

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.)