

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 21-14 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  
17 four-year period covered by the certificate unless the holder  
18 thereof has filed certified evidence with the State Teacher  
19 Certification Board that he has a master's degree or that he  
20 has earned 8 semester hours of credit in the field of  
21 educational administration and supervision in a recognized  
22 institution of higher learning. The holder shall continue to  
23 earn 8 semester hours of credit each four-year period until

1 such time as he has earned a master's degree.

2 All certificates not renewed as provided in this Section or  
3 registered in accordance with this Code shall lapse after a  
4 period of 6 months from the expiration of the last year of  
5 registration. Such certificates may be immediately reinstated  
6 upon payment by the applicant to the State Board of Education  
7 of (1) any and all back fees, including without limitation  
8 registration fees, owed from the time of expiration of the  
9 certificate until the date of reinstatement; and (2) a \$500  
10 penalty or the demonstration of proficiency by completing 9  
11 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited  
12 institution of higher education in the content area that most  
13 aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas; provided  
14 that, until September 1, 2012, certificates that have lapsed  
15 solely for the failure to pay a registration fee may be  
16 immediately reinstated upon payment only of any and all back  
17 fees, including without limitation registration fees, owed  
18 from the time of expiration of the certificate until the date  
19 of reinstatement. Penalty ~~Any and all back fees and penalty~~  
20 amounts shall be deposited by the State Board of Education into  
21 the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund. Beginning on the  
22 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General  
23 Assembly, all back fees for registration must be paid and kept  
24 in accordance with Sections 3-12 and 21-16 of this Code. Any  
25 certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the certificate  
26 holder. A voluntarily surrendered certificate shall be treated

1 as a revoked certificate.

2 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before  
3 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after February  
4 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be exchanged for  
5 Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in subsection (c) of  
6 Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard Teaching Certificates,  
7 including those issued to persons who previously held teaching  
8 certificates issued before February 15, 2000, shall be  
9 renewable under the conditions set forth in this subsection  
10 (b).

11 Initial Teaching Certificates are valid for 4 years of  
12 teaching, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this  
13 Code, and are renewable every 4 years until the person  
14 completes 4 years of teaching. If the holder of an Initial  
15 Certificate has completed 4 years of teaching but has not  
16 completed the requirements set forth in paragraph (2) of  
17 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, then the Initial  
18 Certificate may be reinstated for one year, during which the  
19 requirements must be met. A holder of an Initial Certificate  
20 who has not completed 4 years of teaching may continuously  
21 register the certificate for additional 4-year periods without  
22 penalty. Initial Certificates that are not registered shall  
23 lapse consistent with subsection (a) of this Section and may be  
24 reinstated only in accordance with subsection (a). Standard  
25 Teaching Certificates are renewable every 5 years as provided  
26 in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and subsection (c) of this

1 Section. For purposes of this Section, "teaching" is defined as  
2 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or  
3 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
4 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board  
5 of control, in a certificated teaching position, or a charter  
6 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law.

7 (c) In compliance with subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of  
8 this Code, which provides that a Standard Teaching Certificate  
9 may be renewed by the State Teacher Certification Board based  
10 upon proof of continuing professional development, the State  
11 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board  
12 shall jointly:

13 (1) establish a procedure for renewing Standard  
14 Teaching Certificates, which shall include but not be  
15 limited to annual timelines for the renewal process and the  
16 components set forth in subsections (d) through (k) of this  
17 Section;

18 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

19 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing  
20 professional development activities;

21 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category of  
22 continuing professional development activities, based upon  
23 recommendations submitted by a continuing professional  
24 development activity task force, which shall consist of 6  
25 staff members from the State Board of Education, appointed  
26 by the State Superintendent of Education, and 6 teacher

1           representatives, 3 of whom are selected by the Illinois  
2           Education Association and 3 of whom are selected by the  
3           Illinois Federation of Teachers;

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

7           (6) provide, on a timely basis to all Illinois  
8           teachers, certificate holders, regional superintendents of  
9           schools, school districts, and others with an interest in  
10          continuing professional development, information about the  
11          standards and requirements established pursuant to this  
12          subsection (c).

13          (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an individual  
14          employed and performing services in an Illinois public or  
15          State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
16          cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board  
17          of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter  
18          school in compliance with the Charter Schools Law must be  
19          maintained Valid and Active through certificate renewal  
20          activities specified in the certificate renewal procedure  
21          established pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section,  
22          provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is  
23          only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis  
24          as a substitute teacher shall pay only the required  
25          registration fee to renew his or her certificate and maintain  
26          it as Valid and Active. All other Standard Teaching

1 Certificates held may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through  
2 the registration process provided for in the certificate  
3 renewal procedure established pursuant to subsection (c) of  
4 this Section. A Valid and Exempt certificate must be  
5 immediately activated, through procedures developed jointly by  
6 the State Board of Education and the State Teacher  
7 Certification Board, upon the certificate holder becoming  
8 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or  
9 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
10 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board  
11 of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter  
12 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A  
13 holder of a Valid and Exempt certificate may activate his or  
14 her certificate through procedures provided for in the  
15 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to  
16 subsection (c) of this Section.

17 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been  
18 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the  
19 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active  
20 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree  
21 from an approved institution in an education-related field;  
22 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as  
23 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this  
24 subsection (e); (iii) (blank); (iv) completing the National  
25 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as described  
26 in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or

1 (v) earning 120 continuing professional development units  
2 ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of  
3 this subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional  
4 development units for each continuing professional development  
5 activity identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of  
6 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly  
7 determined by the State Board of Education and the State  
8 Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the certificate  
9 holder has maintained the certificate as Valid and Exempt for a  
10 portion of the 5-year period of validity, the number of  
11 continuing professional development units needed to renew the  
12 certificate as Valid and Active shall be proportionately  
13 reduced by the amount of time the certificate was Valid and  
14 Exempt. Furthermore, if a certificate holder is employed and  
15 performs teaching services on a part-time basis for all or a  
16 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the  
17 number of continuing professional development units needed to  
18 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by  
19 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been  
20 employed and performed teaching services on a part-time basis.  
21 Part-time shall be defined as less than 50% of the school day  
22 or school term.

23 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary, if  
24 a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as Valid  
25 and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's validity and  
26 the certificate holder has completed his or her certificate

1 renewal plan before July 1, 2002, the certificate shall be  
2 renewed as Valid and Active.

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

20 (A) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge  
21 and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois  
22 Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content  
23 Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of  
24 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in  
25 order to keep the certificate holder current in those  
26 areas.



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

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

10          (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and  
11 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the  
12 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,  
13 or relevant education degree.

14          (E) Address the needs of serving students with  
15 disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general  
16 curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to  
17 meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving  
18 such students in the least restrictive environment.  
19 Teachers who hold certificates endorsed for special  
20 education must devote at least 50% of their continuing  
21 professional development activities to this purpose.  
22 Teachers holding other certificates must devote at least  
23 20% of their activities to this purpose.

24          A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is  
25 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and  
26 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing education

1 requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated under that  
2 Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing  
3 professional development requirements established by the State  
4 Board of Education and the Teacher Certification Board to renew  
5 a Standard Certificate.

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

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

10 (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an  
11 approved education-related program, of which at least 2  
12 semester hours relate to the continuing professional  
13 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph  
14 (2) of this subsection (e), completion of which means no  
15 other continuing professional development activities are  
16 required;

17 (C) (blank);

18 (D) completion of the National Board for Professional  
19 Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for certification or  
20 recertification, completion of which means no other  
21 continuing professional development activities are  
22 required;

23 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional  
24 development units that satisfy the continuing professional  
25 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this  
26 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the

1 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of  
2 this paragraph (3);

3 (F) collaboration and partnership activities related  
4 to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a  
5 teacher, including the following:

6 (i) participating on collaborative planning and  
7 professional improvement teams and committees;

8 (ii) peer review and coaching;

9 (iii) mentoring in a formal mentoring program,  
10 including service as a consulting teacher  
11 participating in a remediation process formulated  
12 under Section 24A-5 of this Code;

13 (iv) participating in site-based management or  
14 decision making teams, relevant committees, boards, or  
15 task forces directly related to school improvement  
16 plans;

17 (v) coordinating community resources in schools,  
18 if the project is a specific goal of the school  
19 improvement plan;

20 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a  
21 school, school district, or regional office of  
22 education directly related to student achievement or  
23 school improvement plans;

24 (vii) participating in business, school, or  
25 community partnerships directly related to student  
26 achievement or school improvement plans; or

1           (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher  
2           education candidate in clinical supervision, provided  
3           that the supervision may only be counted once during  
4           the course of 5 years;

5           (G) college or university coursework related to  
6           improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher  
7           as follows:

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

19          (ii) teaching college or university courses in  
20          areas relevant to the certificate area being renewed,  
21          provided that the teaching may only be counted once  
22          during the course of 5 years;

23          (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and  
24          symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge  
25          and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the  
26          activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board

1 acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including  
2 the following:

3 (i) completing non-university credit directly  
4 related to student achievement, school improvement  
5 plans, or State priorities;

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

8 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality  
9 Assurance;

10 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher  
11 preparation programs; or

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

14 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,  
15 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are  
16 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial  
17 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.  
18 The State Superintendent of Education and regional  
19 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the  
20 activities and events provided or to be provided under this  
21 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding  
22 those activities and events, and either the State  
23 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent  
24 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher  
25 Certification Board and the State Board of Education  
26 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered

1 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

2 (I) other educational experiences related to improving  
3 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including  
4 the following:

5 (i) participating in action research and inquiry  
6 projects;

7 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,  
8 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,  
9 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

10 (iii) traveling related to one's teaching  
11 assignment, directly related to student achievement or  
12 school improvement plans and approved by the regional  
13 superintendent of schools or his or her designee at  
14 least 30 days prior to the travel experience, provided  
15 that the traveling shall not include time spent  
16 commuting to destinations where the learning  
17 experience will occur;

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

20 (v) serving on a statewide education-related  
21 committee, including but not limited to the State  
22 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of Education  
23 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council  
24 on Education of Children with Disabilities;

25 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or  
26 internships; or

1           (vii) developing a portfolio of student and  
2 teacher work;

3           (J) professional leadership experiences related to  
4 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,  
5 including the following:

6           (i) participating in curriculum development or  
7 assessment activities at the school, school district,  
8 regional office of education, State, or national  
9 level;

10           (ii) participating in team or department  
11 leadership in a school or school district;

12           (iii) participating on external or internal school  
13 or school district review teams;

14           (iv) publishing educational articles, columns, or  
15 books relevant to the certificate area being renewed;  
16 or

17           (v) participating in non-strike related  
18 professional association or labor organization service  
19 or activities related to professional development;

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

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

26           (M) successful completion of 4 semester hours of

1 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own  
2 performance in relation to the Illinois Teaching  
3 Standards, as described in clause (B) of paragraph (2) of  
4 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code; or

5 (N) successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester  
6 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation  
7 to meet the requirements for certification by the National  
8 Board for Professional Teaching Standards, as described in  
9 clause (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section  
10 21-2 of this Code.

11 (4) A person must complete the requirements of this  
12 subsection (e) before the expiration of his or her Standard  
13 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance to the regional  
14 superintendent of schools or, if applicable, a local  
15 professional development committee authorized by the regional  
16 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this  
17 purpose. The statement of assurance shall contain a list of the  
18 activities completed, the provider offering each activity, the  
19 number of credits earned for each activity, and the purposes to  
20 which each activity is attributed. The certificate holder shall  
21 maintain the evidence of completion of each activity for at  
22 least one certificate renewal cycle. The certificate holder  
23 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has  
24 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required  
25 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the  
26 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall



1 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting  
2 documentation.

3 (5) (Blank).

4 (6) (Blank).

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

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

22 (2) (blank);

23 (3) (blank);

24 (4) (blank);

25 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the  
26 requirements for certificate renewal and notify

1 certificate holders if the decision is not to renew the  
2 certificate;

3 (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity  
4 to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to  
5 renew the certificate to the regional professional  
6 development review committee;

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

10 (8) (blank).

11 (g)(1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall  
12 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for  
13 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he or  
14 she receives from a local professional development committee,  
15 if any, or, if a certificate holder appeals the recommendation  
16 to the regional professional development review committee, the  
17 recommendation for renewal or nonrenewal he or she receives  
18 from a regional professional development review committee and,  
19 within 14 days of receipt of the recommendation, shall provide  
20 the State Teacher Certification Board with verification of the  
21 following, if applicable:

22 (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily  
23 completed professional development and continuing  
24 education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of  
25 subsection (e) of this Section;

26 (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement

1 of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)  
2 of this Section, and this statement has been attached to  
3 the application for renewal;

4 (C) the local professional development committee, if  
5 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate  
6 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the  
7 recommendation to the regional superintendent of schools;

8 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her  
9 local professional development committee's recommendation  
10 of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional professional  
11 development review committee and the result of that appeal;

12 (E) the regional superintendent of schools has  
13 concurred or nonconcurred with the local professional  
14 development committee's or regional professional  
15 development review committee's recommendation, if any, to  
16 renew or nonrenew the certificate holder's Standard  
17 Teaching Certificate and made a recommendation to that  
18 effect; and

19 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard  
20 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

21 If the notice required by this subsection (g) includes a  
22 recommendation of certificate nonrenewal, then, at the same  
23 time the regional superintendent of schools provides the State  
24 Teacher Certification Board with the notice, he or she shall  
25 also notify the certificate holder in writing, by certified  
26 mail, return receipt requested, that this notice has been

1 provided to the State Teacher Certification Board.

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

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

11 (h) (1) The State Teacher Certification Board shall review  
12 the regional superintendent of schools' recommendations to  
13 renew or nonrenew Standard Teaching Certificates and notify  
14 certificate holders in writing whether their certificates have  
15 been renewed or nonrenewed within 90 days of receipt of the  
16 recommendations, unless a certificate holder has appealed a  
17 regional superintendent of schools' recommendation of  
18 nonrenewal, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection  
19 (h). The State Teacher Certification Board shall verify that  
20 the certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth  
21 in paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section.

22 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal  
23 a regional superintendent of school's recommendation to  
24 nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the State  
25 Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt of  
26 notice that the decision has been sent to the State Teacher

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

26 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet the

1 same requirements and follow the same procedures as holders of  
2 Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their renewal  
3 cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2  
4 of this Code and their renewal requirements shall be subject to  
5 paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

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

12 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master  
13 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing  
14 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary  
15 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
16 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated  
17 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their certificates  
18 through the regional superintendent of schools of the regional  
19 office of education for the geographic area where their  
20 teaching is done. These certificate holders shall follow the  
21 same renewal criteria and procedures as all other Standard and  
22 Master Teaching Certificate holders, except that their  
23 continuing professional development activities need not  
24 reflect or address the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local  
25 school improvement plan.

26 (k) (Blank).

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2 (m) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act  
3 of the 93rd General Assembly that affect renewal of Standard  
4 and Master Certificates shall apply to those persons who hold  
5 Standard or Master Certificates on or after the effective date  
6 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall  
7 be given effect upon renewal of those certificates.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-951, eff. 6-28-10; 97-607, eff. 8-26-11;  
9 97-682, eff. 5-8-12.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.