no other  
2           continuing professional development activities are  
3           required;

4           (E) completion of 120 continuing professional  
5           development units that satisfy the continuing professional  
6           development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this  
7           subsection (e) and may include without limitation the  
8           activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of  
9           this paragraph (3);

10          (F) collaboration and partnership activities related  
11          to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a  
12          teacher, including the following:

13               (i) participating on collaborative planning and  
14               professional improvement teams and committees;

15               (ii) peer review and coaching;

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

20               (iv) participating in site-based management or  
21               decision making teams, relevant committees, boards, or  
22               task forces directly related to school improvement  
23               plans;

24               (v) coordinating community resources in schools,  
25               if the project is a specific goal of the school  
26               improvement plan;

1           (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a  
2 school, school district, or regional office of  
3 education directly related to student achievement or  
4 school improvement plans;

5           (vii) participating in business, school, or  
6 community partnerships directly related to student  
7 achievement or school improvement plans; or

8           (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher  
9 education candidate in clinical supervision, provided  
10 that the supervision may only be counted once during  
11 the course of 5 years;

12           (G) college or university coursework related to  
13 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher  
14 as follows:

15           (i) completing undergraduate or graduate credit  
16 earned from a regionally accredited institution in  
17 coursework relevant to the certificate area being  
18 renewed, including coursework that incorporates  
19 induction activities and development of a portfolio of  
20 both student and teacher work that provides experience  
21 in reflective practices, provided the coursework meets  
22 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or Illinois  
23 Content Area Standards and supports the essential  
24 characteristics of quality professional development;  
25 or

26           (ii) teaching college or university courses in

1 areas relevant to the certificate area being renewed,  
2 provided that the teaching may only be counted once  
3 during the course of 5 years;

4 (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and  
5 symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge  
6 and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the  
7 activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board  
8 acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including  
9 the following:

10 (i) completing non-university credit directly  
11 related to student achievement, school improvement  
12 plans, or State priorities;

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

15 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality  
16 Assurance;

17 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher  
18 preparation programs; or

19 (v) participating in or presenting at in-service  
20 training programs on suicide prevention.

21 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,  
22 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are  
23 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial  
24 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.

25 The State Superintendent of Education and regional  
26 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the

1 activities and events provided or to be provided under this  
2 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding  
3 those activities and events, and either the State  
4 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent  
5 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher  
6 Certification Board and the State Board of Education  
7 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered  
8 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

9 (I) other educational experiences related to improving  
10 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including  
11 the following:

12 (i) participating in action research and inquiry  
13 projects;

14 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,  
15 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,  
16 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

17 (iii) traveling related to one's teaching  
18 assignment, directly related to student achievement or  
19 school improvement plans and approved by the regional  
20 superintendent of schools or his or her designee at  
21 least 30 days prior to the travel experience, provided  
22 that the traveling shall not include time spent  
23 commuting to destinations where the learning  
24 experience will occur;

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

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

6 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or  
7 internships; or

8 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and  
9 teacher work;

10 (J) professional leadership experiences related to  
11 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,  
12 including the following:

13 (i) participating in curriculum development or  
14 assessment activities at the school, school district,  
15 regional office of education, State, or national  
16 level;

17 (ii) participating in team or department  
18 leadership in a school or school district;

19 (iii) participating on external or internal school  
20 or school district review teams;

21 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns, or  
22 books relevant to the certificate area being renewed;  
23 or

24 (v) participating in non-strike related  
25 professional association or labor organization service  
26 or activities related to professional development;

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

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

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

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

18 (4) A person must complete the requirements of this  
19 subsection (e) before the expiration of his or her Standard  
20 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance to the regional  
21 superintendent of schools or, if applicable, a local  
22 professional development committee authorized by the regional  
23 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this  
24 purpose. The statement of assurance shall contain a list of the  
25 activities completed, the provider offering each activity, the  
26 number of credits earned for each activity, and the purposes to



1 which each activity is attributed. The certificate holder shall  
2 maintain the evidence of completion of each activity for at  
3 least one certificate renewal cycle. The certificate holder  
4 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has  
5 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required  
6 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the  
7 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall  
8 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting  
9 documentation.

10 (5) (Blank).

11 (6) (Blank).

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

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

3           (2) (blank);

4           (3) (blank);

5           (4) (blank);

6           (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the  
7 requirements for certificate renewal and notify  
8 certificate holders if the decision is not to renew the  
9 certificate;

10          (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity  
11 to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to  
12 renew the certificate to the regional professional  
13 development review committee;

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

17          (8) (blank).

18          (g)(1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall  
19 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for  
20 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he or  
21 she receives from a local professional development committee,  
22 if any, or, if a certificate holder appeals the recommendation  
23 to the regional professional development review committee, the  
24 recommendation for renewal or nonrenewal he or she receives  
25 from a regional professional development review committee and,  
26 within 14 days of receipt of the recommendation, shall provide

1 the State Teacher Certification Board with verification of the  
2 following, if applicable:

3 (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily  
4 completed professional development and continuing  
5 education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of  
6 subsection (e) of this Section;

7 (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement  
8 of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)  
9 of this Section, and this statement has been attached to  
10 the application for renewal;

11 (C) the local professional development committee, if  
12 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate  
13 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the  
14 recommendation to the regional superintendent of schools;

15 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her  
16 local professional development committee's recommendation  
17 of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional professional  
18 development review committee and the result of that appeal;

19 (E) the regional superintendent of schools has  
20 concurred or nonconcurred with the local professional  
21 development committee's or regional professional  
22 development review committee's recommendation, if any, to  
23 renew or nonrenew the certificate holder's Standard  
24 Teaching Certificate and made a recommendation to that  
25 effect; and

26 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard

1 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

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

9 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal  
10 his or her local professional development committee's  
11 recommendation of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional  
12 professional development review committee, within 14 days of  
13 receipt of notice that the recommendation has been sent to the  
14 regional superintendent of schools. Each regional  
15 superintendent of schools shall establish a regional  
16 professional development review committee or committees for  
17 the purpose of advising the regional superintendent of schools,  
18 upon request, and handling certificate holder appeals. This  
19 committee shall consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one  
20 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2  
21 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either (i)  
22 a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a  
23 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference  
24 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed  
25 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure representation  
26 of an interest not already represented on the committee. The

1 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational  
2 employee members of the review committee shall be selected by  
3 their exclusive representative, if any, and the administrators  
4 and at-large member shall be selected by the regional  
5 superintendent of schools. A regional superintendent of  
6 schools may add additional members to the committee, provided  
7 that the same proportion of teachers to administrators and  
8 at-large members on the committee is maintained. Any additional  
9 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational  
10 employee members shall be selected by their exclusive  
11 representative, if any. Vacancies in positions on a regional  
12 professional development review committee shall be filled in  
13 the same manner as the original selections. Committee members  
14 shall serve staggered 3-year terms. All individuals selected to  
15 serve on regional professional development review committees  
16 must be known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or  
17 their respective field of practice.

18 (h) (1) The State Teacher Certification Board shall review  
19 the regional superintendent of schools' recommendations to  
20 renew or nonrenew Standard Teaching Certificates and notify  
21 certificate holders in writing whether their certificates have  
22 been renewed or nonrenewed within 90 days of receipt of the  
23 recommendations, unless a certificate holder has appealed a  
24 regional superintendent of schools' recommendation of  
25 nonrenewal, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection  
26 (h). The State Teacher Certification Board shall verify that

1 the certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth  
2 in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section.

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

1 nonrenewed, provided that if the State Teacher Certification  
2 Board determines to nonrenew a certificate, the written notice  
3 provided to the certificate holder shall be by certified mail,  
4 return receipt requested. All certificate renewal or  
5 nonrenewal decisions of the State Teacher Certification Board  
6 are final and subject to administrative review.

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

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

19 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master  
20 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing  
21 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary  
22 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
23 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated  
24 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their certificates  
25 through the regional superintendent of schools of the regional  
26 office of education for the geographic area where their

1 teaching is done. These certificate holders shall follow the  
2 same renewal criteria and procedures as all other Standard and  
3 Master Teaching Certificate holders, except that their  
4 continuing professional development activities need not  
5 reflect or address the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local  
6 school improvement plan.

7 (k) (Blank).

8 (l) (Blank).

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

15 (Source: P.A. 96-951, eff. 6-28-10; 97-607, eff. 8-26-11;  
16 97-682, eff. 5-8-12.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
18 becoming law."