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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1794

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1794 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 21-28 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-28)

7 Sec. 21-28. Special education teachers; categorical  
8 certification.

9 (a) In order to create a special education workforce with  
10 the broad-based knowledge necessary to educate students with a  
11 variety of disabilities, the State Board of Education and State  
12 Teacher Certification Board shall categorically certify a  
13 special education teacher under one of the following:

14 (1) Learning behavior specialist I.

15 (2) Autism.

16 (3) Mental retardation.

1           (4) Orthopedic (physical) impairment.

2           (5) Traumatic brain injury.

3           (6) Other health impairment.

4           (7) Learning behavior specialist II.

5           (8) Teacher of students who are blind or visually  
6           impaired.

7           (9) Teacher of students who are deaf or hard of  
8           hearing.

9           (10) Speech-language pathologist.

10          (11) Early childhood special education teacher.

11          (b) The State Board of Education is authorized to provide  
12          for the assignment of individuals to special education  
13          positions by short-term, emergency certification. Short-term,  
14          emergency certification shall not be renewed.

15          (c) The State Board of Education is authorized to use  
16          peremptory rulemaking, in accordance with Section 5-50 of the  
17          Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, to place into the  
18          Illinois Administrative Code the certification policies and  
19          standards related to special education, as authorized under  
20          this Section, that the State Board has been required to  
21          implement pursuant to federal court orders dated February 27,  
22          2001, August 15, 2001, and September 11, 2002 in the matter of  
23          Corey H., et al. v. Board of Education of the City of Chicago,  
24          et al. The State Teacher Certification Board shall  
25          categorically certify a special education teacher in one or  
26          more of the following specialized categories of disability if

1 ~~the special education teacher applies and qualifies for such~~  
2 ~~certification:~~

3 ~~(1) Serious emotional disturbance.~~

4 ~~(2) Learning disabilities.~~

5 ~~(3) Autism.~~

6 ~~(4) Mental retardation.~~

7 ~~(5) Orthopedic (physical) impairment.~~

8 ~~(6) Traumatic brain injury.~~

9 ~~(7) Other health impairment.~~

10 (Source: P.A. 92-709, eff. 7-19-02.)

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