

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
5 amended by adding Section 5-715 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5/5-715 new)

7 Sec. 5-715. Expedited licensure for service members and  
8 spouses.

9 (a) In this Section, "service member" means any person who,  
10 at the time of application under this Section, is an active  
11 duty member of the United States Armed Forces or any reserve  
12 component of the United States Armed Forces or the National  
13 Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United  
14 States or the District of Columbia or whose active duty service  
15 concluded within the preceding 2 years before application.

16 (b) Each director of a department that issues an  
17 occupational or professional license is authorized to and shall  
18 issue an expedited temporary occupational or professional  
19 license to a service member who meets the requirements under  
20 this Section. The temporary occupational or professional  
21 license shall be valid for 6 months after the date of issuance  
22 or until a license is granted or a notice to deny a license is  
23 issued in accordance with rules adopted by the department

1 issuing the license, whichever occurs first. No temporary  
2 occupational or professional license shall be renewed. The  
3 service member shall apply to the department on forms provided  
4 by the department. An application must include proof that:

5 (1) the applicant is a service member;

6 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good  
7 standing for the occupation or profession issued by another  
8 state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of the  
9 United States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign  
10 jurisdiction and the requirements for licensure in the  
11 other jurisdiction are determined by the department to be  
12 substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure of  
13 this State;

14 (3) the applicant is assigned to a duty station in this  
15 State or has established legal residence in this State;

16 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has  
17 been submitted to the Department of State Police for  
18 statewide and national criminal history checks, if  
19 applicable to the requirements of the department issuing  
20 the license; the applicant shall pay the fee to the  
21 Department of State Police or to the fingerprint vendor for  
22 electronic fingerprint processing; no temporary  
23 occupational or professional license shall be issued to an  
24 applicant if the statewide or national criminal history  
25 check discloses information that would cause the denial of  
26 an application for licensure under any applicable

1 occupational or professional licensing Act;

2 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure  
3 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative  
4 Code of Illinois;

5 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for full  
6 licensure; and

7 (7) the applicant has paid the required fee; fees shall  
8 not be refundable.

9 (c) Each director of a department that issues an  
10 occupational or professional license is authorized to and shall  
11 issue an expedited temporary occupational or professional  
12 license to the spouse of a service member who meets the  
13 requirements under this Section. The temporary occupational or  
14 professional license shall be valid for 6 months after the date  
15 of issuance or until a license is granted or a notice to deny a  
16 license is issued in accordance with rules adopted by the  
17 department issuing the license, whichever occurs first. No  
18 temporary occupational or professional license shall be  
19 renewed. The spouse of a service member shall apply to the  
20 department on forms provided by the department. An application  
21 must include proof that:

22 (1) the applicant is the spouse of a service member;

23 (2) the applicant holds a valid license in good  
24 standing for the occupation or profession issued by another  
25 state, commonwealth, possession, or territory of the  
26 United States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign

1 jurisdiction and the requirements for licensure in the  
2 other jurisdiction are determined by the department to be  
3 substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure of  
4 this State;

5 (3) the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty  
6 station in this State or has established legal residence in  
7 this State;

8 (4) a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints has  
9 been submitted to the Department of State Police for  
10 statewide and national criminal history checks, if  
11 applicable to the requirements of the department issuing  
12 the license; the applicant shall pay the fee to the  
13 Department of State Police or to the fingerprint vendor for  
14 electronic fingerprint processing; no temporary  
15 occupational or professional license shall be issued to an  
16 applicant if the statewide or national criminal history  
17 check discloses information that would cause the denial of  
18 an application for licensure under any applicable  
19 occupational or professional licensing Act;

20 (5) the applicant is not ineligible for licensure  
21 pursuant to Section 2105-165 of the Civil Administrative  
22 Code of Illinois;

23 (6) the applicant has submitted an application for full  
24 licensure; and

25 (7) the applicant has paid the required fee; fees shall  
26 not be refundable.

1       (d) All relevant experience of a service member in the  
2 discharge of official duties, including full-time and  
3 part-time experience, shall be credited in the calculation of  
4 any years of practice in an occupation or profession as may be  
5 required under any applicable occupational or professional  
6 licensing Act. All relevant training provided by the military  
7 and completed by a service member shall be credited to that  
8 service member as meeting any training or education requirement  
9 under any applicable occupational or professional licensing  
10 Act, provided that the training or education is determined by  
11 the department to be substantially equivalent to that required  
12 under any applicable Act and is not otherwise contrary to any  
13 other licensure requirement.

14       (e) A department may adopt any rules necessary for the  
15 implementation and administration of this Section and shall by  
16 rule provide for fees for the administration of this Section.

17       Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
18 21B-20 as follows:

19       (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

20       Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. Before July 1, 2013, the  
21 State Board of Education shall implement a system of educator  
22 licensure, whereby individuals employed in school districts  
23 who are required to be licensed must have one of the following  
24 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) a

1 professional educator license with stipulations; or (iii) a  
2 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding  
3 individuals certified or certificated or required to be  
4 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall  
5 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed  
6 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June  
7 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

8 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
9 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such  
10 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for  
11 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

12 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)  
13 have successfully completed an approved educator  
14 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by  
15 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation  
16 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required  
17 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have  
18 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,  
19 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for  
20 the exceptional child, including without limitation the  
21 learning disabled, (iv) have successfully completed  
22 coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content  
23 area, and (v) have met all other criteria established by  
24 rule of the State Board of Education shall be issued a  
25 Professional Educator License. All Professional Educator  
26 Licenses are valid until June 30 immediately following 5

1 years of the license being issued. The Professional  
2 Educator License shall be endorsed with specific areas and  
3 grade levels in which the individual is eligible to  
4 practice.

5 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the  
6 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements  
7 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework  
8 in the endorsement area, unless otherwise specified by  
9 rule, and passage of the applicable content area test.

10 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator  
11 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement  
12 that (i) is non-renewable, (ii) limits the license holder  
13 to one particular position, or (iii) does not require  
14 completion of an approved educator program or any  
15 combination of items (i) through (iii) of this paragraph  
16 (2).

17 An individual with an Educator License with  
18 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or  
19 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher  
20 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

21 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued  
22 with the following endorsements:

23 (A) Provisional educator. A provisional educator  
24 endorsement in a specific content area or areas on an  
25 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an  
26 applicant who holds an educator license with a minimum

1 of 15 semester hours in content coursework from another  
2 state, U.S. territory, or foreign country and who, at  
3 the time of applying for an Illinois license, does not  
4 meet the minimum requirements under Section 21B-35 of  
5 this Code, but does, at a minimum, meet both of the  
6 following requirements:

7 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a  
8 bachelor's degree, unless a master's degree is  
9 required for the endorsement, from a regionally  
10 accredited college or university or, for  
11 individuals educated in a country other than the  
12 United States, the equivalent of a minimum of a  
13 bachelor's degree issued in the United States,  
14 unless a master's degree is required for the  
15 endorsement.

16 (ii) Has passed a test of basic skills and  
17 content area test, as required by Section 21B-30 of  
18 this Code.

19 However, a provisional educator endorsement for principals  
20 may not be issued, nor may any person with a provisional  
21 educator endorsement serve as a principal in a public  
22 school in this State. In addition, out-of-state applicants  
23 shall not receive a provisional educator endorsement if the  
24 person completed an alternative licensure program in  
25 another state, unless the program has been determined to be  
26 equivalent to Illinois program requirements.



1           Notwithstanding any other requirements of this  
2           Section, a service member or spouse of a service member may  
3           obtain a Professional Educator License with Stipulations,  
4           and a provisional educator endorsement in a specific  
5           content area or areas, if he or she holds a valid teaching  
6           certificate or license in good standing from another state,  
7           meets the qualifications of educators outlined in Section  
8           21B-15 of this Code, and has not engaged in any misconduct  
9           that would prohibit an individual from obtaining a license  
10           pursuant to Illinois law, including without limitation any  
11           administrative rules of the State Board of Education;  
12           however, the service member or spouse may not serve as a  
13           principal under the Professional Educator License with  
14           Stipulations or provisional educator endorsement.

15           In this Section, "service member" means any person who,  
16           at the time of application under this Section, is an active  
17           duty member of the United States Armed Forces or any  
18           reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the  
19           National Guard of any state, commonwealth, or territory of  
20           the United States or the District of Columbia.

21           A provisional educator endorsement is valid until June  
22           30 immediately following 2 years of the license being  
23           issued, during which time any remaining testing and  
24           coursework deficiencies must be met. Failure to satisfy all  
25           stated deficiencies shall mean the individual, including  
26           any service member or spouse who has obtained a

1       Professional Educator License with Stipulations and a  
2       provisional educator endorsement in a specific content  
3       area or areas, is ineligible to receive a Professional  
4       Educator License at that time. A provisional educator  
5       endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations shall  
6       not be renewed.

7               (B)     Alternative provisional educator.     An  
8               alternative provisional educator endorsement on an  
9               Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an  
10              applicant who, at the time of applying for the  
11              endorsement, has done all of the following:

12                   (i)    Graduated from a regionally accredited  
13                   college or university with a minimum of a  
14                   bachelor's degree.

15                   (ii)   Successfully completed the first phase of  
16                   the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for  
17                   Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this  
18                   Code.

19                   (iii)   Passed a test of basic skills and content  
20                   area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this  
21                   Code.

22              The alternative provisional educator endorsement  
23              is valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for  
24              a third year by an individual meeting the requirements  
25              set forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

26              (C)     Alternative provisional superintendent.     An

1 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on  
2 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the  
3 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant  
4 superintendent in a school district's central office.  
5 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant  
6 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has  
7 done all of the following:

8 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited  
9 college or university with a minimum of a master's  
10 degree in a management field other than education.

11 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5  
12 years in a management level position in a field  
13 other than education.

14 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase  
15 of an alternative route to superintendent  
16 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55  
17 of this Code.

18 (iv) Passed a test of basic skills and content  
19 area tests required under Section 21B-30 of this  
20 Code.

21 The endorsement may be registered for 2 fiscal  
22 years in order to complete one full year of serving as  
23 a superintendent or assistant superintendent.

24 (D) Resident teacher endorsement. A resident  
25 teacher endorsement on an Educator License with  
26 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at the

1 time of applying for the endorsement, has done all of  
2 the following:

3 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited  
4 institution of higher education with a minimum of a  
5 bachelor's degree.

6 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator  
7 preparation program.

8 (iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content  
9 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this  
10 Code.

11 The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator  
12 License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of  
13 teaching and shall not be renewed.

14 A resident teacher may teach only under the  
15 direction of a licensed teacher, who shall act as the  
16 resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of  
17 a licensed teacher. A resident teacher endorsement on  
18 an Educator License with Stipulations shall no longer  
19 be valid after June 30, 2017.

20 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and  
21 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License  
22 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has  
23 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a  
24 regionally accredited institution of higher education,  
25 has passed a test of basic skills required under  
26 Section 21B-30 of this Code, and has a minimum of 2,000

1 hours of experience in the last 10 years outside of  
2 education in each area to be taught.

3 The career and technical educator endorsement on  
4 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until  
5 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the  
6 endorsement being issued.

7 (F) Provisional career and technical educator. A  
8 Provisional career and technical educator endorsement  
9 on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued  
10 to an applicant who has a minimum of 8,000 hours of  
11 work experience in the skill for which the applicant is  
12 seeking the endorsement. It is the responsibility of  
13 each employing school board and regional office of  
14 education to provide verification, in writing, to the  
15 State Superintendent of Education at the time the  
16 application is submitted that no qualified teacher  
17 holding a Professional Educator License or an Educator  
18 License with Stipulations with a career and technical  
19 educator endorsement is available and that actual  
20 circumstances require such issuance.

21 The provisional career and technical educator  
22 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations  
23 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of  
24 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed only  
25 one time for 5 years if the individual passes a test of  
26 basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this

1 Code, and has completed a minimum of 20 semester hours  
2 from a regionally accredited institution.

3 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A  
4 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an  
5 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for  
6 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance  
7 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who  
8 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all  
9 of the following requirements:

10 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and  
11 writing ability in the language other than English  
12 in which transitional bilingual education is  
13 offered.

14 (ii) Has the ability to successfully  
15 communicate in English.

16 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years  
17 previous to his or her applying for a transitional  
18 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and  
19 comparable teaching certificate or comparable  
20 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds  
21 a degree from an institution of higher learning in  
22 a foreign country that the State Educator  
23 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be  
24 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a  
25 regionally accredited institution of higher  
26 learning in the United States.

1           A transitional bilingual educator endorsement  
2 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12, is  
3 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of  
4 the endorsement being issued, and shall not be renewed.

5           Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator  
6 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any  
7 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be  
8 replaced for any reason.

9           (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to  
10 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language  
11 other than English in the public schools, an individual  
12 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may  
13 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that  
14 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he  
15 or she meets all of the following requirements:

16                   (i) Holds a transitional bilingual  
17 endorsement.

18                   (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the  
19 language for which the endorsement is to be issued  
20 by passing the applicable language content test  
21 required by the State Board of Education.

22                   (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from  
23 a regionally accredited institution of higher  
24 education or, for individuals educated in a  
25 country other than the United States, holds a  
26 degree from an institution of higher learning in a

1 foreign country that the State Educator  
2 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be  
3 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a  
4 regionally accredited institution of higher  
5 learning in the United States.

6 (iv) Has passed a test of basic skills, as  
7 required under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

8 A language endorsement on an Educator License with  
9 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through  
10 grade 12 for the same validity period as the  
11 individual's transitional bilingual educator  
12 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations  
13 and shall not be renewed.

14 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting  
15 international educator endorsement on an Educator  
16 License with Stipulations may be issued to an  
17 individual who is being recruited by a particular  
18 school district that conducts formal recruitment  
19 programs outside of the United States to secure the  
20 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the  
21 following requirements:

22 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a  
23 bachelor's degree issued in the United States.

24 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the  
25 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

26 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the



1 subject to be taught.

2 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English  
3 language.

4 A holder of a visiting international educator  
5 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations  
6 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education  
7 programs in the language that was the medium of  
8 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,  
9 provided that he or she passes the English Language  
10 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing  
11 skills in English identified by the State Board of  
12 Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
13 Preparation and Licensure Board.

14 A visiting international educator endorsement on  
15 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3  
16 years and shall not be renewed.

17 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional  
18 educator endorsement on an Educator License with  
19 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a  
20 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and  
21 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60  
22 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited  
23 institution of higher education or has passed a test of  
24 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this  
25 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is  
26 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of

1           the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through  
2           application and payment of the appropriate fee, as  
3           required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An  
4           individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator  
5           endorsement is not subject to additional requirements  
6           in order to renew the endorsement.

7           (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching  
8           License may be issued to qualified applicants for  
9           substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,  
10          prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching  
11          Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for  
12          a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree  
13          or higher from a regionally accredited institution of  
14          higher education.

15          Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years and  
16          may be renewed if the individual has passed a test of basic  
17          skills, as authorized under Section 21B-30 of this Code. An  
18          individual who has passed a test of basic skills for the  
19          first licensure renewal is not required to retake the test  
20          again for further renewals.

21          Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute  
22          teaching in every county of this State. If an individual  
23          has had his or her Professional Educator License or  
24          Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or  
25          has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then  
26          that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute

1 Teaching License.

2 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a  
3 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing  
4 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under  
5 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district  
6 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30  
7 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if  
8 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of  
9 education within 5 business days after the employment of  
10 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An  
11 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy  
12 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or  
13 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of  
14 the district exceed previous indications, and the district  
15 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed  
16 teacher for the vacant position.

17 There is no limit on the number of days that a  
18 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,  
19 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer  
20 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under  
21 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who  
22 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License  
23 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school  
24 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the  
25 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on  
26 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do

1           not apply to any school district operating under Article 34  
2           of this Code.

3           (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11.)