

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 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-9005 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-9005) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-9005)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 96-1551)

8 Sec. 3-9005. Powers and duties of State's attorney.

9 (a) The duty of each State's attorney shall be:

10 (1) To commence and prosecute all actions, suits,
11 indictments and prosecutions, civil and criminal, in the
12 circuit court for his county, in which the people of the
13 State or county may be concerned.

14 (2) To prosecute all forfeited bonds and
15 recognizances, and all actions and proceedings for the
16 recovery of debts, revenues, moneys, fines, penalties and
17 forfeitures accruing to the State or his county, or to any
18 school district or road district in his county; also, to
19 prosecute all suits in his county against railroad or
20 transportation companies, which may be prosecuted in the
21 name of the People of the State of Illinois.

22 (3) To commence and prosecute all actions and
23 proceedings brought by any county officer in his official

1 capacity.

2 (4) To defend all actions and proceedings brought
3 against his county, or against any county or State officer,
4 in his official capacity, within his county.

5 (5) To attend the examination of all persons brought
6 before any judge on habeas corpus, when the prosecution is
7 in his county.

8 (6) To attend before judges and prosecute charges of
9 felony or misdemeanor, for which the offender is required
10 to be recognized to appear before the circuit court, when
11 in his power so to do.

12 (7) To give his opinion, without fee or reward, to any
13 county officer in his county, upon any question or law
14 relating to any criminal or other matter, in which the
15 people or the county may be concerned.

16 (8) To assist the attorney general whenever it may be
17 necessary, and in cases of appeal from his county to the
18 Supreme Court, to which it is the duty of the attorney
19 general to attend, he shall furnish the attorney general at
20 least 10 days before such is due to be filed, a manuscript
21 of a proposed statement, brief and argument to be printed
22 and filed on behalf of the people, prepared in accordance
23 with the rules of the Supreme Court. However, if such
24 brief, argument or other document is due to be filed by law
25 or order of court within this 10 day period, then the
26 State's attorney shall furnish such as soon as may be

1 reasonable.

2 (9) To pay all moneys received by him in trust, without
3 delay, to the officer who by law is entitled to the custody
4 thereof.

5 (10) To notify, by first class mail, complaining
6 witnesses of the ultimate disposition of the cases arising
7 from an indictment or an information.

8 (11) To perform such other and further duties as may,
9 from time to time, be enjoined on him by law.

10 (12) To appear in all proceedings by collectors of
11 taxes against delinquent taxpayers for judgments to sell
12 real estate, and see that all the necessary preliminary
13 steps have been legally taken to make the judgment legal
14 and binding.

15 (13) To notify, by first-class mail, the State
16 Superintendent of Education, the applicable regional
17 superintendent of schools, and the superintendent of the
18 employing school district or the chief school
19 administrator of the employing nonpublic school, if any,
20 upon the conviction of any individual known to possess a
21 certificate or license issued pursuant to Article 21 or
22 21B, respectively, of the School Code of any offense set
23 forth in Section 21B-80 ~~21-23a~~ of the School Code or any
24 other felony conviction, providing the name of the
25 certificate holder, the fact of the conviction, and the
26 name and location of the court where the conviction

1 occurred. The certificate holder must also be
2 contemporaneously sent a copy of the notice.

3 (b) The State's Attorney of each county shall have
4 authority to appoint one or more special investigators to serve
5 subpoenas, make return of process and conduct investigations
6 which assist the State's Attorney in the performance of his
7 duties. A special investigator shall not carry firearms except
8 with permission of the State's Attorney and only while carrying
9 appropriate identification indicating his employment and in
10 the performance of his assigned duties.

11 Subject to the qualifications set forth in this subsection,
12 special investigators shall be peace officers and shall have
13 all the powers possessed by investigators under the State's
14 Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act.

15 No special investigator employed by the State's Attorney
16 shall have peace officer status or exercise police powers
17 unless he or she successfully completes the basic police
18 training course mandated and approved by the Illinois Law
19 Enforcement Training Standards Board or such board waives the
20 training requirement by reason of the special investigator's
21 prior law enforcement experience or training or both. Any
22 State's Attorney appointing a special investigator shall
23 consult with all affected local police agencies, to the extent
24 consistent with the public interest, if the special
25 investigator is assigned to areas within that agency's
26 jurisdiction.

1 Before a person is appointed as a special investigator, his
2 fingerprints shall be taken and transmitted to the Department
3 of State Police. The Department shall examine its records and
4 submit to the State's Attorney of the county in which the
5 investigator seeks appointment any conviction information
6 concerning the person on file with the Department. No person
7 shall be appointed as a special investigator if he has been
8 convicted of a felony or other offense involving moral
9 turpitude. A special investigator shall be paid a salary and be
10 reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in performing his
11 assigned duties. The county board shall approve the salary and
12 actual expenses and appropriate the salary and expenses in the
13 manner prescribed by law or ordinance.

14 (c) The State's Attorney may request and receive from
15 employers, labor unions, telephone companies, and utility
16 companies location information concerning putative fathers and
17 noncustodial parents for the purpose of establishing a child's
18 paternity or establishing, enforcing, or modifying a child
19 support obligation. In this subsection, "location information"
20 means information about (i) the physical whereabouts of a
21 putative father or noncustodial parent, (ii) the putative
22 father or noncustodial parent's employer, or (iii) the salary,
23 wages, and other compensation paid and the health insurance
24 coverage provided to the putative father or noncustodial parent
25 by the employer of the putative father or noncustodial parent
26 or by a labor union of which the putative father or

1 noncustodial parent is a member.

2 (d) For each State fiscal year, the State's Attorney of
3 Cook County shall appear before the General Assembly and
4 request appropriations to be made from the Capital Litigation
5 Trust Fund to the State Treasurer for the purpose of providing
6 assistance in the prosecution of capital cases in Cook County
7 and for the purpose of providing assistance to the State in
8 post-conviction proceedings in capital cases under Article 122
9 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and in relation to
10 petitions filed under Section 2-1401 of the Code of Civil
11 Procedure in relation to capital cases. The State's Attorney
12 may appear before the General Assembly at other times during
13 the State's fiscal year to request supplemental appropriations
14 from the Trust Fund to the State Treasurer.

15 (e) The State's Attorney shall have the authority to enter
16 into a written agreement with the Department of Revenue for
17 pursuit of civil liability under Section 17-1a of the Criminal
18 Code of 1961 against persons who have issued to the Department
19 checks or other orders in violation of the provisions of
20 paragraph (d) of subsection (B) of Section 17-1 of the Criminal
21 Code of 1961, with the Department to retain the amount owing
22 upon the dishonored check or order along with the dishonored
23 check fee imposed under the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act,
24 with the balance of damages, fees, and costs collected under
25 Section 17-1a of the Criminal Code of 1961 to be retained by
26 the State's Attorney. The agreement shall not affect the

1 allocation of fines and costs imposed in any criminal
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3 (Source: P.A. 96-431, eff. 8-13-09.)

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25 (Source: P.A. 96-431, eff. 8-13-09; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11.)

1 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
2 2-3.25o, 3-11.5, 3-12, 10-21.9, 14C-8, 21-1a, 21-1b, 21-2,
3 21-2.1, 21-2a, 21-3, 21-4, 21-5, 21-5b, 21-5c, 21-5d, 21-7.1,
4 21-7.5, 21-7.6, 21-9, 21-10, 21-11.1, 21-11.2, 21-11.3,
5 21-11.4, 21-12, 21-14, 21-16, 21-22, 21-25, 21-27, 24-14, 34-6,
6 and 34-18.5 and by adding Article 21B as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25o)

8 Sec. 2-3.25o. Registration and recognition of non-public
9 elementary and secondary schools.

10 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds and declares (i)
11 that the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that a
12 "fundamental goal of the People of the State is the educational
13 development of all persons to the limits of their capacities"
14 and (ii) that the educational development of every school
15 student serves the public purposes of the State. In order to
16 ensure that all Illinois students and teachers have the
17 opportunity to enroll and work in State-approved educational
18 institutions and programs, the State Board of Education shall
19 provide for the voluntary registration and recognition of
20 non-public elementary and secondary schools.

21 (b) Registration. All non-public elementary and secondary
22 schools in the State of Illinois may voluntarily register with
23 the State Board of Education on an annual basis. Registration
24 shall be completed in conformance with procedures prescribed by
25 the State Board of Education. Information required for

1 registration shall include assurances of compliance (i) with
2 federal and State laws regarding health examination and
3 immunization, attendance, length of term, and
4 nondiscrimination and (ii) with applicable fire and health
5 safety requirements.

6 (c) Recognition. All non-public elementary and secondary
7 schools in the State of Illinois may voluntarily seek the
8 status of "Non-public School Recognition" from the State Board
9 of Education. This status may be obtained by compliance with
10 administrative guidelines and review procedures as prescribed
11 by the State Board of Education. The guidelines and procedures
12 must recognize that some of the aims and the financial bases of
13 non-public schools are different from public schools and will
14 not be identical to those for public schools, nor will they be
15 more burdensome. The guidelines and procedures must also
16 recognize the diversity of non-public schools and shall not
17 impinge upon the noneducational relationships between those
18 schools and their clientele.

19 (c-5) Prohibition against recognition. A non-public
20 elementary or secondary school may not obtain "Non-public
21 School Recognition" status unless the school requires all
22 certified and non-certified applicants for employment with the
23 school, after July 1, 2007, to authorize a fingerprint-based
24 criminal history records check as a condition of employment to
25 determine if such applicants have been convicted of any of the
26 enumerated criminal or drug offenses set forth in Section

1 21-23a of this Code or have been convicted, within 7 years of
2 the application for employment, of any other felony under the
3 laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in
4 any other state or against the laws of the United States that,
5 if committed or attempted in this State, would have been
6 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State.

7 Authorization for the check shall be furnished by the
8 applicant to the school, except that if the applicant is a
9 substitute teacher seeking employment in more than one
10 non-public school, a teacher seeking concurrent part-time
11 employment positions with more than one non-public school (as a
12 reading specialist, special education teacher, or otherwise),
13 or an educational support personnel employee seeking
14 employment positions with more than one non-public school, then
15 only one of the non-public schools employing the individual
16 shall request the authorization. Upon receipt of this
17 authorization, the non-public school shall submit the
18 applicant's name, sex, race, date of birth, social security
19 number, fingerprint images, and other identifiers, as
20 prescribed by the Department of State Police, to the Department
21 of State Police.

22 The Department of State Police and Federal Bureau of
23 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based
24 criminal history records check, records of convictions,
25 forever and hereafter, until expunged, to the president or
26 principal of the non-public school that requested the check.

1 The Department of State Police shall charge that school a fee
2 for conducting such check, which fee must be deposited into the
3 State Police Services Fund and must not exceed the cost of the
4 inquiry. Subject to appropriations for these purposes, the
5 State Superintendent of Education shall reimburse non-public
6 schools for fees paid to obtain criminal history records checks
7 under this Section.

8 A non-public school may not obtain recognition status
9 unless the school also performs a check of the Statewide Sex
10 Offender Database, as authorized by the Sex Offender Community
11 Notification Law, for each applicant for employment, after July
12 1, 2007, to determine whether the applicant has been
13 adjudicated a sex offender.

14 Any information concerning the record of convictions
15 obtained by a non-public school's president or principal under
16 this Section is confidential and may be disseminated only to
17 the governing body of the non-public school or any other person
18 necessary to the decision of hiring the applicant for
19 employment. A copy of the record of convictions obtained from
20 the Department of State Police shall be provided to the
21 applicant for employment. Upon a check of the Statewide Sex
22 Offender Database, the non-public school shall notify the
23 applicant as to whether or not the applicant has been
24 identified in the Sex Offender Database as a sex offender. Any
25 information concerning the records of conviction obtained by
26 the non-public school's president or principal under this

1 Section for a substitute teacher seeking employment in more
2 than one non-public school, a teacher seeking concurrent
3 part-time employment positions with more than one non-public
4 school (as a reading specialist, special education teacher, or
5 otherwise), or an educational support personnel employee
6 seeking employment positions with more than one non-public
7 school may be shared with another non-public school's principal
8 or president to which the applicant seeks employment. Any
9 person who releases any criminal history record information
10 concerning an applicant for employment is guilty of a Class A
11 misdemeanor and may be subject to prosecution under federal
12 law, unless the release of such information is authorized by
13 this Section.

14 No non-public school may obtain recognition status that
15 knowingly employs a person, hired after July 1, 2007, for whom
16 a Department of State Police and Federal Bureau of
17 Investigation fingerprint-based criminal history records check
18 and a Statewide Sex Offender Database check has not been
19 initiated or who has been convicted of any offense enumerated
20 in Section 21B-80 ~~21-23a~~ of this Code or any offense committed
21 or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the
22 United States that, if committed or attempted in this State,
23 would have been punishable as one or more of those offenses. No
24 non-public school may obtain recognition status under this
25 Section that knowingly employs a person who has been found to
26 be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of a minor under

1 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the
2 Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

3 In order to obtain recognition status under this Section, a
4 non-public school must require compliance with the provisions
5 of this subsection (c-5) from all employees of persons or firms
6 holding contracts with the school, including, but not limited
7 to, food service workers, school bus drivers, and other
8 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with
9 pupils. Any information concerning the records of conviction or
10 identification as a sex offender of any such employee obtained
11 by the non-public school principal or president must be
12 promptly reported to the school's governing body.

13 (d) Public purposes. The provisions of this Section are in
14 the public interest, for the public benefit, and serve secular
15 public purposes.

16 (e) Definition. For purposes of this Section, a non-public
17 school means any non-profit, non-home-based, and non-public
18 elementary or secondary school that is in compliance with Title
19 VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and attendance at which
20 satisfies the requirements of Section 26-1 of this Code.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-351, eff. 8-23-07; 96-431, eff. 8-13-09.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/3-11.5)

23 Sec. 3-11.5. Regional professional development review
24 committee. The regional superintendent of schools shall
25 constitute a regional professional development review

1 committee or committees, as provided in paragraph (2) of
2 subsection (g) of Section 21-14 of this Code, to advise the
3 regional superintendent of schools, upon his or her request,
4 and to hear appeals relating to the renewal of teaching
5 certificates, in accordance with Section 21-14 of this Code.
6 The expenses of these review committees shall be funded, in
7 part, from the fees collected pursuant to Section 21-16 or
8 21B-40 of this Code and deposited into the institute fund.
9 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

10 (105 ILCS 5/3-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-12)

11 Sec. 3-12. Institute fund.

12 (a) All certificate registration fees and a portion of
13 renewal and duplicate fees shall be kept by the regional
14 superintendent as described in Section 21-16 or 21B-40 of this
15 Code, together with a record of the names of the persons paying
16 them. Such fees shall be deposited into the institute fund and
17 shall be used by the regional superintendent to defray expenses
18 associated with the work of the regional professional
19 development review committees established pursuant to
20 paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of Section 21-14 of this Code
21 to advise the regional superintendent, upon his or her request,
22 and to hear appeals relating to the renewal of teaching
23 certificates, in accordance with Section 21-14 of this Code; to
24 defray expenses connected with improving the technology
25 necessary for the efficient processing of certificates; to

1 defray all costs associated with the administration of teaching
2 certificates; to defray expenses incidental to teachers'
3 institutes, workshops or meetings of a professional nature that
4 are designed to promote the professional growth of teachers or
5 for the purpose of defraying the expense of any general or
6 special meeting of teachers or school personnel of the region,
7 which has been approved by the regional superintendent.

8 (b) In addition to the use of moneys in the institute fund
9 to defray expenses under subsection (a) of this Section, the
10 State Superintendent of Education, as authorized under Section
11 2-3.105 of this Code, shall use moneys in the institute fund to
12 defray all costs associated with the administration of teaching
13 certificates within a city having a population exceeding
14 500,000.

15 (c) The regional superintendent shall on or before January
16 1 of each year publish in a newspaper of general circulation
17 published in the region or shall post in each school building
18 under his jurisdiction an accounting of (1) the balance on hand
19 in the Institute fund at the beginning of the previous year;
20 (2) all receipts within the previous year deposited in the
21 fund, with the sources from which they were derived; (3) the
22 amount distributed from the fund and the purposes for which
23 such distributions were made; and (4) the balance on hand in
24 the fund.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-893, eff. 7-1-10.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-21.9)

2 Sec. 10-21.9. Criminal history records checks and checks of
3 the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child
4 Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database.

5 (a) Certified and noncertified applicants for employment
6 with a school district, except school bus driver applicants,
7 are required as a condition of employment to authorize a
8 fingerprint-based criminal history records check to determine
9 if such applicants have been convicted of any of the enumerated
10 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of this Section or
11 have been convicted, within 7 years of the application for
12 employment with the school district, of any other felony under
13 the laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted
14 in any other state or against the laws of the United States
15 that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been
16 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State.
17 Authorization for the check shall be furnished by the applicant
18 to the school district, except that if the applicant is a
19 substitute teacher seeking employment in more than one school
20 district, a teacher seeking concurrent part-time employment
21 positions with more than one school district (as a reading
22 specialist, special education teacher or otherwise), or an
23 educational support personnel employee seeking employment
24 positions with more than one district, any such district may
25 require the applicant to furnish authorization for the check to
26 the regional superintendent of the educational service region

1 in which are located the school districts in which the
2 applicant is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent
3 part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel
4 employee. Upon receipt of this authorization, the school
5 district or the appropriate regional superintendent, as the
6 case may be, shall submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date
7 of birth, social security number, fingerprint images, and other
8 identifiers, as prescribed by the Department of State Police,
9 to the Department. The regional superintendent submitting the
10 requisite information to the Department of State Police shall
11 promptly notify the school districts in which the applicant is
12 seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time
13 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee
14 that the check of the applicant has been requested. The
15 Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of
16 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based
17 criminal history records check, records of convictions, until
18 expunged, to the president of the school board for the school
19 district that requested the check, or to the regional
20 superintendent who requested the check. The Department shall
21 charge the school district or the appropriate regional
22 superintendent a fee for conducting such check, which fee shall
23 be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not
24 exceed the cost of the inquiry; and the applicant shall not be
25 charged a fee for such check by the school district or by the
26 regional superintendent, except that those applicants seeking

1 employment as a substitute teacher with a school district may
2 be charged a fee not to exceed the cost of the inquiry. Subject
3 to appropriations for these purposes, the State Superintendent
4 of Education shall reimburse school districts and regional
5 superintendents for fees paid to obtain criminal history
6 records checks under this Section.

7 (a-5) The school district or regional superintendent shall
8 further perform a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database,
9 as authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law,
10 for each applicant.

11 (a-6) The school district or regional superintendent shall
12 further perform a check of the Statewide Child Murderer and
13 Violent Offender Against Youth Database, as authorized by the
14 Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community
15 Notification Law, for each applicant.

16 (b) Any information concerning the record of convictions
17 obtained by the president of the school board or the regional
18 superintendent shall be confidential and may only be
19 transmitted to the superintendent of the school district or his
20 designee, the appropriate regional superintendent if the check
21 was requested by the school district, the presidents of the
22 appropriate school boards if the check was requested from the
23 Department of State Police by the regional superintendent, the
24 State Superintendent of Education, the State Teacher
25 Certification Board, any other person necessary to the decision
26 of hiring the applicant for employment, or for clarification

1 purposes the Department of State Police or Statewide Sex
2 Offender Database, or both. A copy of the record of convictions
3 obtained from the Department of State Police shall be provided
4 to the applicant for employment. Upon the check of the
5 Statewide Sex Offender Database, the school district or
6 regional superintendent shall notify an applicant as to whether
7 or not the applicant has been identified in the Database as a
8 sex offender. If a check of an applicant for employment as a
9 substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent
10 educational support personnel employee in more than one school
11 district was requested by the regional superintendent, and the
12 Department of State Police upon a check ascertains that the
13 applicant has not been convicted of any of the enumerated
14 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or has not been
15 convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment
16 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws of
17 this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any
18 other state or against the laws of the United States that, if
19 committed or attempted in this State, would have been
20 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State and so
21 notifies the regional superintendent and if the regional
22 superintendent upon a check ascertains that the applicant has
23 not been identified in the Sex Offender Database as a sex
24 offender, then the regional superintendent shall issue to the
25 applicant a certificate evidencing that as of the date
26 specified by the Department of State Police the applicant has

1 not been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug
2 offenses in subsection (c) or has not been convicted, within 7
3 years of the application for employment with the school
4 district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or
5 of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or
6 against the laws of the United States that, if committed or
7 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony
8 under the laws of this State and evidencing that as of the date
9 that the regional superintendent conducted a check of the
10 Statewide Sex Offender Database, the applicant has not been
11 identified in the Database as a sex offender. The school board
12 of any school district may rely on the certificate issued by
13 any regional superintendent to that substitute teacher,
14 concurrent part-time teacher, or concurrent educational
15 support personnel employee or may initiate its own criminal
16 history records check of the applicant through the Department
17 of State Police and its own check of the Statewide Sex Offender
18 Database as provided in subsection (a). Any person who releases
19 any confidential information concerning any criminal
20 convictions of an applicant for employment shall be guilty of a
21 Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information is
22 authorized by this Section.

23 (c) No school board shall knowingly employ a person who has
24 been convicted of any offense that would subject him or her to
25 license ~~certification~~ suspension or revocation pursuant to
26 Section 21B-80 ~~21-23a~~ of this Code. Further, no school board

1 shall knowingly employ a person who has been found to be the
2 perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of any minor under 18
3 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the
4 Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

5 (d) No school board shall knowingly employ a person for
6 whom a criminal history records check and a Statewide Sex
7 Offender Database check has not been initiated.

8 (e) Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a
9 finding of child abuse by a holder of any certificate issued
10 pursuant to Article 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the School
11 Code, the State Superintendent of Education may initiate
12 certificate suspension and revocation proceedings as
13 authorized by law.

14 (e-5) The superintendent of the employing school board
15 shall, in writing, notify the State Superintendent of Education
16 and the applicable regional superintendent of schools of any
17 certificate holder whom he or she has reasonable cause to
18 believe has committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect
19 with the result of making a child an abused child or a
20 neglected child, as defined in Section 3 of the Abused and
21 Neglected Child Reporting Act, and that act resulted in the
22 certificate holder's dismissal or resignation from the school
23 district. This notification must be submitted within 30 days
24 after the dismissal or resignation. The certificate holder must
25 also be contemporaneously sent a copy of the notice by the
26 superintendent. All correspondence, documentation, and other

1 information so received by the regional superintendent of
2 schools, the State Superintendent of Education, the State Board
3 of Education, or the State Teacher Certification Board under
4 this subsection (e-5) is confidential and must not be disclosed
5 to third parties, except (i) as necessary for the State
6 Superintendent of Education or his or her designee to
7 investigate and prosecute pursuant to Article 21 of this Code,
8 (ii) pursuant to a court order, (iii) for disclosure to the
9 certificate holder or his or her representative, or (iv) as
10 otherwise provided in this Article and provided that any such
11 information admitted into evidence in a hearing is exempt from
12 this confidentiality and non-disclosure requirement. Except
13 for an act of willful or wanton misconduct, any superintendent
14 who provides notification as required in this subsection (e-5)
15 shall have immunity from any liability, whether civil or
16 criminal or that otherwise might result by reason of such
17 action.

18 (f) After January 1, 1990 the provisions of this Section
19 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding
20 contracts with any school district including, but not limited
21 to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other
22 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with
23 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of
24 criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide Sex
25 Offender Database on employees of persons or firms holding
26 contracts with more than one school district and assigned to

1 more than one school district, the regional superintendent of
2 the educational service region in which the contracting school
3 districts are located may, at the request of any such school
4 district, be responsible for receiving the authorization for a
5 criminal history records check prepared by each such employee
6 and submitting the same to the Department of State Police and
7 for conducting a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database
8 for each employee. Any information concerning the record of
9 conviction and identification as a sex offender of any such
10 employee obtained by the regional superintendent shall be
11 promptly reported to the president of the appropriate school
12 board or school boards.

13 (g) In order to student teach in the public schools, a
14 person is required to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal
15 history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender
16 Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender
17 Against Youth Database prior to participating in any field
18 experiences in the public schools. Authorization for and
19 payment of the costs of the checks must be furnished by the
20 student teacher. Results of the checks must be furnished to the
21 higher education institution where the student teacher is
22 enrolled and the superintendent of the school district where
23 the student is assigned.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-431, eff. 8-13-09;
25 96-1452, eff. 8-20-10; 96-1489, eff. 1-1-11; revised 1-4-11.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/14C-8) (from Ch. 122, par. 14C-8)

2 Sec. 14C-8. Teacher certification - Qualifications -
3 Issuance of certificates. No person shall be eligible for
4 employment by a school district as a teacher of transitional
5 bilingual education without either (a) holding a valid teaching
6 certificate issued pursuant to Article 21 of this Code and
7 meeting such additional language and course requirements as
8 prescribed by the State Board of Education or (b) meeting the
9 requirements set forth in this Section. The Certification Board
10 shall issue certificates valid for teaching in all grades of
11 the common school in transitional bilingual education programs
12 to any person who presents it with satisfactory evidence that
13 he possesses an adequate speaking and reading ability in a
14 language other than English in which transitional bilingual
15 education is offered and communicative skills in English, and
16 possessed within 5 years previous to his or her applying for a
17 certificate under this Section a valid teaching certificate
18 issued by a foreign country, or by a State or possession or
19 territory of the United States, or other evidence of teaching
20 preparation as may be determined to be sufficient by the
21 Certification Board, or holds a degree from an institution of
22 higher learning in a foreign country which the Certification
23 Board determines to be the equivalent of a bachelor's degree
24 from a recognized institution of higher learning in the United
25 States; provided that any person seeking a certificate under
26 this Section must meet the following additional requirements:

- 1 (1) Such persons must be in good health;
- 2 (2) Such persons must be of sound moral character;
- 3 (3) Such persons must be legally present in the United
4 States and possess legal authorization for employment;
- 5 (4) Such persons must not be employed to replace any
6 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
7 replaced for any reason.

8 Certificates issuable pursuant to this Section shall be
9 issuable only during the 5 years immediately following the
10 effective date of this Act and thereafter for additional
11 periods of one year only upon a determination by the State
12 Board of Education that a school district lacks the number of
13 teachers necessary to comply with the mandatory requirements of
14 Section 14C-3 of this Article for the establishment and
15 maintenance of programs of transitional bilingual education
16 and said certificates issued by the Certification Board shall
17 be valid for a period of 6 years following their date of
18 issuance and shall not be renewed, except that one renewal for
19 a period of two years may be granted if necessary to permit the
20 holder of a certificate issued under this Section to acquire a
21 teaching certificate pursuant to Article 21 of this Code. Such
22 certificates and the persons to whom they are issued shall be
23 exempt from the provisions of Article 21 or Article 21B of this
24 Code, except that Sections 21-16, 21-22, 21B-75, 21B-90, and
25 21B-105 of this Code shall continue to be applicable to all
26 such certificates or licenses ~~except that Sections 21 12,~~

1 ~~21-13, 21-16, 21-17, 21-21, 21-22, 21-23 and 21-24 shall~~
2 ~~continue to be applicable to all such certificates.~~

3 After the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1984, an
4 additional renewal for a period to expire August 31, 1985, may
5 be granted. The State Board of Education shall report to the
6 General Assembly on or before January 31, 1985 its
7 recommendations for the qualification of teachers of bilingual
8 education and for the qualification of teachers of English as a
9 second language. Said qualification program shall take effect
10 no later than August 31, 1985.

11 Beginning July 1, 2001, the State Board of Education shall
12 implement a test or tests to assess the speaking, reading,
13 writing, and grammar skills of applicants for a certificate
14 issued under this Section in the English language and in the
15 language of the transitional bilingual education program
16 requested by the applicant and shall establish appropriate fees
17 for these tests. The State Board of Education, in consultation
18 with the Certification Board, shall promulgate rules to
19 implement the required tests, including specific provisions to
20 govern test selection, test validation, determination of a
21 passing score, administration of the test or tests, frequency
22 of administration, applicant fees, identification requirements
23 for test takers, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
24 years for which a score is valid, waiving tests for individuals
25 who have satisfactorily passed other tests, and the
26 consequences of dishonest conduct in the application for or

1 taking of the tests.

2 If the qualifications of an applicant for a certificate
3 valid for teaching in transitional bilingual education
4 programs in all grades of the common schools do not meet the
5 requirements established for the issuance of that certificate,
6 the Certification Board nevertheless shall issue the applicant
7 a substitute teacher's certificate under Section 21-9 whenever
8 it appears from the face of the application submitted for
9 certification as a teacher of transitional bilingual education
10 and the evidence presented in support thereof that the
11 applicant's qualifications meet the requirements established
12 for the issuance of a certificate under Section 21-9; provided,
13 that if it does not appear from the face of such application
14 and supporting evidence that the applicant is qualified for
15 issuance of a certificate under Section 21-9 the Certification
16 Board shall evaluate the application with reference to the
17 requirements for issuance of certificates under Section 21-9
18 and shall inform the applicant, at the time it denies the
19 application submitted for certification as a teacher of
20 transitional bilingual education, of the additional
21 qualifications which the applicant must possess in order to
22 meet the requirements established for issuance of (i) a
23 certificate valid for teaching in transitional bilingual
24 education programs in all grades of the common schools and (ii)
25 a substitute teacher's certificate under Section 21-9.

26 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

1 (Source: P.A. 94-1105, eff. 6-1-07; 95-496, eff. 8-28-07;
2 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/21-1a) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1a)

4 Sec. 21-1a. Tests required for certification and teacher
5 preparation.

6 (a) After July 1, 1988, in addition to all other
7 requirements, early childhood, elementary, special, high
8 school, school service personnel, or, except as provided in
9 Section 34-6, administrative certificates shall be issued to
10 persons who have satisfactorily passed a test of basic skills,
11 an assessment of professional teaching, and a test of subject
12 matter knowledge, provided that a person who passed another
13 state's test of basic skills as a condition of certification or
14 of admission to a teacher preparation program shall not be
15 required to pass this State's test of basic skills. The tests
16 of basic skills and subject matter knowledge shall be the tests
17 which from time to time are designated by the State Board of
18 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
19 Board and may be tests prepared by an educational testing
20 organization or tests designed by the State Board of Education
21 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. The
22 areas to be covered by the test of basic skills shall include
23 the basic skills of reading, writing, grammar and mathematics.
24 The test of subject matter knowledge shall assess content
25 knowledge in the specific subject field. The tests shall be

1 designed to be racially neutral to assure that no person in
2 taking the tests is thereby discriminated against on the basis
3 of race, color, national origin or other factors unrelated to
4 the person's ability to perform as a certificated employee. The
5 score required to pass the tests of basic skills and subject
6 matter knowledge shall be fixed by the State Board of Education
7 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. The
8 tests shall be held not fewer than 3 times a year at such time
9 and place as may be designated by the State Board of Education
10 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board.

11 (b) (Blank). ~~Except as provided in Section 34-6, the~~
12 ~~provisions of subsection (a) of this Section shall apply~~
13 ~~equally in any school district subject to Article 34, provided~~
14 ~~that the State Board of Education shall determine which~~
15 ~~certificates issued under Sections 34-8.1 and 34-8.3 prior to~~
16 ~~July 1, 1988 are comparable to any early childhood certificate,~~
17 ~~elementary school certificate, special certificate, high~~
18 ~~school certificate, school service personnel certificate or~~
19 ~~administrative certificate issued under this Article as of July~~
20 ~~1, 1988.~~

21 (c) (Blank). ~~A person who holds an early childhood,~~
22 ~~elementary, special, high school or school service personnel~~
23 ~~certificate issued under this Article on or at any time before~~
24 ~~July 1, 1988, including a person who has been issued any such~~
25 ~~certificate pursuant to Section 21-11.1 or in exchange for a~~
26 ~~comparable certificate theretofore issued under Section 34-8.1~~

1 ~~er Section 34-83, shall not be required to take or pass the~~
2 ~~tests in order to thereafter have such certificate renewed.~~

3 (d) The State Board of Education in consultation with the
4 State Teacher Certification Board shall conduct a pilot
5 administration of the tests by administering the test to
6 students completing teacher education programs in the 1986-87
7 school year for the purpose of determining the effect and
8 impact of testing candidates for certification.

9 Beginning with the 2002-2003 academic year, a student may
10 not enroll in a teacher preparation program at a recognized
11 teacher training institution until he or she has passed the
12 basic skills test.

13 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
14 the 94th General Assembly, prior to completing an approved
15 teacher preparation program, a preservice education candidate
16 must satisfactorily pass the test of subject matter knowledge
17 in the discipline in which he or she will be certified to
18 teach. The teacher preparation program may require passage of
19 the test of subject matter knowledge at any time during the
20 program, including prior to student teaching.

21 (e) The rules and regulations developed to implement the
22 required test of basic skills and subject matter knowledge
23 shall include the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and (c)
24 and shall include specific regulations to govern test
25 selection; test validation and determination of a passing
26 score; administration of the tests; frequency of

1 administration; applicant fees; frequency of applicants'
2 taking the tests; the years for which a score is valid; and,
3 waiving certain additional tests for additional certificates
4 to individuals who have satisfactorily passed the test of basic
5 skills and subject matter knowledge as required in subsection
6 (a). The State Board of Education shall provide, by rule,
7 specific policies that assure uniformity in the difficulty
8 level of each form of the basic skills test and each subject
9 matter knowledge test from test-to-test and year-to-year. The
10 State Board of Education shall also set a passing score for the
11 tests.

12 (f) (Blank). ~~The State Teacher Certification Board may~~
13 ~~issue a nonrenewable temporary certificate between July 1, 1988~~
14 ~~and August 31, 1988 to individuals who have taken the tests of~~
15 ~~basic skills and subject matter knowledge prescribed by this~~
16 ~~Section but have not received such test scores by August 31,~~
17 ~~1988. Such temporary certificates shall expire on December 31,~~
18 ~~1988.~~

19 (g) (Blank). ~~Beginning February 15, 2000, the State Board~~
20 ~~of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher~~
21 ~~Certification Board, shall implement and administer a new~~
22 ~~system of certification for teachers in the State of Illinois.~~
23 ~~The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State~~
24 ~~Teacher Certification Board, shall design and implement a~~
25 ~~system of examinations and various other criteria which shall~~
26 ~~be required prior to the issuance of Initial Teaching~~

1 ~~Certificates and Standard Teaching Certificates. These~~
2 ~~examinations and indicators shall be based on national and~~
3 ~~State professional teaching standards, as determined by the~~
4 ~~State Board of Education, in consultation with the State~~
5 ~~Teacher Certification Board. The State Board of Education may~~
6 ~~adopt any and all regulations necessary to implement and~~
7 ~~administer this Section.~~

8 (h) (Blank). ~~The State Board of Education shall report to~~
9 ~~the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor with~~
10 ~~recommendations for further changes and improvements to the~~
11 ~~teacher certification system no later than July 1, 1999 and on~~
12 ~~an annual basis until July 1, 2001.~~

13 (i) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2012.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-689, eff. 8-25-09.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/21-1b) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1b)

16 Sec. 21-1b. Subject endorsement on certificates.

17 (a) All certificates initially issued under this Article
18 after June 30, 1986, shall be specifically endorsed by the
19 State Board of Education for each subject the holder of the
20 certificate is legally qualified to teach, such endorsements to
21 be made in accordance with standards promulgated by the State
22 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
23 Certification Board. The regional superintendent of schools,
24 however, has the duty, after appropriate training, to accept
25 and review all transcripts for new initial certificate

1 applications and ensure that each applicant has met all of the
2 criteria established by the State Board of Education in
3 consultation with with the State Teacher Certification Board.
4 All certificates which are issued under this Article prior to
5 July 1, 1986 may, by application to the State Board of
6 Education, be specifically endorsed for each subject the holder
7 is legally qualified to teach. Endorsements issued under this
8 Section shall not apply to substitute teacher's certificates
9 issued under Section 21-9 of this Code.

10 (b) Until December 31, 2011 ~~Commencing July 1, 1999,~~ each
11 application for endorsement of an existing teaching
12 certificate shall be accompanied by a \$30 nonrefundable fee.

13 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each application for
14 endorsement of an existing teaching certificate must be
15 accompanied by a \$50 nonrefundable fee.

16 (d) There is hereby created a Teacher Certificate Fee
17 Revolving Fund as a special fund within the State Treasury. The
18 proceeds of each endorsement ~~\$30~~ fee shall be paid into the
19 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund; and the moneys in that
20 Fund shall be appropriated and used to provide the technology
21 and other resources necessary for the timely and efficient
22 processing of certification requests. The Teacher Certificate
23 Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to administrative charge
24 transfers authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act
25 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other
26 fund of this State.

1 (e) The State Board of Education and each regional office
2 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
3 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of
4 certification fees. This service or convenience fee may not
5 exceed the amount required by the credit card processing
6 company or vendor that has entered into a contract with the
7 State Board or regional office of education for this purpose,
8 and the fee must be paid to that company or vendor.

9 (f) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

10 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-403, eff. 8-13-09.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/21-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2)

12 Sec. 21-2. Grades of certificates.

13 (a) All certificates issued under this Article shall be
14 State certificates valid, ~~except as limited in Section 21-1,~~ in
15 every school district coming under the provisions of this Act
16 and shall be limited in time and designated as follows:
17 Provisional vocational certificate, temporary provisional
18 vocational certificate, early childhood certificate,
19 elementary school certificate, special certificate, secondary
20 certificate, school service personnel certificate,
21 administrative certificate, provisional certificate, and
22 substitute certificate. The requirement of student teaching
23 under close and competent supervision for obtaining a teaching
24 certificate may be waived by the State Teacher Certification
25 Board upon presentation to the Board by the teacher of evidence

1 of one year or more of ~~5 years~~ successful teaching experience
2 on a valid certificate and graduation from a recognized
3 institution of higher learning with a bachelor's degree or
4 higher.

5 (b) Initial Teaching Certificate. Persons who (1) have
6 completed an approved teacher preparation program, (2) are
7 recommended by an approved teacher preparation program, (3)
8 have successfully completed the Initial Teaching Certification
9 examinations required by the State Board of Education, and (4)
10 have met all other criteria established by the State Board of
11 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
12 Board, shall be issued an Initial Teaching Certificate valid
13 for 4 years of teaching, as defined in Section 21-14 of this
14 Code. Initial Teaching Certificates shall be issued for
15 categories corresponding to Early Childhood, Elementary,
16 Secondary, and Special K-12, with special certification
17 designations for Special Education, Bilingual Education,
18 fundamental learning areas (including Language Arts, Reading,
19 Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Physical Development and
20 Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign Language), and other areas
21 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
22 with the State Teacher Certification Board. Notwithstanding
23 any other provision of this Article, an Initial Teaching
24 Certificate shall be automatically extended for one year for
25 all persons who (i) have been issued an Initial Teaching
26 Certificate that expires on June 30, 2004 and (ii) have not

1 met, prior to July 1, 2004, the Standard Certificate
2 requirements under paragraph (c) of this Section. An
3 application and fee shall not be required for this extension.

4 (b-5) A person who holds an out-of-state certificate and
5 who is otherwise eligible for a comparable Illinois certificate
6 may be issued an Initial Certificate if that person has not
7 completed 4 years of teaching. Upon completion of 4 years of
8 teaching, the person is eligible for a Standard Certificate.
9 Beginning July 1, 2004, an out-of-state candidate who has
10 already earned a second-tier certificate in another state is
11 not subject to any Standard Certificate eligibility
12 requirements stated in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this
13 Section other than completion of the 4 years of teaching. An
14 out-of-state candidate who has completed less than 4 years of
15 teaching and does not hold a second-tier certificate from
16 another state must meet the requirements stated in paragraph
17 (2) of subsection (c) of this Section, proportionately reduced
18 by the amount of time remaining to complete the 4 years of
19 teaching.

20 (c) Standard Certificate.

21 (1) Persons who (i) have completed 4 years of teaching, as
22 defined in Section 21-14 of this Code, with an Initial
23 Certificate or an Initial Alternative Teaching Certificate and
24 have met all other criteria established by the State Board of
25 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
26 Board, (ii) have completed 4 years of teaching on a valid

1 equivalent certificate in another State or territory of the
2 United States, or have completed 4 years of teaching in a
3 nonpublic Illinois elementary or secondary school with an
4 Initial Certificate or an Initial Alternative Teaching
5 Certificate, and have met all other criteria established by the
6 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
7 Teacher Certification Board, or (iii) were issued teaching
8 certificates prior to February 15, 2000 and are renewing those
9 certificates after February 15, 2000, shall be issued a
10 Standard Certificate valid for 5 years, which may be renewed
11 thereafter every 5 years by the State Teacher Certification
12 Board based on proof of continuing education or professional
13 development. Beginning July 1, 2003, persons who have completed
14 4 years of teaching, as described in clauses (i) and (ii) of
15 this paragraph (1), have successfully completed the
16 requirements of paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection
17 (c), and have met all other criteria established by the State
18 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
19 Certification Board, shall be issued Standard Certificates.
20 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section,
21 beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold valid out-of-state
22 certificates and have completed 4 years of teaching on a valid
23 equivalent certificate in another State or territory of the
24 United States shall be issued comparable Standard
25 Certificates. Beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold valid
26 out-of-state certificates as described in subsection (b-5) of

1 this Section are subject to the requirements of paragraphs (2)
2 through (4) of this subsection (c), as required in subsection
3 (b-5) of this Section, in order to receive a Standard
4 Certificate. Standard Certificates shall be issued for
5 categories corresponding to Early Childhood, Elementary,
6 Secondary, and Special K-12, with special certification
7 designations for Special Education, Bilingual Education,
8 fundamental learning areas (including Language Arts, Reading,
9 Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Physical Development and
10 Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign Language), and other areas
11 designated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
12 with the State Teacher Certification Board.

13 (2) This paragraph (2) applies only to those persons
14 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
15 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). In order
16 to receive a Standard Teaching Certificate, a person must
17 satisfy one of the following requirements:

18 (A) Completion of a program of induction and mentoring
19 for new teachers that is based upon a specific plan
20 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation
21 with the State Teacher Certification Board. Nothing in this
22 Section, however, prohibits an induction or mentoring
23 program from operating prior to approval. Holders of
24 Initial Certificates issued before September 1, 2007 must
25 complete, at a minimum, an approved one-year induction and
26 mentoring program. Holders of Initial Certificates issued

1 on or after September 1, 2007 must complete an approved
2 2-year induction and mentoring program. The plan must
3 describe the role of mentor teachers, the criteria and
4 process for their selection, and how all the following
5 components are to be provided:

6 (i) Assignment of a formally trained mentor
7 teacher to each new teacher for a specified period of
8 time, which shall be established by the employing
9 school or school district, provided that a mentor
10 teacher may not directly or indirectly participate in
11 the evaluation of a new teacher pursuant to Article 24A
12 of this Code or the evaluation procedure of the school.

13 (ii) Formal mentoring for each new teacher.

14 (iii) Support for each new teacher in relation to
15 the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, the
16 content-area standards applicable to the new teacher's
17 area of certification, and any applicable local school
18 improvement and professional development plans.

19 (iv) Professional development specifically
20 designed to foster the growth of each new teacher's
21 knowledge and skills.

22 (v) Formative assessment that is based on the
23 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards and designed
24 to provide feedback to the new teacher and
25 opportunities for reflection on his or her
26 performance, which must not be used directly or

1 indirectly in any evaluation of a new teacher pursuant
2 to Article 24A of this Code or the evaluation procedure
3 of the school and which must include the activities
4 specified in clauses (B)(i), (B)(ii), and (B)(iii) of
5 this paragraph (2).

6 (vi) Assignment of responsibility for coordination
7 of the induction and mentoring program within each
8 school district participating in the program.

9 (B) Successful completion of 4 semester hours of
10 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own
11 performance in relation to the Illinois Professional
12 Teaching Standards. The coursework must be approved by the
13 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
14 Teacher Certification Board; must be offered either by an
15 institution of higher education, by such an institution in
16 partnership with a teachers' association or union or with a
17 regional office of education, or by another entity
18 authorized to issue college credit; and must include
19 demonstration of performance through all of the following
20 activities for each of the Illinois Professional Teaching
21 Standards:

22 (i) Observation, by the course instructor or
23 another experienced teacher, of the new teacher's
24 classroom practice (the observation may be recorded
25 for later viewing) for the purpose of identifying and
26 describing how the new teacher made content meaningful

1 for students; how the teacher motivated individuals
2 and the group and created an environment conducive to
3 positive social interactions, active learning, and
4 self-motivation; what instructional strategies the
5 teacher used to encourage students' development of
6 critical thinking, problem solving, and performance;
7 how the teacher communicated using written, verbal,
8 nonverbal, and visual communication techniques; and
9 how the teacher maintained standards of professional
10 conduct and provided leadership to improve students'
11 learning.

12 (ii) Review and analysis, by the course instructor
13 or another experienced teacher, of written
14 documentation (i.e., lesson plans, assignments,
15 assessment instruments, and samples of students' work)
16 prepared by the new teacher for at least 2 lessons. The
17 documentation must provide evidence of classroom
18 performance related to Illinois Professional Teaching
19 Standards 1 through 9, with an emphasis on how the
20 teacher used his or her understanding of students,
21 assessment data, and subject matter to decide on
22 learning goals; how the teacher designed or selected
23 activities and instructional materials and aligned
24 instruction to the relevant Illinois Learning
25 Standards; how the teacher adapted or modified
26 curriculum to meet individual students' needs; and how

1 the teacher sequenced instruction and designed or
2 selected student assessment strategies.

3 (iii) Demonstration of professional expertise on
4 the part of the new teacher in reflecting on his or her
5 practice, which was observed under clause (B)(i) of
6 this paragraph (2) and documented under clause (B)(ii)
7 of this paragraph (2), in terms of teaching strengths,
8 weaknesses, and implications for improvement according
9 to the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards.

10 (C) Successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester
11 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation
12 to meet the requirements for certification by the National
13 Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The
14 coursework must be approved by the State Board of
15 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
16 Certification Board, and must be offered either by an
17 institution of higher education, by such an institution in
18 partnership with a teachers' association or union or with a
19 regional office of education, or by another entity
20 authorized to issue college credit. The course must address
21 the 5 NBPTS Core Propositions and relevant standards
22 through such means as the following:

23 (i) Observation, by the course instructor or
24 another experienced teacher, of the new teacher's
25 classroom practice (the observation may be recorded
26 for later viewing) for the purpose of identifying and

1 describing how the new teacher made content meaningful
2 for students; how the teacher motivated individuals
3 and the group and created an environment conducive to
4 positive social interactions, active learning, and
5 self-motivation; what instructional strategies the
6 teacher used to encourage students' development of
7 critical thinking, problem solving, and performance;
8 how the teacher communicated using written, verbal,
9 nonverbal, and visual communication techniques; and
10 how the teacher maintained standards of professional
11 conduct and provided leadership to improve students'
12 learning.

13 (ii) Review and analysis, by the course instructor
14 or another experienced teacher, of written
15 documentation (i.e., lesson plans, assignments,
16 assessment instruments, and samples of students' work)
17 prepared by the new teacher for at least 2 lessons. The
18 documentation must provide evidence of classroom
19 performance, including how the teacher used his or her
20 understanding of students, assessment data, and
21 subject matter to decide on learning goals; how the
22 teacher designed or selected activities and
23 instructional materials and aligned instruction to the
24 relevant Illinois Learning Standards; how the teacher
25 adapted or modified curriculum to meet individual
26 students' needs; and how the teacher sequenced

1 instruction and designed or selected student
2 assessment strategies.

3 (iii) Demonstration of professional expertise on
4 the part of the new teacher in reflecting on his or her
5 practice, which was observed under clause (C)(i) of
6 this paragraph (2) and documented under clause (C)(ii)
7 of this paragraph (2), in terms of teaching strengths,
8 weaknesses, and implications for improvement.

9 (C-5) Satisfactory completion of a minimum of 12
10 semester hours of graduate credit towards an advanced
11 degree in an education-related field from an accredited
12 institution of higher education.

13 (D) Receipt of an advanced degree from an accredited
14 institution of higher education in an education-related
15 field that is earned by a person either while he or she
16 holds an Initial Teaching Certificate or prior to his or
17 her receipt of that certificate.

18 (E) Accumulation of 60 continuing professional
19 development units (CPDUs), earned by completing selected
20 activities that comply with paragraphs (3) and (4) of this
21 subsection (c). However, for an individual who holds an
22 Initial Teaching Certificate on the effective date of this
23 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the number of
24 CPDUs shall be reduced to reflect the teaching time
25 remaining on the Initial Teaching Certificate.

26 (F) Completion of a nationally normed,

1 performance-based assessment, if made available by the
2 State Board of Education in consultation with the State
3 Teacher Certification Board, provided that the cost to the
4 person shall not exceed the cost of the coursework
5 described in clause (B) of this paragraph (2).

6 (G) Completion of requirements for meeting the
7 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for
8 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public
9 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area.

10 (H) Receipt of a minimum 12-hour, post-baccalaureate,
11 education-related professional development certificate
12 issued by an Illinois institution of higher education and
13 developed in accordance with rules adopted by the State
14 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
15 Certification Board.

16 (I) Completion of the National Board for Professional
17 Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

18 (J) Receipt of a subsequent Illinois certificate or
19 endorsement pursuant to Article 21 of this Code.

20 (3) This paragraph (3) applies only to those persons
21 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
22 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). Persons
23 who seek to satisfy the requirements of clause (E) of paragraph
24 (2) of this subsection (c) through accumulation of CPDUs may
25 earn credit through completion of coursework, workshops,
26 seminars, conferences, and other similar training events that

1 are pre-approved by the State Board of Education, in
2 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, for
3 the purpose of reflection on teaching practices in order to
4 address all of the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards
5 necessary to obtain a Standard Teaching Certificate. These
6 activities must meet all of the following requirements:

7 (A) Each activity must be designed to advance a
8 person's knowledge and skills in relation to one or more of
9 the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or in
10 relation to the content-area standards applicable to the
11 teacher's field of certification.

12 (B) Taken together, the activities completed must
13 address each of the Illinois Professional Teaching
14 Standards as provided in clauses (B)(i), (B)(ii), and
15 (B)(iii) of paragraph (2) of this subsection (c).

16 (C) Each activity must be provided by an entity
17 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation
18 with the State Teacher Certification Board, for this
19 purpose.

20 (D) Each activity, integral to its successful
21 completion, must require participants to demonstrate the
22 degree to which they have acquired new knowledge or skills,
23 such as through performance, through preparation of a
24 written product, through assembling samples of students'
25 or teachers' work, or by some other means that is
26 appropriate to the subject matter of the activity.

1 (E) One CPDU shall be available for each hour of direct
2 participation by a holder of an Initial Teaching
3 Certificate in a qualifying activity. An activity may be
4 attributed to more than one of the Illinois Professional
5 Teaching Standards, but credit for any activity shall be
6 counted only once.

7 (4) This paragraph (4) applies only to those persons
8 required to successfully complete the requirements of this
9 paragraph under paragraph (1) of this subsection (c). Persons
10 who seek to satisfy the requirements of clause (E) of paragraph
11 (2) of this subsection (c) through accumulation of CPDUs may
12 earn credit from the following, provided that each activity is
13 designed to advance a person's knowledge and skills in relation
14 to one or more of the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards
15 or in relation to the content-area standards applicable to the
16 person's field or fields of certification:

17 (A) Collaboration and partnership activities related
18 to improving a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
19 including all of the following:

20 (i) Peer review and coaching.

21 (ii) Mentoring in a formal mentoring program,
22 including service as a consulting teacher
23 participating in a remediation process formulated
24 under Section 24A-5 of this Code.

25 (iii) Facilitating parent education programs
26 directly related to student achievement for a school,

1 school district, or regional office of education.

2 (iv) Participating in business, school, or
3 community partnerships directly related to student
4 achievement.

5 (B) Teaching college or university courses in areas
6 relevant to a teacher's field of certification, provided
7 that the teaching may only be counted once during the
8 course of 4 years.

9 (C) Conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
10 symposiums related to improving a person's knowledge and
11 skills as a teacher, including all of the following:

12 (i) Completing non-university credit directly
13 related to student achievement, the Illinois
14 Professional Teaching Standards, or content-area
15 standards.

16 (ii) Participating in or presenting at workshops,
17 seminars, conferences, institutes, and symposiums.

18 (iii) (Blank).

19 (iv) Training as reviewers of university teacher
20 preparation programs.

21 An activity listed in this clause (C) is creditable
22 only if its provider is approved for this purpose by the
23 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
24 Teacher Certification Board.

25 (D) Other educational experiences related to improving
26 a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including all

1 of the following:

2 (i) Participating in action research and inquiry
3 projects.

4 (ii) Observing programs or teaching in schools,
5 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
6 purposeful, and relevant to a teacher's field of
7 certification.

8 (iii) Participating in study groups related to
9 student achievement, the Illinois Professional
10 Teaching Standards, or content-area standards.

11 (iv) Participating in work/learn programs or
12 internships.

13 (v) Developing a portfolio of students' and
14 teacher's work.

15 (E) Professional leadership experiences related to
16 improving a person's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
17 including all of the following:

18 (i) Participating in curriculum development or
19 assessment activities at the school, school district,
20 regional office of education, State, or national level.

21 (ii) Participating in team or department
22 leadership in a school or school district.

23 (iii) (Blank).

24 (iv) Publishing educational articles, columns, or
25 books relevant to a teacher's field of certification.

26 (v) Participating in non-strike related activities

1 of a professional association or labor organization
2 that are related to professional development.

3 (5) A person must complete the requirements of this
4 subsection (c) before the expiration of his or her Initial
5 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance of having done
6 so to the regional superintendent of schools or a local
7 professional development committee authorized by the regional
8 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this
9 purpose.

10 Within 30 days after receipt, the regional superintendent
11 of schools shall review the assurance of completion submitted
12 by a person and, based upon compliance with all of the
13 requirements for receipt of a Standard Teaching Certificate,
14 shall forward to the State Board of Education a recommendation
15 for issuance of the Standard Certificate or non-issuance. The
16 regional superintendent of schools shall notify the affected
17 person if the recommendation is for non-issuance of the
18 Standard Certificate. A person who is considered not to be
19 eligible for a Standard Certificate and who has received the
20 notice of non-issuance may appeal this determination to the
21 Regional Professional Development Review Committee (RPDRC).
22 The recommendation of the regional superintendent and the
23 RPDRC, along with all supporting materials, must then be
24 forwarded to the State Board of Education for a final
25 determination.

26 Upon review of a regional superintendent of school's

1 recommendations, the State Board of Education shall issue
2 Standard Teaching Certificates to those who qualify and shall
3 notify a person, in writing, of a decision denying a Standard
4 Teaching Certificate. Any decision denying issuance of a
5 Standard Teaching Certificate to a person may be appealed to
6 the State Teacher Certification Board.

7 (6) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
8 State Teacher Certification Board, may adopt rules to implement
9 this subsection (c) and may periodically evaluate any of the
10 methods of qualifying for a Standard Teaching Certificate
11 described in this subsection (c).

12 (7) The changes made to paragraphs (1) through (5) of this
13 subsection (c) by this amendatory Act of the 93rd General
14 Assembly shall apply to those persons who hold or are eligible
15 to hold an Initial Certificate on or after the effective date
16 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall
17 be given effect upon their application for a Standard
18 Certificate.

19 (8) Beginning July 1, 2004, persons who hold a Standard
20 Certificate and have acquired one master's degree in an
21 education-related field are eligible for certificate renewal
22 upon completion of two-thirds of the continuing professional
23 development units specified in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3)
24 of subsection (e) of Section 21-14 of this Code. Persons who
25 hold a Standard Certificate and have acquired a second master's
26 degree, an education specialist, or a doctorate in an

1 education-related field or hold a Master Certificate are
2 eligible for certificate renewal upon completion of one-third
3 of the continuing professional development units specified in
4 subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of Section
5 21-14 of this Code.

6 (d) Master Certificate. Persons who have successfully
7 achieved National Board certification through the National
8 Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be issued a
9 Master Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable thereafter
10 every 10 years through compliance with requirements set forth
11 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
12 Teacher Certification Board. Beginning on July 1, 2012,
13 individuals holding a Master's Certificate in specific areas
14 may work only in an area in which they have a comparable
15 Illinois endorsement or only if the individual has an Illinois
16 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards endorsement
17 issued prior to June 30, 2012. ~~However, each teacher who holds~~
18 ~~a Master Certificate shall be eligible for a teaching position~~
19 ~~in this State in the areas for which he or she holds a Master~~
20 ~~Certificate without satisfying any other requirements of this~~
21 ~~Code, except for those requirements pertaining to criminal~~
22 ~~background checks.~~ A holder of a Master Certificate in an area
23 of science or social science is eligible to teach in any of the
24 subject areas within those fields, including those taught at
25 the advanced level, as defined by the State Board of Education
26 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. A

1 teacher who holds a Master Certificate shall be deemed to meet
2 State certification renewal requirements in the area or areas
3 for which he or she holds a Master Certificate for the 10-year
4 term of the teacher's Master Certificate.

5 (e) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-793, eff. 1-1-09.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-2.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2.1)

8 Sec. 21-2.1. Early childhood certificate.

9 (a) An early childhood certificate shall be valid for 4
10 years for teaching children up to 6 years of age, exclusive of
11 children enrolled in kindergarten, in facilities approved by
12 the State Superintendent of Education. Beginning July 1, 1988,
13 such certificate shall be valid for 4 years for Teaching
14 children through grade 3 in facilities approved by the State
15 Superintendent of Education. Subject to the provisions of
16 Section 21-1a, it shall be issued to persons who have graduated
17 from a recognized institution of higher learning with a
18 bachelor's degree and with not fewer than 120 semester hours
19 including professional education or human development or,
20 until July 1, 1992, to persons who have early childhood
21 education instruction and practical experience involving
22 supervised work with children under 6 years of age or with
23 children through grade 3. Such persons shall be recommended for
24 the early childhood certificate by a recognized institution as
25 having completed an approved program of preparation which

1 includes the requisite hours and academic and professional
2 courses and practical experience approved by the State
3 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
4 Teacher Certification Board. The student teaching portion of
5 such practical experience may be satisfied through placement in
6 any of grades pre-kindergarten (which consists of children from
7 3 years through 5 years of age) through 3, provided that the
8 student is under the active supervision of a cooperating
9 teacher who is certified and qualified (i) in early childhood
10 education or (ii) in self-contained, general elementary
11 education. Candidates for the early childhood certificate
12 (including paraprofessionals) with at least one year of
13 experience in a school or community-based early childhood
14 setting who are enrolled in early-childhood teacher
15 preparation programs may be paid and receive credit while
16 student teaching with their current employer, provided that
17 their student teaching experience meets the requirements of
18 their early-childhood teacher preparation program.

19 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard Early
20 Childhood Education Certificates shall be issued to persons who
21 meet the criteria established by the State Board of Education.

22 (c) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

23 (Source: P.A. 94-1034, eff. 1-1-07; 94-1110, eff. 2-23-07.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/21-2a) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2a)

25 Sec. 21-2a. Required instruction for all teachers. ~~After~~

1 ~~September 1, 1981 and until January 1, 1999, in addition to all~~
2 ~~other requirements, the successful completion of course work~~
3 ~~which includes instruction on the psychology of the exceptional~~
4 ~~child, the identification of the exceptional child, including,~~
5 ~~but not limited to the learning disabled and methods of~~
6 ~~instruction for the exceptional child, including, but not~~
7 ~~limited to the learning disabled shall be a prerequisite to a~~
8 ~~person receiving any of the following certificates: early~~
9 ~~childhood, elementary, special and high school.~~ After January
10 1, 1999, the State Board of Education shall ensure that the
11 curriculum for all approved teacher preparation programs
12 includes, and that all prospective teachers pursuing Early
13 Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, or Special certificates
14 receive, instruction on the psychology of, the identification
15 of, and the methods of instruction for the exceptional child,
16 including without limitation the learning disabled. This
17 instruction on exceptional children may be provided in one
18 concentrated course or may be integrated among other courses
19 within the teacher preparation program as shall be determined
20 by the State Board of Education.

21 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98;
23 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/21-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-3)

25 Sec. 21-3. Elementary certificate.

1 (a) An elementary school certificate shall be valid for 4
2 years for teaching in the kindergarten and lower 9 grades of
3 the common schools. Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a,
4 it shall be issued to persons who have graduated from a
5 recognized institution of higher learning with a bachelor's
6 degree and with not fewer than 120 semester hours and with a
7 minimum of 16 semester hours in professional education,
8 including 5 semester hours in student teaching under competent
9 and close supervision. Such persons shall be recommended for
10 the elementary certificate by a recognized institution as
11 having completed an approved program of preparation which
12 includes intensive preservice training in the humanities,
13 natural sciences, mathematics and the academic and
14 professional courses approved by the State Superintendent of
15 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
16 Board.

17 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard
18 Elementary Certificates shall be issued to persons who meet all
19 of the criteria established by the State Board of Education for
20 elementary education.

21 (c) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;
23 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/21-4) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-4)

25 Sec. 21-4. Special certificate.

1 (a) A special certificate shall be valid for 4 years for
2 teaching the special subjects named therein in all grades of
3 the common schools. Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a,
4 it shall be issued to persons who have graduated from a
5 recognized institution of higher learning with a bachelor's
6 degree and with not fewer than 120 semester hours including a
7 minimum of 16 semester hours in professional education, 5 of
8 which shall be in student teaching under competent and close
9 supervision. When the holder of such certificate has earned a
10 master's degree, including eight semester hours of graduate
11 professional education from a recognized institution of higher
12 learning and with two years' teaching experience, it may be
13 endorsed for supervision.

14 Such persons shall be recommended for the special
15 certificate by a recognized institution as having completed an
16 approved program of preparation which includes academic and
17 professional courses approved by the State Superintendent of
18 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
19 Board.

20 (b) Those persons holding special certificates on February
21 15, 2000 shall be eligible for one of the following:

22 (1) The issuance of Standard Elementary and Standard
23 Secondary Certificates with appropriate special
24 certification designations as determined by the State
25 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
26 Certification Board, and consistent with rules adopted by

1 the State Board of Education. These certificates shall be
2 renewed as provided in subsection (c) of Section 21-2.

3 (2) The issuance of Standard Special K-12 Certificates
4 with appropriate special certification designations, which
5 shall be renewed as provided in subsection (c) of Section
6 21-2. These certificates shall not be eligible for
7 additional certification designations except as approved
8 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
9 State Teacher Certification Board.

10 (c) Those persons eligible to receive K-12 certification
11 after February 15, 2000 shall be issued Initial Elementary and
12 Initial Secondary Certificates with appropriate special
13 certification designations pursuant to this Section or Initial
14 Special K-12 Certificates with appropriate special
15 certification designations pursuant to this Section. These
16 Initial K-12 Special Certificates shall not be eligible for
17 additional certification designations except as approved by
18 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
19 Teacher Certification Board.

20 (d) All persons holding a special certificate with a
21 special education endorsement are exempt from the provisions of
22 Section 2-3.71 of this Code, provided they meet all the other
23 requirements for teaching as established by the State Board of
24 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
25 Certification Board.

26 Beginning February 15, 2000, all persons exchanging a

1 special certificate pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section
2 with a special education endorsement or receiving a special
3 education designation on either a special certificate or an
4 elementary certificate issued pursuant to subsection (c) of
5 this Section are exempt from the provisions of Section 2-3.71
6 of this Code, provided they meet all the other requirements for
7 teaching as established by the State Board of Education, in
8 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board.

9 Certificates exchanged or issued pursuant to this
10 subsection (d) shall be valid for teaching children with
11 disabilities, as defined in Section 14-1.02 of this Code, and
12 these special certificates shall be called Initial or Standard
13 Special Preschool - Age 21 Certificates. Nothing in this
14 subsection (d) shall be construed to adversely affect the
15 rights of any person presently certificated, any person whose
16 certification is currently pending, or any person who is
17 currently enrolled or enrolls prior to February 15, 2000 in an
18 approved Special K-12 certification program.

19 (e) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

20 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98;
21 90-811, eff. 1-26-99; 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 91-765, eff.
22 6-9-00.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/21-5) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-5)

24 Sec. 21-5. High school certificate.

25 (a) A high school certificate shall be valid for 4 years

1 for teaching in grades 6 to 12 inclusive of the common schools.
2 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, it shall be issued
3 to persons who have graduated from a recognized institution of
4 higher learning with a bachelor's degree and with not fewer
5 than 120 semester hours including 16 semester hours in
6 professional education, 5 of which shall be in student teaching
7 under competent and close supervision and with one or more
8 teaching fields. Such persons shall be recommended for the high
9 school certificate by a recognized institution as having
10 completed an approved program of preparation which includes the
11 academic and professional courses approved by the State
12 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
13 Teacher Certification Board.

14 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard
15 Secondary Certificates shall be issued to persons who meet all
16 of the criteria established by the State Board of Education for
17 secondary education.

18 (c) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;
20 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/21-5b)

22 Sec. 21-5b. Alternative certification. The State Board of
23 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
24 Certification Board, shall establish and implement an
25 alternative certification program under which persons who meet

1 the requirements of and successfully complete the program
2 established by this Section shall be issued an alternative
3 teaching certificate for teaching in the schools. The program
4 shall be limited to not more than 260 new participants during
5 each year that the program is in effect. The State Board of
6 Education, in cooperation with one or more not-for-profit
7 organizations in the State that support excellence in teaching,
8 which may be in partnership with a university that offers
9 4-year baccalaureate and masters degree programs and that is a
10 recognized institution as defined in Section 21B-105 of this
11 Code 21-21, may within 30 days after submission by the program
12 sponsor approve a course of study developed by the program
13 sponsor that persons in the program must successfully complete
14 in order to satisfy one criterion for issuance of an
15 alternative certificate under this Section. The Alternative
16 Teacher Certification program course of study must include
17 content and skills which have been approved by the State Board
18 of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
19 Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for State
20 teacher certification.

21 The alternative certification program established under
22 this Section shall be known as the Alternative Teacher
23 Certification program. The Alternative Teacher Certification
24 Program shall be offered by the submitting partnership, and
25 such partnership may be offered by one or more not-for-profit
26 organizations in the State which support excellence in

1 teaching. The program shall be comprised of the following 3
2 phases: (a) the first phase is the course of study offered on
3 an intensive basis in education theory, instructional methods,
4 and practice teaching; (b) the second phase is the person's
5 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school
6 year; and (c) the third phase is a comprehensive assessment of
7 the person's teaching performance by school officials and the
8 partnership participants and a recommendation by the program
9 sponsor to the State Board of Education that the person be
10 issued a standard alternative teaching certificate. Successful
11 completion of the Alternative Teacher Certification program
12 shall be deemed to satisfy any other practice or student
13 teaching and subject matter requirements established by law.

14 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for
15 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,
16 shall be issued under this Section 21-5b to persons who at the
17 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching
18 certificate under this Section:

19 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
20 university with a bachelor's degree;

21 (2) have successfully completed the first phase of the
22 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in
23 this Section;

24 (3) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject
25 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a; and

26 (4) (i) have been employed for a period of at least 5

1 years in an area requiring application of the individual's
2 education or (ii) have attained at least a cumulative grade
3 average of a "B" if the individual is assigned either to a
4 school district that has not met the annual measurable
5 objective for highly qualified teachers required by the
6 Illinois Revised Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) Plan or to
7 a school district whose data filed with the State Board of
8 Education indicates that the district's poor and minority
9 students are taught by teachers who are not highly
10 qualified at a higher rate than other students; however,
11 this item (4) does not apply with respect to a provisional
12 alternative teaching certificate for teaching in schools
13 situated in a school district that is located in a city
14 having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.
15 Assignment may be made under clause (ii) of this item (4)
16 only if the district superintendent and the exclusive
17 bargaining representative of the district's teachers, if
18 any, jointly agree to permit the assignment.

19 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate
20 under this Section shall be treated as a regularly certified
21 teacher for purposes of compensation, benefits, and other terms
22 and conditions of employment afforded teachers in the school
23 who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an
24 exclusive bargaining representative, if any.

25 Until February 15, 2000, a standard alternative teaching
26 certificate, valid for 4 years for teaching in the schools and

1 renewable as provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under
2 this Section 21-5b to persons who first complete the
3 requirements for the provisional alternative teaching
4 certificate and who at the time of applying for a standard
5 alternative teaching certificate under this Section have
6 successfully completed the second and third phases of the
7 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in this
8 Section. Alternatively, beginning February 15, 2000, at the end
9 of the 4-year validity period, persons who were issued a
10 standard alternative teaching certificate shall be eligible,
11 on the same basis as holders of an Initial Teaching Certificate
12 issued under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this Code, to
13 apply for a Standard Teaching Certificate, provided they meet
14 the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code
15 and further provided that a person who does not apply for and
16 receive a Standard Teaching Certificate shall be able to teach
17 only in schools situated in a school district that is located
18 in a city having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

19 Beginning February 15, 2000, persons who have completed the
20 requirements for a standard alternative teaching certificate
21 under this Section shall be issued an Initial Alternative
22 Teaching Certificate valid for 4 years of teaching and not
23 renewable. At the end of the 4-year validity period, these
24 persons shall be eligible, on the same basis as holders of an
25 Initial Teaching Certificate issued under subsection (b) of
26 Section 21-2 of this Code, to apply for a Standard Teaching

1 Certificate, provided they meet the requirements of subsection
2 (c) of Section 21-2.

3 Such alternative certification program shall be
4 implemented so that the first provisional alternative teaching
5 certificates issued under this Section are effective upon the
6 commencement of the 1997-1998 academic year and the first
7 standard alternative teaching certificates issued under this
8 Section are effective upon the commencement of the 1998-1999
9 academic year.

10 The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the
11 partnership or partnerships establishing such Alternative
12 Teacher Certification programs, shall adopt rules and
13 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
14 State Board of Education deems necessary to establish and
15 implement the program.

16 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification
17 program under this Section after September 1, 2012, and those
18 candidates who are admitted on or before September 1, 2012 must
19 complete the program before September 1, 2013.

20 This Section is repealed on September 1, 2013.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-270, eff. 8-17-07; 96-862, eff. 1-15-10.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/21-5c)

23 Sec. 21-5c. Alternative route to teacher certification.
24 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
25 Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and implement one

1 or more alternative route to teacher certification programs
2 under which persons who meet the requirements of and
3 successfully complete the programs established by this Section
4 shall be issued an initial teaching certificate for teaching in
5 schools in this State. The State Board of Education may approve
6 a course of study that persons in such programs must
7 successfully complete in order to satisfy one criterion for
8 issuance of a certificate under this Section. The Alternative
9 Route to Teacher Certification programs course of study must
10 include content and skills which have been approved by the
11 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
12 Teacher Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for
13 State teacher certification.

14 Programs established under this Section shall be known as
15 Alternative Route to Teacher Certification programs. The
16 programs may be offered by a university that offers 4-year
17 baccalaureate and masters degree programs and that is a
18 recognized institution as defined in Section 21B-105 of this
19 Code ~~21-21~~, by one or more not-for-profit organizations in the
20 State, or a combination thereof. The programs shall be
21 comprised of the following 3 phases: (a) a course of study
22 offered on an intensive basis in education theory,
23 instructional methods, and practice teaching; (b) the person's
24 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school
25 year, including the designation of a mentor teacher to advise
26 and assist the person with that teaching assignment; and (c) a

1 comprehensive assessment of the person's teaching performance
2 by school officials and program participants and a
3 recommendation by the program sponsor to the State Board of
4 Education that the person be issued an initial teaching
5 certificate. Successful completion of Alternative Route to
6 Teacher Certification programs shall be deemed to satisfy any
7 other practice or student teaching and subject matter
8 requirements established by law.

9 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for
10 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,
11 shall be issued under this Section 21-5c to persons who at the
12 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching
13 certificate under this Section:

14 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
15 university with a bachelor's degree;

16 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years
17 in an area requiring application of the individual's
18 education;

19 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the
20 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in
21 this Section; and

22 (4) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject
23 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a.

24 An initial teaching certificate, valid for teaching in the
25 common schools, shall be issued under Section 21-3 or 21-5 to
26 persons who first complete the requirements for the provisional

1 alternative teaching certificate and who at the time of
2 applying for an initial teaching certificate have successfully
3 completed the second and third phases of the Alternative Route
4 to Teacher Certification program as provided in this Section.

5 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate
6 or an initial teaching certificate earned under this Section
7 shall be treated as a regularly certified teacher for purposes
8 of compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions of
9 employment afforded teachers in the school who are members of a
10 bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining
11 representative, if any.

12 The State Board of Education may adopt rules and
13 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
14 State Board deems necessary to establish and implement the
15 program.

16 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification
17 program under this Section after September 1, 2012, and those
18 candidates who are admitted on or before September 1, 2012 must
19 complete the program before September 1, 2013.

20 This Section is repealed on September 1, 2013.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-862, eff. 1-15-10.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/21-5d)

23 Sec. 21-5d. Alternative route to administrative
24 certification. The State Board of Education, in consultation
25 with the State Teacher Certification Board and an advisory

1 panel consisting of no less than 7 administrators appointed by
2 the State Superintendent of Education, shall establish and
3 implement one or more alternative route to administrative
4 certification program under which persons who meet the
5 requirements of and successfully complete the program
6 established by this Section shall be issued a standard
7 administrative certificate for serving as an administrator in
8 schools in this State. For the purposes of this Section only,
9 "administrator" means a person holding any administrative
10 position for which a standard administrative certificate with a
11 general administrative endorsement, chief school business
12 official endorsement, or superintendent endorsement is
13 required, except a principal or an assistant principal. The
14 State Board of Education may approve a course of study that
15 persons in the program must successfully complete in order to
16 satisfy one criterion for issuance of a certificate under this
17 Section. The Alternative Route to Administrative Certification
18 program course of study must include content and skills which
19 have been approved by the State Board of Education, in
20 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, as
21 meeting the requirement for administrative certification.

22 Programs established under this Section shall be known as
23 the Alternative Route to Administrative Certification
24 programs. The programs shall be comprised of the following 3
25 phases: (a) a course of study offered on an intensive basis in
26 education management, governance, organization, and planning;

1 (b) the person's assignment to a full-time position for one
2 school year as an administrator; and (c) a comprehensive
3 assessment of the person's performance by school officials and
4 a recommendation to the State Board of Education that the
5 person be issued a standard administrative certificate.
6 Successful completion of an Alternative Route to
7 Administrative Certification program shall be deemed to
8 satisfy any other supervisory, administrative, or management
9 experience requirements established by law.

10 A provisional alternative administrative certificate,
11 valid for one year of serving as an administrator in the common
12 schools and not renewable, shall be issued under this Section
13 21-5d to persons who at the time of applying for the
14 provisional alternative administrative certificate under this
15 Section:

16 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
17 university with a master's degree in a management field or
18 with a bachelor's degree and the life experience equivalent
19 of a master's degree in a management field as determined by
20 the State Board of Education;

21 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5 years
22 in a management level position;

23 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the
24 Alternative Route to Administrative Certification program
25 as provided in this Section; and

26 (4) have passed any examination required by the State

1 Board of Education.

2 A standard administrative certificate with a general
3 administrative endorsement, chief school business official
4 endorsement, or superintendent endorsement, renewable as
5 provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under Section 21-7.1
6 to persons who first complete the requirements for the
7 provisional alternative administrative certificate and who at
8 the time of applying for a standard administrative certificate
9 have successfully completed the second and third phases of an
10 Alternative Route to Administrative Certification program as
11 provided in this Section.

12 The State Board of Education may adopt rules and
13 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
14 State Board deems necessary to establish and implement those
15 programs.

16 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification
17 program under this Section after September 1, 2012, and those
18 candidates must complete the program before September 1, 2013.

19 This Section is repealed on September 1, 2013.

20 (Source: P.A. 96-862, eff. 1-15-10.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-7.1)

22 Sec. 21-7.1. Administrative certificate.

23 (a) After July 1, 1999, an administrative certificate valid
24 for 5 years of supervising and administering in the public
25 common schools (unless changed under subsection (a-5) of this

1 Section) may be issued to persons who have graduated from a
2 regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a
3 master's degree or its equivalent and who have been recommended
4 by a recognized institution of higher learning, a
5 not-for-profit entity, or a combination thereof, as having
6 completed a program of preparation for one or more of these
7 endorsements. Such programs of academic and professional
8 preparation required for endorsement shall be administered by
9 an institution or not-for-profit entity approved to offer such
10 programs by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
11 the State Teacher Certification Board, and shall be operated in
12 accordance with this Article and the standards set forth by the
13 State Superintendent of Education in consultation with the
14 State Teacher Certification Board. Any program offered in whole
15 or in part by a not-for-profit entity must also be approved by
16 the Board of Higher Education.

17 (a-5) Beginning July 1, 2003, if an administrative
18 certificate holder holds a Standard Teaching Certificate, the
19 validity period of the administrative certificate shall be
20 changed, if necessary, so that the validity period of the
21 administrative certificate coincides with the validity period
22 of the Standard Teaching Certificate. Beginning July 1, 2003,
23 if an administrative certificate holder holds a Master Teaching
24 Certificate, the validity period of the administrative
25 certificate shall be changed so that the validity period of the
26 administrative certificate coincides with the validity period

1 of the Master Teaching Certificate.

2 (b) No administrative certificate shall be issued for the
3 first time after June 30, 1987 and no endorsement provided for
4 by this Section shall be made or affixed to an administrative
5 certificate for the first time after June 30, 1987 unless the
6 person to whom such administrative certificate is to be issued
7 or to whose administrative certificate such endorsement is to
8 be affixed has been required to demonstrate as a part of a
9 program of academic or professional preparation for such
10 certification or endorsement: (i) an understanding of the
11 knowledge called for in establishing productive parent-school
12 relationships and of the procedures fostering the involvement
13 which such relationships demand; and (ii) an understanding of
14 the knowledge required for establishing a high quality school
15 climate and promoting good classroom organization and
16 management, including rules of conduct and instructional
17 procedures appropriate to accomplishing the tasks of
18 schooling; and (iii) a demonstration of the knowledge and
19 skills called for in providing instructional leadership. The
20 standards for demonstrating an understanding of such knowledge
21 shall be set forth by the State Board of Education in
22 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, and
23 shall be administered by the recognized institutions of higher
24 learning as part of the programs of academic and professional
25 preparation required for certification and endorsement under
26 this Section. As used in this subsection: "establishing

1 productive parent-school relationships" means the ability to
2 maintain effective communication between parents and school
3 personnel, to encourage parental involvement in schooling, and
4 to motivate school personnel to engage parents in encouraging
5 student achievement, including the development of programs and
6 policies which serve to accomplish this purpose; and
7 "establishing a high quality school climate" means the ability
8 to promote academic achievement, to maintain discipline, to
9 recognize substance abuse problems among students and utilize
10 appropriate law enforcement and other community resources to
11 address these problems, to support teachers and students in
12 their education endeavors, to establish learning objectives
13 and to provide instructional leadership, including the
14 development of policies and programs which serve to accomplish
15 this purpose; and "providing instructional leadership" means
16 the ability to effectively evaluate school personnel, to
17 possess general communication and interpersonal skills, and to
18 establish and maintain appropriate classroom learning
19 environments. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply
20 to or affect the initial issuance or making on or before June
21 30, 1987 of any administrative certificate or endorsement
22 provided for under this Section, nor shall such provisions
23 apply to or affect the renewal after June 30, 1987 of any such
24 certificate or endorsement initially issued or made on or
25 before June 30, 1987.

26 (c) Administrative certificates shall be renewed every 5

1 years with the first renewal being 5 years following the
2 initial receipt of an administrative certificate, unless the
3 validity period for the administrative certificate has been
4 changed under subsection (a-5) of this Section, in which case
5 the certificate shall be renewed at the same time that the
6 Standard or Master Teaching Certificate is renewed.

7 (c-5) (Blank).

8 (c-10) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c-15) of
9 this Section, persons holding administrative certificates must
10 follow the certificate renewal procedure set forth in this
11 subsection (c-10), provided that those persons holding
12 administrative certificates on June 30, 2003 who are renewing
13 those certificates on or after July 1, 2003 shall be issued new
14 administrative certificates valid for 5 years (unless changed
15 under subsection (a-5) of this Section), which may be renewed
16 thereafter as set forth in this subsection (c-10).

17 A person holding an administrative certificate and
18 employed in a position requiring administrative certification,
19 including a regional superintendent of schools, must satisfy
20 the continuing professional development requirements of this
21 Section to renew his or her administrative certificate. The
22 continuing professional development must include without
23 limitation the following continuing professional development
24 purposes:

25 (1) To improve the administrator's knowledge of
26 instructional practices and administrative procedures in

1 accordance with the Illinois Professional School Leader
2 Standards.

3 (2) To maintain the basic level of competence required
4 for initial certification.

5 (3) To improve the administrator's mastery of skills
6 and knowledge regarding the improvement of teaching
7 performance in clinical settings and assessment of the
8 levels of student performance in the schools.

9 The continuing professional development must include the
10 following in order for the certificate to be renewed:

11 (A) Participation in continuing professional
12 development activities, which must total a minimum of 100
13 hours of continuing professional development. The
14 participation must consist of a minimum of 5 activities per
15 validity period of the certificate, and the certificate
16 holder must maintain documentation of completion of each
17 activity.

18 (B) Participation every year in an Illinois
19 Administrators' Academy course, which participation must
20 total a minimum of 30 continuing professional development
21 hours during the period of the certificate's validity and
22 which must include completion of applicable required
23 coursework, including completion of a communication,
24 dissemination, or application component, as defined by the
25 State Board of Education.

26 The certificate holder must complete a verification form

1 developed by the State Board of Education and certify that 100
2 hours of continuing professional development activities and 5
3 Administrators' Academy courses have been completed. The
4 regional superintendent of schools shall review and validate
5 the verification form for a certificate holder. Based on
6 compliance with all of the requirements for renewal, the
7 regional superintendent of schools shall forward a
8 recommendation for renewal or non-renewal to the State
9 Superintendent of Education and shall notify the certificate
10 holder of the recommendation. The State Superintendent of
11 Education shall review the recommendation to renew or non-renew
12 and shall notify, in writing, the certificate holder of a
13 decision denying renewal of his or her certificate. Any
14 decision regarding non-renewal of an administrative
15 certificate may be appealed to the State Teacher Certification
16 Board.

17 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
18 State Teacher Certification Board, shall adopt rules to
19 implement this subsection (c-10).

20 The regional superintendent of schools shall monitor the
21 process for renewal of administrative certificates established
22 in this subsection (c-10).

23 (c-15) This subsection (c-15) applies to the first period
24 of an administrative certificate's validity during which the
25 holder becomes subject to the requirements of subsection (c-10)
26 of this Section if the certificate has less than 5 years'

1 validity or has less than 5 years' validity remaining when the
2 certificate holder becomes subject to the requirements of
3 subsection (c-10) of this Section. With respect to this period,
4 the 100 hours of continuing professional development and 5
5 activities per validity period specified in clause (A) of
6 subsection (c-10) of this Section shall instead be deemed to
7 mean 20 hours of continuing professional development and one
8 activity per year of the certificate's validity or remaining
9 validity and the 30 continuing professional development hours
10 specified in clause (B) of subsection (c-10) of this Section
11 shall instead be deemed to mean completion of at least one
12 course per year of the certificate's validity or remaining
13 validity. Certificate holders who evaluate certified staff
14 must complete a 2-day teacher evaluation course, in addition to
15 the 30 continuing professional development hours.

16 (c-20) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
17 the State Teacher Certification Board, shall develop
18 procedures for implementing this Section and shall administer
19 the renewal of administrative certificates. Failure to submit
20 satisfactory evidence of continuing professional education
21 which contributes to promoting the goals of this Section shall
22 result in a loss of administrative certification.

23 (d) Any limited or life supervisory certificate issued
24 prior to July 1, 1968 shall continue to be valid for all
25 administrative and supervisory positions in the public schools
26 for which it is valid as of that date as long as its holder

1 meets the requirements for registration or renewal as set forth
2 in the statutes or until revoked according to law.

3 (e) The administrative or supervisory positions for which
4 the certificate shall be valid shall be determined by one or
5 more of the following endorsements: general supervisory,
6 general administrative, principal, chief school business
7 official, and superintendent.

8 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, endorsements
9 shall be made under conditions set forth in this Section. The
10 State Board of Education shall, in consultation with the State
11 Teacher Certification Board, adopt rules pursuant to the
12 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, establishing
13 requirements for obtaining administrative certificates where
14 the minimum administrative or supervisory requirements surpass
15 those set forth in this Section.

16 The State Teacher Certification Board shall file with the
17 State Board of Education a written recommendation when
18 considering additional administrative or supervisory
19 requirements. All additional requirements shall be based upon
20 the requisite knowledge necessary to perform those tasks
21 required by the certificate. The State Board of Education shall
22 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
23 establish standards within its rules which shall include the
24 academic and professional requirements necessary for
25 certification. These standards shall at a minimum contain, but
26 not be limited to, those used by the State Board of Education

1 in determining whether additional knowledge will be required.
2 Additionally, the State Board of Education shall in
3 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
4 establish provisions within its rules whereby any member of the
5 educational community or the public may file a formal written
6 recommendation or inquiry regarding requirements.

7 (1) Until July 1, 2003, the general supervisory
8 endorsement shall be affixed to the administrative
9 certificate of any holder who has at least 16 semester
10 hours of graduate credit in professional education
11 including 8 semester hours of graduate credit in curriculum
12 and research and who has at least 2 years of full-time
13 teaching experience or school service personnel experience
14 in public schools, schools under the supervision of the
15 Department of Corrections, schools under the
16 administration of the Department of Rehabilitation
17 Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the standards
18 established by the State Superintendent of Education or
19 comparable out-of-state recognition standards approved by
20 the State Superintendent of Education.

21 Such endorsement shall be required for supervisors,
22 curriculum directors and for such similar and related
23 positions as determined by the State Superintendent of
24 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
25 Certification Board.

26 (2) Until August 31 ~~June 30~~, 2014, the general

1 administrative endorsement shall be affixed to the
2 administrative certificate of any holder who has at least
3 20 semester hours of graduate credit in educational
4 administration and supervision and who has at least 2 years
5 of full-time teaching experience or school service
6 personnel experience in public schools, schools under the
7 supervision of the Department of Corrections, schools
8 under the administration of the Department of
9 Rehabilitation Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the
10 standards established by the State Superintendent of
11 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards
12 approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

13 Such endorsement or a principal endorsement shall be
14 required for principal, assistant principal, assistant or
15 associate superintendent, and junior college dean and for
16 related or similar positions as determined by the State
17 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
18 Teacher Certification Board.

19 (2.5) The principal endorsement shall be affixed to the
20 administrative certificate of any holder who qualifies by:

21 (A) successfully completing a principal
22 preparation program approved in accordance with
23 Section 21-7.6 of this Code and any applicable rules;

24 (B) having 4 years of teaching experience;
25 however, the State Board of Education shall allow, by
26 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based on

1 meeting standards set forth in such rules, including
2 without limitation a review of performance evaluations
3 or other evidence of demonstrated qualifications; and
4 (C) having a master's degree.

5 (3) The chief school business official endorsement
6 shall be affixed to the administrative certificate of any
7 holder who qualifies by having a Master's degree, 2 years
8 of administrative experience in school business management
9 or 2 years of university-approved practical experience,
10 and a minimum of 20 semester hours of graduate credit in a
11 program established by the State Superintendent of
12 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
13 Certification Board for the preparation of school business
14 administrators. Such endorsement shall also be affixed to
15 the administrative certificate of any holder who qualifies
16 by having a Master's Degree in Business Administration,
17 Finance or Accounting and 6 semester hours of internship in
18 school business management from a regionally accredited
19 institution of higher education.

20 After June 30, 1977, such endorsement shall be required
21 for any individual first employed as a chief school
22 business official.

23 (4) The superintendent endorsement shall be affixed to
24 the administrative certificate of any holder who has
25 completed 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the
26 master's degree in a program for the preparation of

1 superintendents of schools including 16 semester hours of
2 graduate credit in professional education and who has at
3 least 2 years experience as an administrator or supervisor
4 in the public schools or the State Board of Education or
5 education service regions or in nonpublic schools meeting
6 the standards established by the State Superintendent of
7 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards
8 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and holds
9 general supervisory or general administrative endorsement,
10 or who has had 2 years of experience as a supervisor, chief
11 school business official, or administrator while holding
12 an all-grade supervisory certificate or a certificate
13 comparable in validity and educational and experience
14 requirements.

15 After June 30, 1968, such endorsement shall be required
16 for a superintendent of schools, except as provided in the
17 second paragraph of this Section and in Section 34-6.

18 Any person appointed to the position of superintendent
19 between the effective date of this Act and June 30, 1993 in
20 a school district organized pursuant to Article 32 with an
21 enrollment of at least 20,000 pupils shall be exempt from
22 the provisions of this paragraph (4) until June 30, 1996.

23 (f) All official interpretations or acts of issuing or
24 denying administrative certificates or endorsements by the
25 State Teacher's Certification Board, State Board of Education
26 or the State Superintendent of Education, from the passage of

1 P.A. 81-1208 on November 8, 1979 through September 24, 1981 are
2 hereby declared valid and legal acts in all respects and
3 further that the purported repeal of the provisions of this
4 Section by P.A. 81-1208 and P.A. 81-1509 is declared null and
5 void.

6 (g) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-56, eff. 1-1-10; 96-903, eff. 7-1-10; 96-982,
8 eff. 1-1-11; 96-1423, eff. 8-3-10; revised 9-2-10.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.5)

10 Sec. 21-7.5. Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
11 policy of the State of Illinois to improve the quality of
12 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway for
13 teachers interested in serving in leadership roles. Beginning
14 on July 1, 2007, the State Board, in consultation with the
15 State Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and
16 implement a teacher leader endorsement, to be known as a
17 teacher leader endorsement. Persons who meet the requirements
18 of and successfully complete the requirements of the
19 endorsement established under this Section on or before August
20 31, 2012 shall be issued a teacher leader endorsement for
21 serving in schools in this State. No teacher leader endorsement
22 under this Section shall be issued after December 31, 2012. The
23 endorsement shall be a career path endorsement but not a
24 restrictive endorsement available to: (i) teachers who are
25 certified through the National Board for Professional Teaching

1 Standards and complete a specially designed strand of teacher
2 leadership courses; (ii) teachers who have completed a master's
3 degree program in teacher leadership; and (iii) proven teacher
4 leaders with a master's degree who complete a specially
5 designed strand of teacher leadership courses. Colleges and
6 universities shall have the authority to qualify the
7 proficiency of proven teacher leaders under clause (iii) of
8 this Section. A teacher who meets any of clauses (i) through
9 (iii) of this Section shall be deemed to satisfy the
10 requirements for the teacher leader endorsement. The State
11 Board may adopt rules that are consistent with this Section and
12 that the State Board deems necessary to establish and implement
13 this teacher leadership endorsement program.

14 This Section is repealed on January 1, 2013.

15 (Source: P.A. 94-1039, eff. 7-20-06.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.6)

17 Sec. 21-7.6. Principal preparation programs.

18 (a) It is the policy of this State that an essential
19 element of improving student learning is supporting and
20 employing highly effective school principals in leadership
21 roles who improve teaching and learning and increase academic
22 achievement and the development of all students.

23 (b) No later than September ~~July~~ 1, 2014, all institutions
24 of higher education and not-for-profit entities approved by the
25 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State

1 Teacher Certification Board, to offer principal preparation
2 programs must do all of the following:

3 (1) Meet the standards and requirements for such
4 programs in accordance with this Section and any rules
5 adopted by the State Board of Education.

6 (2) Prepare candidates to meet approved standards for
7 principal skills, knowledge, and responsibilities, which
8 shall include a focus on instruction and student learning
9 and which must be used for principal professional
10 development, mentoring, and evaluation.

11 (3) Include specific requirements for (i) the
12 selection and assessment of candidates, (ii) training in
13 the evaluation of staff, (iii) an internship, and (iv) a
14 partnership with one or more school districts or
15 State-recognized, non-public schools where the chief
16 administrator is required to have the certification
17 necessary to be a principal in an Illinois public school
18 and where a majority of the instructors are required to
19 have the certification necessary to be instructors in an
20 Illinois public school.

21 In accordance with subsection (a) of Section 21-7.1 of this
22 Code, any principal preparation program offered in whole or in
23 part by a not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the
24 Board of Higher Education.

25 (c) No candidates may be admitted to an approved general
26 administrative preparation program after September 1, 2012.

1 Institutions of higher education currently offering general
2 administrative preparation programs may no longer entitle
3 principals with a general administrative endorsement after
4 August 31 ~~June 30~~, 2014.

5 (d) Candidates successfully completing a principal
6 preparation program established pursuant to this Section shall
7 obtain a principal endorsement on an administrative
8 certificate and are eligible to work in, at a minimum, those
9 capacities set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of
10 Section 21-7.1 of this Code. Beginning on August 31 ~~July 1~~,
11 2014, the general administrative endorsement shall no longer be
12 issued. Individuals who hold a valid and registered
13 administrative certificate with a general administrative
14 endorsement prior to July 1, 2014 and who have served for at
15 least one full year during the 5 years prior in a position
16 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall, upon
17 request to the State Board of Education and through July 1,
18 2015, have their respective general administrative endorsement
19 converted to a principal endorsement. All other individuals
20 holding a valid and registered administrative certificate with
21 a general administrative endorsement prior to August 31 ~~July 1~~,
22 2014 shall have such general administrative endorsement
23 converted to a principal endorsement upon request to the State
24 Board of Education and by completing one of the following
25 pathways:

26 (1) Take and pass a State principal assessment

1 developed by the State Board of Education.

2 (2) Through July 1, 2019, complete an Illinois
3 Administrators' Academy course designated by the State
4 Superintendent of Education.

5 (3) Complete a principal preparation program
6 established and approved pursuant to this Section and
7 applicable rules.

8 Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly
9 shall prevent an individual having a general administrative
10 endorsement from serving at any time in any position identified
11 in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this
12 Code.

13 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt rules necessary
14 to implement and administer principal preparation programs
15 under this Section.

16 (f) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-903, eff. 7-1-10.)

18 (105 ILCS 5/21-9) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-9)

19 Sec. 21-9. Substitute certificates and substitute
20 teaching.

21 (a) A substitute teacher's certificate may be issued for
22 teaching in all grades of the common schools. Such certificate
23 may be issued upon request of the regional superintendent of
24 schools of any region in which the teacher is to teach. A
25 substitute teacher's certificate is valid for teaching in the

1 public schools of any county. Such certificate may be issued to
2 persons who either (a) hold a certificate valid for teaching in
3 the common schools as shown on the face of the certificate, (b)
4 hold a bachelor's degree or higher ~~bachelor of arts degree~~ from
5 an institution of higher learning accredited by the North
6 Central Association or other comparable regional accrediting
7 association or have been graduated from a recognized
8 institution of higher learning with a bachelor's degree or
9 higher, or (c) (blank) ~~have had 2 years of teaching experience~~
10 ~~and meet such other rules and regulations as may be adopted by~~
11 ~~the State Board of Education in consultation with the State~~
12 ~~Teacher Certification Board~~. Such certificate shall expire on
13 June 30 in the fourth year from date of issue. Substitute
14 teacher's certificates are not subject to endorsement as
15 described in Section 21-1b of this Code.

16 (b) A teacher holding a substitute teacher's certificate
17 may teach only in the place of a certified teacher who is under
18 contract with the employing board ~~and may teach only when no~~
19 ~~appropriate fully certified teacher is available to teach in a~~
20 ~~substitute capacity~~. If, however, there is no certified teacher
21 under contract because of an emergency situation, then a school
22 district may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30
23 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if the
24 district notifies the appropriate regional office of education
25 within 5 business days after the employment of the substitute
26 teacher in the emergency situation. An emergency situation is

1 one in which an unforeseen vacancy has occurred and (i) a
2 teacher is unable to fulfill his or her contractual duties or
3 (ii) teacher capacity needs of the district exceed previous
4 indications, and the district is actively engaged in
5 advertising to hire a fully certified teacher for the vacant
6 position.

7 There is no limit on the number of days that a substitute
8 teacher may teach in a single school district, provided that no
9 substitute teacher may teach for longer than 90 school days for
10 any one certified teacher under contract in the same school
11 year.

12 A teacher holding an early childhood certificate, an
13 elementary certificate, a high school certificate, or a special
14 certificate may also substitute teach in grades K-12, but only
15 in the place of a certified teacher who is under contract with
16 the employing board, and may not teach for longer than 120 days
17 for any one certified teacher under contract in the same school
18 year. ~~A substitute teacher may teach only for a period not to~~
19 ~~exceed 90 paid school days or 450 paid school hours in any one~~
20 ~~school district in any one school term. However, a teacher~~
21 ~~holding an early childhood, elementary, high school, or special~~
22 ~~certificate may substitute teach for a period not to exceed 120~~
23 ~~paid school days or 600 paid school hours in any one school~~
24 ~~district in any one school term. Where such teaching is partly~~
25 ~~on a daily and partly on an hourly basis, a school day shall be~~
26 ~~considered as 5 hours.~~ The teaching limitations imposed by this

1 subsection upon teachers holding substitute certificates shall
2 not apply in any school district operating under Article 34.

3 (c) (Blank). ~~In order to substitute teach in the public~~
4 ~~schools, a person holding a valid substitute teacher's~~
5 ~~certificate or a person holding a valid early childhood~~
6 ~~certificate, a valid elementary certificate, a valid high~~
7 ~~school certificate, or a valid special certificate shall~~
8 ~~register as a substitute teacher with the regional~~
9 ~~superintendent of schools in each educational service region~~
10 ~~where the person will be employed. A person who registers as a~~
11 ~~substitute teacher with the regional superintendent of schools~~
12 ~~is responsible for (1) the payment of fees to register the~~
13 ~~certificate for its period of validity, (2) authorization of a~~
14 ~~criminal history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex~~
15 ~~Offender Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent~~
16 ~~Offender Against Youth Database, as provided in Section 10-21.9~~
17 ~~of this Code, (3) payment of the cost of the criminal history~~
18 ~~records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database~~
19 ~~and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth~~
20 ~~Database, and (4) providing evidence of physical fitness and~~
21 ~~freedom from communicable disease, including tuberculosis,~~
22 ~~which may consist of a physical examination and a tuberculin~~
23 ~~skin test as required by Section 24-5 of this Code.~~

24 ~~The regional superintendent of schools shall maintain a~~
25 ~~file for each registered substitute teacher in the educational~~
26 ~~service region that includes a copy of the person's~~

1 ~~certificate, the results from the criminal history records~~
2 ~~check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and~~
3 ~~Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth~~
4 ~~Database, a copy of the physical examination, and a copy of the~~
5 ~~tuberculin skin test. The regional superintendent of schools~~
6 ~~shall issue a signed and sealed certificate of authorization to~~
7 ~~the substitute teacher that verifies that the substitute~~
8 ~~teacher has completed the registration process and criminal~~
9 ~~history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender~~
10 ~~Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender~~
11 ~~Against Youth Database and has a physical examination and~~
12 ~~negative tuberculin test on file with the regional~~
13 ~~superintendent of schools and is thereby approved to substitute~~
14 ~~teach in the public schools of the educational service region.~~
15 ~~This certificate must be presented to all prospective employing~~
16 ~~school districts in the educational service region, who shall~~
17 ~~photocopy the certificate and keep a copy of the certificate~~
18 ~~with employment records for the substitute teacher.~~

19 ~~Persons wishing to substitute teach in more than one~~
20 ~~educational service region shall register as a substitute~~
21 ~~teacher with the appropriate regional superintendent of~~
22 ~~schools. The registration process shall include all items~~
23 ~~listed in the first paragraph of this subsection (b), with the~~
24 ~~exception of the authorization of a criminal history records~~
25 ~~check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and~~
26 ~~Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth~~

1 ~~Database and the accompanying payment of associated fees. If~~
2 ~~the substitute teacher has been issued a signed and sealed~~
3 ~~certificate of authorization from another regional~~
4 ~~superintendent of schools, the registering entity may~~
5 ~~photocopy the certificate for its files and verify the~~
6 ~~substitute teacher's registration status.~~

7 (d) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-1489, eff. 1-1-11.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/21-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-10)

10 Sec. 21-10. Provisional certificate.

11 (A) (Blank). ~~Until July 1, 1972, the State Teacher~~
12 ~~Certification Board may issue a provisional certificate valid~~
13 ~~for teaching in elementary, high school or special subject~~
14 ~~fields subject to the following conditions:~~

15 ~~A provisional certificate may be issued to a person who~~
16 ~~presents certified evidence of having earned a bachelor's~~
17 ~~degree from a recognized institution of higher learning. The~~
18 ~~academic and professional courses offered as a basis of the~~
19 ~~provisional certificate shall be courses approved by the State~~
20 ~~Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher~~
21 ~~Certification Board.~~

22 ~~A certificate earned under this plan may be renewed at the~~
23 ~~end of each two year period upon evidence filed with the State~~
24 ~~Teacher Certification Board that the holder has earned 8~~
25 ~~semester hours of credit within the period; provided the~~

1 ~~requirements for the certificate of the same type issued for~~
2 ~~the teaching position for which the teacher is employed shall~~
3 ~~be met by the end of the second renewal period. A second~~
4 ~~provisional certificate shall not be issued. The credits so~~
5 ~~earned must be approved by the State Board of Education in~~
6 ~~consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board and~~
7 ~~must meet the general pattern for a similar type of certificate~~
8 ~~issued on the basis of credit. No more than 4 semester hours~~
9 ~~shall be chosen from elective subjects.~~

10 (B) After July 1, 1972, the State Teacher Certification
11 Board may issue a provisional certificate valid for teaching in
12 early childhood, elementary, high school or special subject
13 fields, or for providing service as school service personnel or
14 for administering schools subject to the following conditions:
15 A provisional certificate may be issued to a person who meets
16 the requirements for a regular teaching, school service
17 personnel or administrative certificate in another State and
18 who presents certified evidence of having earned a bachelor's
19 degree from a recognized institution of higher learning. The
20 academic and professional courses offered as a basis of the
21 provisional certificate shall be courses approved by the State
22 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
23 Certification Board. A certificate earned under this plan is
24 valid for a period of 2 years and shall not be renewed.

25 (C) The State Teacher Certification Board may also issue a
26 provisional vocational certificate and a temporary provisional

1 vocational certificate.

2 (1) The requirements for a provisional vocational
3 certificate shall be determined by the State Board of
4 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
5 Certification Board; provided, the following minimum
6 requirements are met: (a) after July 1, 1972, at least 30
7 semester hours of credit from a recognized institution of
8 higher learning; and (b) after July 1, 1974, at least 60
9 semester hours of credit from a recognized institution of
10 higher learning.

11 (2) The requirements for a temporary provisional
12 vocational certificate shall be determined by the State
13 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
14 Certification Board; provided, the following minimum
15 requirements are met: (a) after July 1, 1973, at least
16 4,000 hours of work experience in the skill to be certified
17 for teaching; and (b) after July 1, 1975, at least 8,000
18 hours of work experience in the skill to be certified for
19 teaching. Any certificate issued under the provisions of
20 this paragraph shall expire on June 30 following the date
21 of issue. Renewals may be granted on a yearly basis, but
22 shall not be granted to any person who does not file with
23 the State Teacher Certification Board a transcript showing
24 at least 3 semester hours of credit earned during the
25 previous year in a recognized institution of learning. No
26 such certificate shall be issued except upon certification

1 by the employing board, subject to the approval of the
2 regional superintendent of schools, that no qualified
3 teacher holding a regular certificate or a provisional
4 vocational certificate is available and that actual
5 circumstances and need require such issuance.

6 The courses or work experience offered as a basis for the
7 issuance of the provisional vocational certificate or the
8 temporary provisional vocational certificate shall be approved
9 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State
10 Teacher Certification Board.

11 (D) (Blank). ~~Until July 1, 1972, the State Teacher~~
12 ~~Certification Board may also issue a provisional foreign~~
13 ~~language certificate valid for 4 years for teaching the foreign~~
14 ~~language named therein in all grades of the common schools and~~
15 ~~shall be issued to persons who have graduated from a recognized~~
16 ~~institution of higher learning with not fewer than 120 semester~~
17 ~~hours of credit and who have met other requirements as~~
18 ~~determined by the State Board of Education in consultation with~~
19 ~~the State Teacher Certification Board. If the holder of a~~
20 ~~provisional foreign language certificate is not a citizen of~~
21 ~~the United States within 6 years of the date of issuance of the~~
22 ~~original certificate, such certificate shall be suspended by~~
23 ~~the regional superintendent of schools of the region in which~~
24 ~~the holder is engaged to teach and shall not be reinstated~~
25 ~~until the holder is a citizen of the United States.~~

26 (E) Notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary,

1 the State Teacher Certification Board shall issue part-time
2 provisional certificates to eligible individuals who are
3 professionals and craftsmen.

4 The requirements for a part-time provisional teachers
5 certificate shall be determined by the State Board of Education
6 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
7 provided the following minimum requirements are met: 60
8 semester hours of credit from a recognized institution of
9 higher learning or 4000 hours of work experience in the skill
10 to be certified for teaching.

11 A part-time provisional certificate may be issued for
12 teaching no more than 2 courses of study for grades 6 through
13 12.

14 A part-time provisional teachers certificate shall be
15 valid for 2 years and may be renewed at the end of each 2 year
16 period.

17 (F) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-689, eff. 8-25-09.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.1)

20 Sec. 21-11.1. Certificates for equivalent qualifications.
21 An applicant who holds or is eligible to hold a teacher's
22 certificate or license under the laws of another state or
23 territory of the United States may be granted a corresponding
24 teacher's certificate in Illinois on the written authorization
25 of the State Board of Education and the State Teacher

1 Certification Board upon the following conditions:

2 (1) That the applicant is at least 19 years of age, is
3 of good character, of good health, and a citizen of the
4 United States or legally present and authorized for
5 employment; and

6 (2) That the requirements for a similar teacher's
7 certificate in the particular state or territory were, at
8 the date of issuance of the certificate, substantially
9 equal to the requirements in force at the time the
10 application is made for the certificate in this State.

11 After January 1, 1988, in addition to satisfying the
12 foregoing conditions and requirements, an applicant for a
13 corresponding teaching certificate in Illinois also shall be
14 required to pass the examinations required under the provisions
15 of Section 21-1a as directed by the State Board of Education.

16 In determining good character under this Section, any
17 felony conviction of the applicant may be taken into
18 consideration, but the conviction shall not operate as a bar to
19 registration.

20 The State Board of Education in consultation with the State
21 Teacher Certification Board shall prescribe rules and
22 regulations establishing the similarity of certificates in
23 other states and the standards for determining the equivalence
24 of requirements.

25 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

26 (Source: P.A. 93-572, eff. 1-1-04.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.2)

2 Sec. 21-11.2. Additional certificates - Experienced
3 Employed Teachers. Experienced certified teachers employed in
4 Illinois public or private elementary and secondary schools
5 seeking additional teaching certificates as provided in
6 Sections 21-2.1, 21-3, 21-4 and 21-5 may submit an application
7 for evaluation of credentials to the State Teacher
8 Certification Board. Individuals obtaining a certificate by
9 transcript evaluation shall meet the minimum requirements for
10 the certificate as approved by the State Superintendent of
11 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
12 Board.

13 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

14 (Source: P.A. 82-911.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.3)

16 Sec. 21-11.3. Resident teacher certificate. A resident
17 teacher certificate shall be valid for 4 years for employment
18 as a resident teacher in a public school. It shall be issued
19 only to persons who have graduated from a regionally accredited
20 institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree, who
21 are enrolled in a program of preparation approved by the State
22 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
23 Teacher Certification Board, and who have passed the
24 appropriate tests as required in Section 21-1a and as

1 determined by the State Board of Education. A resident teacher
2 certificate may be issued for teaching children through grade 3
3 or for grades K-9, 6-12, or K-12 in a special subject area and
4 may not be renewed. A resident teacher may teach only under the
5 direction of a certified teacher as the resident teacher's
6 mentor and shall not teach in place of a certified teacher. The
7 holder of a resident teacher certificate shall be deemed to
8 have satisfied the requirements for the issuance of a Standard
9 Teaching Certificate if he or she has completed 4 years of
10 successful teaching, has passed all appropriate tests, and has
11 earned a master's degree in education.

12 No one may be admitted to a resident teacher program after
13 July 1, 2012.

14 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 92-560, eff. 6-24-02.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.4)

17 Sec. 21-11.4. Illinois Teacher Corps.

18 (a) The General Assembly finds and determines that (i) it
19 is important to encourage the entry of qualified professionals
20 into elementary and secondary teaching as a second career; and
21 (ii) there are a number of individuals who have bachelors'
22 degrees, experience in the work force, and an interest in
23 serving youth that creates a special talent pool with great
24 potential for enriching the lives of Illinois children as
25 teachers. To provide this talent pool with the opportunity to

1 serve children as teachers, school districts, colleges, and
2 universities are encouraged, as part of the public policy of
3 this State, to enter into collaborative programs to educate and
4 induct these non-traditional candidates into the teaching
5 profession. To facilitate the certification of such
6 candidates, the State Board of Education, in consultation with
7 the State Teacher Certification Board, shall assist
8 institutions of higher education and school districts with the
9 implementation of the Illinois Teacher Corps.

10 (b) Individuals who wish to become candidates for the
11 Illinois Teacher Corps program must earn a resident teacher
12 certificate as defined in Section 21-11.3, including:

13 (1) graduation from a regionally accredited
14 institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree
15 and at least a 3.00 out of a 4.00 grade point average;

16 (2) a minimum of 5 years of professional experience in
17 the area the candidate wishes to teach;

18 (3) passing the examinations required by the State
19 Board of Education;

20 (4) enrollment in a Masters of Education Degree program
21 approved by the State Superintendent of Education in
22 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board;
23 and

24 (5) completion of a 6 week summer intensive teacher
25 preparation course which is the first component of the
26 Masters Degree program.

1 (c) School districts may hire an Illinois Teacher Corps
2 candidate after the candidate has received his or her resident
3 teacher certificate. The school district has the
4 responsibility of ensuring that the candidates receive the
5 supports necessary to become qualified, competent and
6 productive teachers. To be eligible to participate in the
7 Illinois Teacher Corps program, school districts must provide a
8 minimum of the following supports to the candidates:

9 (1) a salary and benefits package as negotiated through
10 the teacher contracts;

11 (2) a mentor certified teacher who will provide
12 guidance to one or more candidates under a program
13 developed collaboratively by the school district and
14 university;

15 (3) at least quarterly evaluations performed of each
16 candidate jointly by the mentor teacher and the principal
17 of the school or the principal's designee; and

18 (4) a written and signed document from the school
19 district outlining the support the district intends to
20 provide to the candidates, for approval by the State
21 Teacher Certification Board.

22 (d) Illinois institutions of higher education shall work
23 collaboratively with school districts and the State Teacher
24 Certification Board to academically prepare the candidates for
25 the teaching profession. To be eligible to participate, the
26 College or School of Education of a participating Illinois

1 institution of higher education must develop a curriculum that
2 provides, upon completion, a Masters Degree in Education for
3 the candidates. The Masters Degree program must:

4 (1) receive approval from the State Teacher
5 Certification Board; and

6 (2) take no longer than 3 summers and 2 academic years
7 to complete, and balance the needs and time constraints of
8 the candidates.

9 (e) Upon successful completion of the Masters Degree
10 program, the candidate receives an Initial Teaching
11 Certificate in the State of Illinois.

12 (f) If an individual wishes to become a candidate in the
13 Illinois Teacher Corps program, but does not possess 5 years of
14 professional experience, the individual may qualify for the
15 program by participating in a one year internship teacher
16 preparation program with a school district. The one year
17 internship shall be developed collaboratively by the school
18 district and the Illinois institution of higher education, and
19 shall be approved by the State Teacher Certification Board.

20 (g) The State Board of Education is authorized to award
21 grants to school districts that seek to prepare candidates for
22 the teaching profession who have bachelors' degrees and
23 professional work experience in subjects relevant to teaching
24 fields, but who do not have formal preparation for teaching.
25 Grants may be made to school districts for up to \$3,000 per
26 candidate when the school district, in cooperation with a

1 public or private university and the school district's teacher
2 bargaining unit, develop a program designed to prepare teachers
3 pursuant to the Illinois Teacher Corps program under this
4 Section.

5 (h) Beginning September 1, 2011, individuals may no longer
6 be admitted to Illinois Teacher Corps programs.

7 (i) This Section is repealed on September 1, 2013.

8 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/21-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-12)

10 Sec. 21-12. Printing; Seal; Signature; Credentials.

11 (a) All certificates shall be printed by and bear the
12 signatures of the chairman and of the secretary of the State
13 Teacher Certification Board. Each certificate shall show the
14 integrally printed seal of the State Teacher Certification
15 Board. All college credentials offered as the basis of a
16 certificate shall be presented to the secretary of the State
17 Teacher Certification Board for inspection and approval. ~~The~~
18 ~~regional superintendent of schools, however, has the duty,~~
19 ~~after appropriate training, to accept and review all~~
20 ~~transcripts for new initial certificate applications and~~
21 ~~ensure that each applicant has met all of the criteria~~
22 ~~established by the State Board of Education in consultation~~
23 ~~with the State Teacher Certification Board.~~

24 (b) Until December 31, 2011 ~~Commencing July 1, 1999,~~ each
25 application for a certificate or evaluation of credentials

1 shall be accompanied by an evaluation fee of \$30 payable to the
2 State Superintendent of Education, which is not refundable,
3 except that no application or evaluation fee shall be required
4 for a Master Certificate issued pursuant to subsection (d) of
5 Section 21-2 of this Code.

6 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each application for a
7 certificate or evaluation of credentials must be accompanied by
8 an evaluation fee of \$75 payable to the State Superintendent of
9 Education, which is non-refundable.

10 (d) The proceeds of each \$30 fee shall be paid into the
11 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund, created under Section
12 21-1b of this Code, and the moneys in that Fund shall be
13 appropriated and used to provide the technology and other
14 resources necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
15 certification requests.

16 (e) The State Board of Education and each regional office
17 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
18 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of
19 certification fees. This service or convenience fee may not
20 exceed the amount required by the credit card processing
21 company or vendor that has entered into a contract with the
22 State Board or regional office of education for this purpose,
23 and the fee must be paid to that company or vendor.

24 ~~When evaluation verifies the requirements for a valid~~
25 ~~certificate, the applicant shall be issued an entitlement card~~
26 ~~that may be presented to a regional superintendent of schools~~

1 ~~for issuance of a certificate.~~

2 (f) The applicant shall be notified of any deficiencies.

3 (g) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

4 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

6 Sec. 21-14. Registration and renewal of certificates.

7 (a) A limited four-year certificate or a certificate issued
8 after July 1, 1955, shall be renewable at its expiration or
9 within 60 days thereafter by the county superintendent of
10 schools having supervision and control over the school where
11 the teacher is teaching upon certified evidence of meeting the
12 requirements for renewal as required by this Act and prescribed
13 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State
14 Teacher Certification Board. An elementary supervisory
15 certificate shall not be renewed at the end of the first
16 four-year period covered by the certificate unless the holder
17 thereof has filed certified evidence with the State Teacher
18 Certification Board that he has a master's degree or that he
19 has earned 8 semester hours of credit in the field of
20 educational administration and supervision in a recognized
21 institution of higher learning. The holder shall continue to
22 earn 8 semester hours of credit each four-year period until
23 such time as he has earned a master's degree.

24 All certificates not renewed as provided in this Section or
25 registered in accordance with this Code shall lapse after a

1 period of 6 months from the expiration of the last year of
2 registration. The certificate may be reinstated once the
3 applicant has demonstrated proficiency by completing 9
4 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited
5 institution of higher education in the content area that most
6 aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas. Before
7 the certificate may be reinstated, the applicant shall pay all
8 back fees owed from the time of expiration of the certificate
9 until the date of reinstatement. Any certificate may be
10 voluntarily surrendered by the certificate holder. A
11 voluntarily surrendered certificate shall be treated as a
12 revoked certificate. All certificates not renewed or
13 ~~registered as herein provided shall lapse after a period of 5~~
14 ~~years from the expiration of the last year of registration.~~
15 ~~Such certificates may be reinstated for a one year period upon~~
16 ~~payment of all accumulated registration fees. Such reinstated~~
17 ~~certificates shall only be renewed: (1) by earning 5 semester~~
18 ~~hours of credit in a recognized institution of higher learning~~
19 ~~in the field of professional education or in courses related to~~
20 ~~the holder's contractual teaching duties; or (2) by presenting~~
21 ~~evidence of holding a valid regular certificate of some other~~
22 ~~type. Any certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the~~
23 ~~certificate holder. A voluntarily surrendered certificate~~
24 ~~shall be treated as a revoked certificate.~~

25 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before
26 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after February

1 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be exchanged for
2 Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in subsection (c) of
3 Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard Teaching Certificates,
4 including those issued to persons who previously held teaching
5 certificates issued before February 15, 2000, shall be
6 renewable under the conditions set forth in this subsection
7 (b).

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

1 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
2 of control, in a certificated teaching position, or a charter
3 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law.

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

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

15 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

16 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing
17 professional development activities;

18 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category of
19 continuing professional development activities, based upon
20 recommendations submitted by a continuing professional
21 development activity task force, which shall consist of 6
22 staff members from the State Board of Education, appointed
23 by the State Superintendent of Education, and 6 teacher
24 representatives, 3 of whom are selected by the Illinois
25 Education Association and 3 of whom are selected by the
26 Illinois Federation of Teachers;

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

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

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

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

14 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been
15 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
16 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
17 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree
18 from an approved institution in an education-related field;
19 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as
20 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this
21 subsection (e); (iii) (blank); (iv) completing the National
22 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as described
23 in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or
24 (v) earning 120 continuing professional development units
25 ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of
26 this subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional

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

20 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary, if
21 a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as Valid
22 and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's validity and
23 the certificate holder has completed his or her certificate
24 renewal plan before July 1, 2002, the certificate shall be
25 renewed as Valid and Active.

26 (2) Beginning July 1, 2004, in order to satisfy the

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

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

24 (B) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and
25 skills in areas determined to be critical for all Illinois
26 teachers, as defined by the State Board of Education, known

1 as "State priorities".

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

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

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

21 A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is
22 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
23 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing education
24 requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated under that
25 Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
26 professional development requirements established by the State

1 Board of Education and the Teacher Certification Board to renew
2 a Standard Certificate.

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

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

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

14 (C) (blank);

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

20 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional
21 development units that satisfy the continuing professional
22 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this
23 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the
24 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
25 this paragraph (3);

26 (F) collaboration and partnership activities related

1 to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a
2 teacher, including the following:

3 (i) participating on collaborative planning and
4 professional improvement teams and committees;

5 (ii) peer review and coaching;

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

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

14 (v) coordinating community resources in schools,
15 if the project is a specific goal of the school
16 improvement plan;

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

21 (vii) participating in business, school, or
22 community partnerships directly related to student
23 achievement or school improvement plans; or

24 (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher
25 education candidate in clinical supervision, provided
26 that the supervision may only be counted once during

1 the course of 5 years;

2 (G) college or university coursework related to
3 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher
4 as follows:

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

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

20 (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
21 symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge
22 and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the
23 activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board
24 acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including
25 the following:

26 (i) completing non-university credit directly

1 related to student achievement, school improvement
2 plans, or State priorities;

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

5 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality
6 Assurance;

7 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher
8 preparation programs; or

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

11 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,
12 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are
13 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial
14 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.

15 The State Superintendent of Education and regional
16 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the
17 activities and events provided or to be provided under this
18 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding
19 those activities and events, and either the State
20 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent
21 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher
22 Certification Board and the State Board of Education
23 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered
24 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

25 (I) other educational experiences related to improving
26 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including

1 the following:

2 (i) participating in action research and inquiry
3 projects;

4 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,
5 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
6 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

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

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

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

22 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or
23 internships; or

24 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and
25 teacher work;

26 (J) professional leadership experiences related to

1 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
2 including the following:

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

7 (ii) participating in team or department
8 leadership in a school or school district;

9 (iii) participating on external or internal school
10 or school district review teams;

11 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns, or
12 books relevant to the certificate area being renewed;
13 or

14 (v) participating in non-strike related
15 professional association or labor organization service
16 or activities related to professional development;

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

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

23 (M) successful completion of 4 semester hours of
24 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own
25 performance in relation to the Illinois Teaching
26 Standards, as described in clause (B) of paragraph (2) of

1 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code; or

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

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

26 (5) (Blank).

1 (6) (Blank).

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

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

19 (2) (blank);

20 (3) (blank);

21 (4) (blank);

22 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the
23 requirements for certificate renewal and notify
24 certificate holders if the decision is not to renew the
25 certificate;

26 (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity

1 to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to
2 renew the certificate to the regional professional
3 development review committee;

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

7 (8) (blank).

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

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

23 (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement
24 of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)
25 of this Section, and this statement has been attached to
26 the application for renewal;

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

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

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

16 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard
17 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

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

25 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
26 his or her local professional development committee's

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

1 representative, if any. Vacancies in positions on a regional
2 professional development review committee shall be filled in
3 the same manner as the original selections. Committee members
4 shall serve staggered 3-year terms. All individuals selected to
5 serve on regional professional development review committees
6 must be known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or
7 their respective field of practice.

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

19 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal
20 a regional superintendent of school's recommendation to
21 nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the State
22 Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt of
23 notice that the decision has been sent to the State Teacher
24 Certification Board, which shall hold an appeal hearing within
25 60 days of receipt of the appeal. When such an appeal is taken,
26 the certificate holder's Standard Teaching Certificate shall

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

24 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet the
25 same requirements and follow the same procedures as holders of
26 Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their renewal

1 cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2
2 of this Code and their renewal requirements shall be subject to
3 paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

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

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

24 (k) (Blank).

25 (l) (Blank).

26 (m) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act

1 of the 93rd General Assembly that affect renewal of Standard
2 and Master Certificates shall apply to those persons who hold
3 Standard or Master Certificates on or after the effective date
4 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall
5 be given effect upon renewal of those certificates.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-793, eff. 1-1-09;
7 96-951, eff. 6-28-10.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/21-16) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-16)

9 Sec. 21-16. Fees - Requirement for registration.

10 (a) (Blank). ~~Until February 15, 2000, every applicant when~~
11 ~~issued a certificate shall pay to the regional superintendent~~
12 ~~of schools a fee of \$1, which shall be paid into the institute~~
13 ~~fund. Every certificate issued under the provisions of this Act~~
14 ~~shall be registered annually or, at the option of the holder of~~
15 ~~the certificate, once every 3 years. The regional~~
16 ~~superintendent of schools having supervision and control over~~
17 ~~the school where the teaching is done shall register the~~
18 ~~certificate before the holder begins to teach, otherwise it~~
19 ~~shall be registered in any county in the State of Illinois, and~~
20 ~~one fee of \$4 per year for registration or renewal of one or~~
21 ~~more certificates which have been issued to the same holder~~
22 ~~shall be paid into the institute fund.~~

23 ~~Until February 15, 2000, requirements for registration of~~
24 ~~any certificate limited in time shall include evidence of~~
25 ~~professional growth defined as successful teaching experience~~

1 ~~since last registration of certificate, attendance at~~
2 ~~professional meetings, membership in professional~~
3 ~~organizations, additional credits earned in recognized~~
4 ~~teacher training institutions, travel specifically for~~
5 ~~educational experience, reading of professional books and~~
6 ~~periodicals, filing all reports as required by the regional~~
7 ~~superintendent of schools and the State Superintendent of~~
8 ~~Education or such other professional experience or combination~~
9 ~~of experiences as are presented by the teacher and are approved~~
10 ~~by the State Superintendent of Education in consultation with~~
11 ~~the State Teacher Certification Board. A duplicate certificate~~
12 ~~may be issued to the holder of a valid life certificate or~~
13 ~~valid certificate limited in time by the State Superintendent~~
14 ~~of Education; however, it shall only be issued upon request of~~
15 ~~a regional superintendent of schools and upon payment to the~~
16 ~~regional superintendent of schools who requests such duplicate~~
17 ~~a fee of \$4.~~

18 (b) Until December 31, 2011 ~~Beginning February 15, 2000,~~
19 all persons who are issued Standard Teaching Certificates
20 pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of
21 Section 21-2 and all persons who renew Standard Teaching
22 Certificates shall pay a \$25 fee for registration of all
23 certificates held. All persons who are issued Standard Teaching
24 Certificates under clause (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection
25 (c) of Section 21-2 and all other applicants for Standard
26 Teaching Certificates shall pay an original application fee,

1 pursuant to Section 21-12, and a \$25 fee for registration of
2 all certificates held. These certificates shall be registered
3 and the registration fee paid once every 5 years. Standard
4 Teaching Certificate applicants and holders shall not be
5 required to pay any other registration fees for issuance or
6 renewal of their certificates, except as provided in Section
7 21-17 of this Code. Beginning February 15, 2000, Master
8 Teaching Certificates shall be issued and renewed upon payment
9 by the applicant or certificate holder of a \$50 fee for
10 registration of all certificates held. These certificates
11 shall be registered and the fee paid once every 10 years.
12 Master Teaching Certificate applicants and holders shall not be
13 required to pay any other application or registration fees for
14 issuance or renewal of their certificates, except as provided
15 in Section 21-17 of this Code. All other certificates issued
16 under the provisions of this Code shall be registered for the
17 validity period of the certificate at the rate of \$5 per year
18 for the total number of years for which the certificate is
19 valid for registration of all certificates held, or for a
20 maximum of 5 years for life certificates. The regional
21 superintendent of schools having supervision and control over
22 the school where the teaching is done shall register the
23 certificate before the holder begins to teach, otherwise it
24 shall be registered in any county in the State of Illinois.
25 Each holder shall pay the appropriate registration fee to the
26 regional superintendent of schools. The regional

1 superintendent of schools shall deposit the registration fees
2 into the institute fund. Any certificate holder who teaches in
3 more than one educational service region shall register the
4 certificate or certificates in all regions where the teaching
5 is done, but shall be required to pay one registration fee for
6 all certificates held, ~~provided holders of certificates issued~~
7 ~~pursuant to Section 21-9 of this Code shall be required to pay~~
8 ~~one registration fee, in each educational service region in~~
9 ~~which his or her certificate or certificates are registered,~~
10 ~~for all certificates held.~~

11 A duplicate certificate may be issued to the holder of a
12 valid life certificate or valid certificate limited in time by
13 the State Superintendent of Education; however, it shall only
14 be issued upon request of a regional superintendent of schools
15 and upon payment to the regional superintendent of schools who
16 requests the duplicate a fee of \$4, which shall be deposited
17 into the institute fund.

18 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2012, all certificate holders
19 are required to pay a \$10 per year registration fee for the
20 course of the validity cycle to register the certificate, which
21 must be paid to the regional office of education having
22 supervision and control over the school in which the individual
23 holding the certificate is to be employed. If the individual
24 holding the certificate is not yet employed, then the
25 certificate may be registered in any county in this State. The
26 registration fee must be paid in its entirety the first time

1 the individual registers the certificate for a particular
2 validity period in a single region. No additional fee may be
3 charged for that validity period should the individual
4 subsequently register the certificate in additional regions.
5 Individuals must register the certificate (i) immediately
6 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the beginning
7 of each renewal cycle if the individual has satisfied the
8 renewal requirements required under this Code.

9 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
10 registration fees paid pursuant to this subsection (c) into the
11 institute fund established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this
12 Code.

13 (d) The State Board of Education and each regional office
14 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
15 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of
16 certification fees. This service or convenience fee may not
17 exceed the amount required by the credit card processing
18 company or vendor that has entered into a contract with the
19 State Board or regional office of education for this purpose,
20 and the fee must be paid to that company or vendor.

21 (e) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

22 (Source: P.A. 92-796, eff. 8-10-02; 93-679, eff. 6-30-04.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/21-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-22)

24 Sec. 21-22. Expiration of first year. The first year of all
25 certificates ends on June 30 following one full year of the

1 ~~certificate being issued shall expire on June 30 following the~~
2 ~~date of issue.~~

3 This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

4 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 31.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21-25) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-25)

6 Sec. 21-25. School service personnel certificate.

7 (a) For purposes of this Section, "school service
8 personnel" means persons employed and performing appropriate
9 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary
10 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
11 with a governing body or board of control or a charter school
12 operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law in a
13 position requiring a school service personnel certificate.

14 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, a school
15 service personnel certificate shall be issued to those
16 applicants of good character, good health, a citizen of the
17 United States and at least 19 years of age who have a
18 Bachelor's degree with not fewer than 120 semester hours from a
19 regionally accredited institution of higher learning and who
20 meets the requirements established by the State Superintendent
21 of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
22 Certification Board. A school service personnel certificate
23 with a school nurse endorsement may be issued to a person who
24 holds a bachelor of science degree from an institution of
25 higher learning accredited by the North Central Association or

1 other comparable regional accrediting association. Persons
2 seeking any other endorsement on the school service personnel
3 certificate shall be recommended for the endorsement by a
4 recognized teacher education institution as having completed a
5 program of preparation approved by the State Superintendent of
6 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification
7 Board.

8 (b) Until August 30, 2002, a school service personnel
9 certificate endorsed for school social work may be issued to a
10 student who has completed a school social work program that has
11 not been approved by the State Superintendent of Education,
12 provided that each of the following conditions is met:

13 (1) The program was offered by a recognized, public
14 teacher education institution that first enrolled students
15 in its master's degree program in social work in 1998;

16 (2) The student applying for the school service
17 personnel certificate was enrolled in the institution's
18 master's degree program in social work on or after May 11,
19 1998;

20 (3) The State Superintendent verifies that the student
21 has completed coursework that is substantially similar to
22 that required in approved school social work programs,
23 including (i) not fewer than 600 clock hours of a
24 supervised internship in a school setting or (ii) if the
25 student has completed part of a supervised internship in a
26 school setting prior to the effective date of this

1 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and receives
2 the prior approval of the State Superintendent, not fewer
3 than 300 additional clock hours of supervised work in a
4 public school setting under the supervision of a certified
5 school social worker who certifies that the supervised work
6 was completed in a satisfactory manner; and

7 (4) The student has passed a test of basic skills and
8 the test of subject matter knowledge required by Section
9 21-1a.

10 This subsection (b) does not apply after August 29, 2002.

11 (c) A school service personnel certificate shall be
12 endorsed with the area of Service as determined by the State
13 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
14 Teacher Certification Board.

15 The holder of such certificate shall be entitled to all of
16 the rights and privileges granted holders of a valid teaching
17 certificate, including teacher benefits, compensation and
18 working conditions.

19 When the holder of such certificate has earned a master's
20 degree, including 8 semester hours of graduate professional
21 education from a recognized institution of higher learning, and
22 has at least 2 years of successful school experience while
23 holding such certificate, the certificate may be endorsed for
24 supervision.

25 (d) Persons who have successfully achieved National Board
26 certification through the National Board for Professional

1 Teaching Standards shall be issued a Master School Service
2 Personnel Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable
3 thereafter every 10 years through compliance with requirements
4 set forth by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
5 the State Teacher Certification Board. However, each holder of
6 a Master School Service Personnel Certificate shall be eligible
7 for a corresponding position in this State in the areas for
8 which he or she holds a Master Certificate without satisfying
9 any other requirements of this Code, except for those
10 requirements pertaining to criminal background checks.

11 (e) School service personnel certificates are renewable
12 every 5 years and may be renewed as provided in this Section.
13 Requests for renewals must be submitted, in a format prescribed
14 by the State Board of Education, to the regional office of
15 education responsible for the school where the holder is
16 employed.

17 Upon completion of at least 80 hours of continuing
18 professional development as provided in this subsection (e), a
19 person who holds a valid school service personnel certificate
20 shall have his or her certificate renewed for a period of 5
21 years. A person who (i) holds an active license issued by the
22 State as a clinical professional counselor, a professional
23 counselor, a clinical social worker, a social worker, or a
24 speech-language pathologist; (ii) holds national certification
25 as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist from the National
26 School Psychology Certification Board; (iii) is nationally

1 certified as a National Certified School Nurse from the
2 National Board for Certification of School Nurses; (iv) is
3 nationally certified as a National Certified Counselor or
4 National Certified School Counselor from the National Board for
5 Certified Counselors; or (v) holds a Certificate of Clinical
6 Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing
7 Association shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
8 professional development requirements established by the State
9 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board to
10 renew a school service personnel certificate.

11 School service personnel certificates may be renewed by the
12 State Teacher Certification Board based upon proof of
13 continuing professional development. The State Board of
14 Education shall (i) establish a procedure for renewing school
15 service personnel certificates, which shall include without
16 limitation annual timelines for the renewal process and the
17 components set forth in this Section; (ii) approve or
18 disapprove the providers of continuing professional
19 development activities; and (iii) provide, on a timely basis to
20 all school service personnel certificate holders, regional
21 superintendents of schools, school districts, and others with
22 an interest in continuing professional development,
23 information about the standards and requirements established
24 pursuant to this subsection (e).

25 Any school service personnel certificate held by an
26 individual employed and performing services in an Illinois

1 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,
2 or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
3 board of control in a certificated school service personnel
4 position or in a charter school in compliance with the Charter
5 Schools Law must be maintained Valid and Active through
6 certificate renewal activities specified in the certificate
7 renewal procedure established pursuant to this Section,
8 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is
9 only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis
10 as a substitute shall pay only the required registration fee to
11 renew his or her certificate and maintain it as Valid and
12 Active. All other school service personnel certificates held
13 may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through the registration
14 process provided for in the certificate renewal procedure
15 established pursuant to Section 21-14 of this Code. A Valid and
16 Exempt certificate must be immediately activated, through
17 procedures developed by the State Board of Education upon the
18 certificate holder becoming employed and performing services
19 in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary school,
20 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement with a
21 governing body or board of control in a certificated school
22 service personnel position or in a charter school operating in
23 compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A holder of a Valid
24 and Exempt certificate may activate his or her certificate
25 through procedures provided for in the certificate renewal
26 procedure established pursuant to this Section.

1 A school service personnel certificate that has been
2 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
3 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
4 upon the certificate holder (i) completing the National Board
5 for Professional Teaching Standards process in an area of
6 concentration comparable to the holder's school service
7 personnel certificate of endorsement or (ii) earning 80
8 continuing professional development units as described in this
9 Section. If, however, the certificate holder has maintained the
10 certificate as Valid and Exempt for a portion of the 5-year
11 period of validity, the number of continuing professional
12 development units needed to renew the certificate as Valid and
13 Active must be proportionately reduced by the amount of time
14 the certificate was Valid and Exempt. If a certificate holder
15 is employed and performs services requiring the holder's school
16 service personnel certificate on a part-time basis for all or a
17 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the
18 number of continuing professional development units needed to
19 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by
20 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been
21 employed and performing such services on a part-time basis.
22 "Part-time" means less than 50% of the school day or school
23 term.

24 Beginning July 1, 2008, in order to satisfy the
25 requirements for continuing professional development provided
26 for in this Section, each Valid and Active school service

1 personnel certificate holder shall complete professional
2 development activities that address the certificate or those
3 certificates that are required of his or her certificated
4 position, if the certificate holder is employed and performing
5 services in an Illinois public or State operated elementary
6 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
7 with a governing body or board of control, or that certificate
8 or those certificates most closely related to his or her
9 teaching position, if the certificate holder is employed in a
10 charter school. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
11 (e), the certificate holder's activities must address and must
12 reflect the following continuing professional development
13 purposes:

14 (1) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge
15 and skills consistent with the Illinois Standards for the
16 service area in which the certificate is endorsed in order
17 to keep the certificate holder current in that area.

18 (2) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and
19 skills in areas determined by the State Board of Education
20 to be critical for all school service personnel.

21 (3) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the
22 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if the
23 certificate holder is employed in an Illinois public or
24 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
25 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
26 board of control.

1 (4) Address the needs of serving students with
2 disabilities, including adapting and modifying clinical or
3 professional practices to meet the needs of students with
4 disabilities and serving such students in the least
5 restrictive environment.

6 The coursework or continuing professional development
7 units ("CPDU") required under this subsection (e) must total 80
8 CPDUs or the equivalent and must address 3 of the 4 purposes
9 described in items (1) through (4) of this subsection (e).
10 Holders of school service personnel certificates may fulfill
11 this obligation with any combination of semester hours or CPDUs
12 as follows:

13 (A) Collaboration and partnership activities related
14 to improving the school service personnel certificate
15 holder's knowledge and skills, including (i) participating
16 on collaborative planning and professional improvement
17 teams and committees; (ii) peer review and coaching; (iii)
18 mentoring in a formal mentoring program, including service
19 as a consulting teacher participating in a remediation
20 process formulated under Section 24A-5 of this Code; (iv)
21 participating in site-based management or decision-making
22 teams, relevant committees, boards, or task forces
23 directly related to school improvement plans; (v)
24 coordinating community resources in schools, if the
25 project is a specific goal of the school improvement plan;
26 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a school,

1 school district, or regional office of education directly
2 related to student achievement or school improvement
3 plans; (vii) participating in business, school, or
4 community partnerships directly related to student
5 achievement or school improvement plans; or (viii)
6 supervising a student teacher (student services personnel)
7 or teacher education candidate in clinical supervision,
8 provided that the supervision may be counted only once
9 during the course of 5 years.

10 (B) Coursework from a regionally accredited
11 institution of higher learning related to one of the
12 purposes listed in items (1) through (4) of this subsection
13 (e), which shall apply at the rate of 15 continuing
14 professional development units per semester hour of credit
15 earned during the previous 5-year period when the status of
16 the holder's school service personnel certificate was
17 Valid and Active. Proportionate reductions shall apply
18 when the holder's status was Valid and Active for less than
19 the 5-year period preceding the renewal.

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

24 (D) Conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, or
25 symposiums designed to improve the certificate holder's
26 knowledge and skills in the service area and applicable to

1 the purposes listed in items (1) through (4) of this
2 subsection (e). One CPDU shall be awarded for each hour of
3 attendance. No one shall receive credit for conferences,
4 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are
5 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial
6 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.
7 The State Superintendent of Education and regional
8 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the
9 activities and events provided or to be provided under this
10 subdivision (D) and to investigate complaints regarding
11 those activities and events. Either the State
12 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent
13 of schools may recommend that the State Board of Education
14 disapprove those activities and events considered to be
15 inconsistent with this subdivision (D).

16 (E) Completing non-university credit directly related
17 to student achievement, school improvement plans, or State
18 priorities.

19 (F) Participating in or presenting at workshops,
20 seminars, conferences, institutes, or symposiums.

21 (G) Training as external reviewers for quality
22 assurance.

23 (H) Training as reviewers of university teacher
24 preparation programs.

25 (I) Other educational experiences related to improving
26 the school service personnel's knowledge and skills as a

1 teacher, including (i) participating in action research
2 and inquiry projects; (ii) traveling related to one's
3 assignment and directly related to school service
4 personnel achievement or school improvement plans and
5 approved by the regional superintendent of schools or his
6 or her designee at least 30 days prior to the travel
7 experience, provided that the traveling shall not include
8 time spent commuting to destinations where the learning
9 experience will occur; (iii) participating in study groups
10 related to student achievement or school improvement
11 plans; (iv) serving on a statewide education-related
12 committee, including without limitation the State Teacher
13 Certification Board, State Board of Education strategic
14 agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council on Education of
15 Children with Disabilities; (v) participating in
16 work/learn programs or internships; or (vi) developing a
17 portfolio of student and teacher work.

18 (J) Professional leadership experiences related to
19 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
20 including (i) participating in curriculum development or
21 assessment activities at the school, school district,
22 regional office of education, State, or national level;
23 (ii) participating in team or department leadership in a
24 school or school district; (iii) participating on external
25 or internal school or school district review teams; (iv)
26 publishing educational articles, columns, or books

1 relevant to the certificate area being renewed; or (v)
2 participating in non-strike-related professional
3 association or labor organization service or activities
4 related to professional development.

5 (f) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013.

6 (Source: P.A. 94-105, eff. 7-1-05; 95-592, eff. 7-1-08.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-27)

8 Sec. 21-27. The Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

9 (a) The Illinois Teaching Excellence Program is hereby
10 established. As used in this Section:

11 "Poverty or low-performing school" means a school in
12 academic early warning status or academic watch status or a
13 school in which 50% or more of its students are eligible for
14 free or reduced-price school lunches.

15 "Qualified educator" means a teacher or school counselor
16 currently employed in a school district who is in the process
17 of obtaining certification through the National Board for
18 Professional Teaching Standards or who has completed
19 certification and holds a Master Certificate or a retired
20 teacher or school counselor who holds a Master Certificate.

21 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2011, any funds appropriated for
22 the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program must be used to
23 provide monetary assistance and incentives for qualified
24 educators who are employed by school districts and who have or
25 are in the process of obtaining licensure through the National

1 Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The goal of the
2 program is to improve instruction and student performance.

3 The State Board of Education shall allocate an amount as
4 annually appropriated by the General Assembly for the Illinois
5 Teaching Excellence Program for (i) application fees for each
6 qualified educator seeking to complete certification through
7 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, to be
8 paid directly to the National Board for Professional Teaching
9 Standards, and (ii) incentives for each qualified educator to
10 be distributed to the respective school district. The school
11 district shall distribute this payment to each eligible teacher
12 or school counselor as a single payment.

13 The State Board of Education's annual budget must set out
14 by separate line item the appropriation for the program. Unless
15 otherwise provided by appropriation, qualified educators are
16 eligible for monetary assistance and incentives based on the
17 priorities outlined in subsection (c) of this Section.

18 (c) When there are adequate funds available, priorities
19 (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), as outlined in this subsection
20 (c), must be funded. If full funding to meet all priorities as
21 outlined in this subsection (c) is not available, funding must
22 be distributed in the order of the priorities listed in this
23 subsection (c). If funding is insufficient to fund a priority
24 in full, then funding for that priority must be prorated and no
25 further priorities shall be funded.

26 Priorities for monetary assistance and incentives shall be

1 as follows:

2 (1) Priority 1: A maximum of \$2,000 towards the
3 application fee for up to 750 teachers or school counselors
4 in a poverty or low-performing school who apply on a
5 first-come, first-serve basis for National Board
6 certification.

7 (2) Priority 2: A maximum of \$2,000 towards the
8 application fee for up to 250 teachers or school counselors
9 in a school other than a poverty or low-performing school
10 who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis for National
11 Board certification. However, if there were fewer than 750
12 individuals supported in priority (1), then the number
13 supported in priority (2) may be increased as such that the
14 combination of priority (1) and priority (2) shall equal
15 1,000 applicants.

16 (3) Priority 3: The fee for the National Board for
17 Professional Teaching Standards' Take One! (the test for
18 National Board certification) for up to 500 qualified
19 educators who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis.

20 (4) Priority 4: An annual incentive equal to \$1,500,
21 which shall be paid to each qualified educator who holds
22 both a Master Certificate and a current corresponding
23 certificate issued by the National Board for Professional
24 Teaching Standards, who is employed in a school district,
25 and who agrees, in writing, to provide 30 hours of
26 mentoring or National Board for Professional Teaching

1 Standards professional development or both during the
2 school year to teachers or school counselors in a poverty
3 or low-performing school, as applicable.

4 (5) Priority 5: An annual incentive equal to \$1,500,
5 which shall be paid to each qualified educator currently
6 employed in a school district who holds both a Master
7 Certificate and a current corresponding certificate issued
8 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
9 and who agrees, in writing, to provide at least 30 hours of
10 mentoring or National Board for Professional Teaching
11 Standards professional development or both during the
12 school year to classroom teachers or school counselors, as
13 applicable.

14 Mentoring for all priorities shall include, either singly
15 or in combination, mentoring of the following:

16 (A) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
17 certification candidates.

18 (B) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
19 re-take candidates.

20 (C) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
21 renewal candidates.

22 (D) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
23 Take One! participants.

24 (d) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2013. ~~to provide~~
25 ~~ategorical funding for monetary incentives and bonuses for~~
26 ~~teachers and school counselors who are employed by school~~

1 ~~districts and who hold a Master Certificate. The State Board of~~
2 ~~Education shall allocate and distribute to each school district~~
3 ~~an amount as annually appropriated by the General Assembly from~~
4 ~~federal funds for the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program. The~~
5 ~~State Board of Education's annual budget must set out by~~
6 ~~separate line item the appropriation for the program. Unless~~
7 ~~otherwise provided by appropriation, each school district's~~
8 ~~annual allocation shall be the sum of the amounts earned for~~
9 ~~the following incentives and bonuses:~~

10 ~~(1) An annual payment of \$3,000 to be paid to (A) each~~
11 ~~teacher who holds both a Master Certificate and a~~
12 ~~corresponding certificate issued by the National Board for~~
13 ~~Professional Teaching Standards and is employed as a~~
14 ~~teacher by a school district and (B) each school counselor~~
15 ~~who holds both a Master Certificate and a corresponding~~
16 ~~certificate issued by the National Board for Professional~~
17 ~~Teaching Standards and is employed as a school counselor by~~
18 ~~a school district. The school district shall distribute~~
19 ~~this payment to each eligible teacher or school counselor~~
20 ~~as a single payment or in not more than 3 payments.~~

21 ~~(2) An annual incentive equal to \$1,000 shall be paid~~
22 ~~to (A) each teacher or school counselor who holds a Master~~
23 ~~Certificate, who is employed as a teacher or school~~
24 ~~counselor by a school district, and who agrees, in writing,~~
25 ~~to provide at least 30 hours of mentoring during that year~~
26 ~~to classroom teachers or school counselors, as applicable,~~

1 ~~and (B) each retired teacher or school counselor who holds~~
2 ~~both a Master Certificate and a current corresponding~~
3 ~~certificate issued by the National Board for Professional~~
4 ~~Teaching Standards and who agrees, in writing, to provide~~
5 ~~at least 30 hours of mentoring during that year to~~
6 ~~classroom teachers or school counselors, as applicable. An~~
7 ~~additional annual incentive equal to \$1,000 shall be paid~~
8 ~~to (I) each teacher or school counselor who holds a Master~~
9 ~~Certificate, who is employed as a teacher or school~~
10 ~~counselor by a school district, and who agrees, in writing,~~
11 ~~to provide an additional 30 hours of mentoring during that~~
12 ~~year to classroom teachers or school counselors, as~~
13 ~~applicable, and (II) each retired teacher or school~~
14 ~~counselor who holds both a Master Certificate and a current~~
15 ~~corresponding certificate issued by the National Board for~~
16 ~~Professional Teaching Standards and who agrees, in~~
17 ~~writing, to provide an additional 30 hours of mentoring~~
18 ~~during that year to classroom teachers or school~~
19 ~~counselors, as applicable, for a total of 60 hours of~~
20 ~~mentoring and \$2,000 in incentives under this paragraph~~
21 ~~(2). Mentoring under this paragraph (2) may include, either~~
22 ~~singly or in combination, (i) providing high quality~~
23 ~~professional development for new and experienced teachers~~
24 ~~or school counselors, as applicable, and/or (ii) assisting~~
25 ~~National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)~~
26 ~~candidates through the NBPTS certification process. The~~

1 ~~school district shall distribute each annual incentive~~
2 ~~payment upon completion of the 30 hours or 60 hours of~~
3 ~~required mentoring, whichever is applicable.~~

4 ~~(3) An annual incentive equal to \$2,000 shall be paid~~
5 ~~to (A) each teacher or school counselor who holds a Master~~
6 ~~Certificate, who is employed as a teacher or school~~
7 ~~counselor by a school district, and who agrees, in writing,~~
8 ~~to provide at least 30 hours of mentoring during that year~~
9 ~~to classroom teachers or school counselors, as applicable,~~
10 ~~in schools on academic early warning status or in schools~~
11 ~~in which 50% or more of the students receive free or~~
12 ~~reduced price lunches, or both, and (B) each retired~~
13 ~~teacher or school counselor who holds both a Master~~
14 ~~Certificate and a current corresponding certificate issued~~
15 ~~by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards~~
16 ~~and who agrees, in writing, to provide at least 30 hours of~~
17 ~~mentoring during that year to classroom teachers or school~~
18 ~~counselors, as applicable, in schools on academic early~~
19 ~~warning status or in schools in which 50% or more of the~~
20 ~~students receive free or reduced price lunches, or both. An~~
21 ~~additional annual incentive equal to \$2,000 shall be paid~~
22 ~~to (I) each teacher or school counselor who holds a Master~~
23 ~~Certificate, who is employed as a teacher or school~~
24 ~~counselor by a school district, and who agrees, in writing,~~
25 ~~to provide an additional 30 hours of mentoring during that~~
26 ~~year to classroom teachers or school counselors, as~~

1 ~~applicable, in schools on academic early warning status or~~
2 ~~in schools in which 50% or more of the students receive~~
3 ~~free or reduced price lunches, or both, and (II) each~~
4 ~~retired teacher or school counselor who holds both a Master~~
5 ~~Certificate and a current corresponding certificate issued~~
6 ~~by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards~~
7 ~~and who agrees, in writing, to provide an additional 30~~
8 ~~hours of mentoring during that year to classroom teachers~~
9 ~~or school counselors, as applicable, in schools on academic~~
10 ~~early warning status or in schools in which 50% or more of~~
11 ~~the students receive free or reduced price lunches, or~~
12 ~~both, for a total of 60 hours of mentoring and \$4,000 in~~
13 ~~incentives under this paragraph (3). Mentoring under this~~
14 ~~paragraph (3) may include, either singly or in combination,~~
15 ~~(i) providing high quality professional development for~~
16 ~~new and experienced teachers or school counselors, as~~
17 ~~applicable, in schools on academic early warning status or~~
18 ~~in schools in which 50% or more of the students receive~~
19 ~~free or reduced price lunches, or both, and/or (ii)~~
20 ~~assisting National Board for Professional Teaching~~
21 ~~Standards (NBPTS) candidates through the NBPTS~~
22 ~~certification process in schools on academic early warning~~
23 ~~status or in schools in which 50% or more of the students~~
24 ~~receive free or reduced price lunches, or both. The school~~
25 ~~district shall distribute each annual incentive payment~~
26 ~~upon completion of the 30 hours or 60 hours of required~~

1 ~~mentoring, whichever is applicable.~~

2 ~~(4) If funds are available under the Illinois Teaching~~
3 ~~Excellence Program in a given fiscal year, the following~~
4 ~~Master Certificate incentives shall be provided:~~

5 ~~(A) As a first priority, monetary support of up to~~
6 ~~\$2,000 per person shall be provided for first time~~
7 ~~application fees.~~

8 ~~(B) As a second priority, monetary support for~~
9 ~~NBPTS's Take One! process of up to \$395 per person~~
10 ~~shall be provided for cohorts of teachers in schools on~~
11 ~~academic early warning status or schools deemed to be a~~
12 ~~priority by the State Board of Education.~~

13 ~~(C) As a third priority, monetary support of up to~~
14 ~~\$350 per retake shall be provided for up to 3 retakes.~~

15 ~~(D) As a fourth priority, monetary support of up to~~
16 ~~\$850 per person shall be provided for renewals for~~
17 ~~those persons who have not received prior State or~~
18 ~~federal fee support.~~

19 ~~(b) Each regional superintendent of schools shall provide~~
20 ~~information about National Board certification administered by~~
21 ~~the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)~~
22 ~~and this Section to each individual seeking to register or~~
23 ~~renew a certificate under Section 21-14 of this Code.~~

24 ~~(e) After the incentives and bonuses under subsection (a)~~
25 ~~of this Section have been expended in a given fiscal year, if~~
26 ~~there are additional funds available under the Illinois~~

1 ~~Teaching Excellence Program, up to \$250,000 must be used for~~
2 ~~the continuation of an appropriate electronic system to process~~
3 ~~Master Certificates and various payments.~~

4 ~~(d) After funds have been expended under priorities (A)~~
5 ~~through (D) of paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Section~~
6 ~~in a given fiscal year and if there are any additional funds~~
7 ~~available under the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program,~~
8 ~~remaining funds must be spent on candidate support and~~
9 ~~recruitment.~~

10 (Source: P.A. 94-105, eff. 7-1-05; 94-901, eff. 6-22-06;
11 95-996, eff. 10-3-08.)

12 (105 ILCS 5/Art. 21B heading new)

13 ARTICLE 21B. EDUCATOR LICENSURE

14 (105 ILCS 5/21B-5 new)

15 Sec. 21B-5. Licensure powers of the State Board of
16 Education.

17 (a) Recognizing that the education of our citizens is the
18 single most important influence on the prosperity and success
19 of this State and recognizing that new developments in
20 education require a flexible approach to our educational
21 system, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
22 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the
23 power and authority to do all of the following:

24 (1) Set standards for teaching, supervising, or

1 otherwise holding licensed employment in the public
2 schools of this State and administer the licensure process
3 as provided in this Article.

4 (2) Approve, evaluate, and sanction educator
5 preparation programs.

6 (3) Enter into agreements with other states relative to
7 reciprocal approval of educator preparation programs.

8 (4) Establish standards for the issuance of new types
9 of educator licenses.

10 (5) Establish a code of ethics for all educators.

11 (6) Maintain a system of licensure examination aligned
12 with standards determined by the State Board of Education.

13 (7) Take such other action relating to the improvement
14 of instruction in the public schools as is appropriate and
15 consistent with applicable laws.

16 (b) Only the State Superintendent of Education, acting in
17 accordance with the applicable provisions of this Article and
18 rules, shall have the authority to issue or endorse any license
19 required for teaching, supervising, or otherwise holding
20 licensed employment in the public schools; and no other State
21 agency shall have any power or authority (i) to establish or
22 prescribe any qualifications or other requirements applicable
23 to the issuance or endorsement of any such license or (ii) to
24 establish or prescribe any licensure or equivalent requirement
25 that must be satisfied in order to teach, supervise, or hold
26 licensed employment in the public schools.

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-10 new)

2 Sec. 21B-10. State Educator Preparation and Licensure
3 Board.

4 (a) The State Teacher Certification Board, which had been
5 established under Section 21-13 of the School Code prior to
6 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, shall be
7 renamed the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

8 References in law to the State Teacher Certification Board
9 shall mean the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

10 The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall
11 consist of the State Superintendent of Education or a
12 representative appointed by him or her, who shall be ex-officio
13 chairperson, 5 administrative or faculty members of public or
14 private colleges or universities located in this State, 3
15 administrators and 10 classroom teachers employed in the public
16 schools (5 of whom must be members of and nominated by a
17 statewide professional teachers' organization and 5 of whom
18 must be members of and nominated by a different statewide
19 professional teachers' organization), and one regional
20 superintendent of schools, all of whom shall be appointed by
21 the State Board of Education; provided that at least one of the
22 administrators and at least 3 of the classroom teachers so
23 appointed must be employees of a school district that is
24 subject to the provisions of Article 34 of this Code. A
25 statewide professional teachers' organization and a different

1 statewide professional teachers' organization shall submit to
2 the State Board of Education for consideration at least 3 names
3 of accomplished teachers for every one vacancy or expiring term
4 in a classroom teacher position. The nominations submitted to
5 the State Board of Education under this Section to fill a
6 vacancy or an expiring term shall be advisory. Nomination for
7 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board members must be
8 submitted to the State Board of Education within 30 days after
9 the vacancy or vacancies occur. Nominations to fill an expiring
10 term must be submitted to the State Board of Education at least
11 30 days before the expiration of that term. Notwithstanding any
12 other provisions of this Section, if a sufficient number of
13 nominations are not received by the State Board of Education
14 for a vacancy or expiring term within the 30-day period, then
15 the State Board of Education may appoint any qualified person,
16 in the same manner as the original appointment, to fill the
17 vacancy or expiring term. The regular term of each member is 3
18 years, and an individual may be appointed for no more than 2
19 consecutive terms. The term of an appointed member of the State
20 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall expire on June
21 30 of his or her final year.

22 (b) The State Board of Education shall appoint a secretary
23 of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

24 (c) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
25 shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly and such other
26 special meetings as may be necessary.

1 (d) The necessary expenses of the State Educator
2 Preparation and Licensure Board shall be provided through the
3 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, in
4 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
5 Board, may adopt such rules as may be necessary for the
6 administration of this Article.

7 (e) Individuals serving on the State Teacher Certification
8 Board on June 30, 2011 under Section 21-13 of this Code shall
9 continue to serve on the State Educator Preparation and
10 Licensure Board until the scheduled expiration of their
11 respective terms.

12 (105 ILCS 5/21B-15 new)

13 Sec. 21B-15. Qualifications of educators.

14 (a) No one may be licensed to teach or supervise or be
15 otherwise employed in the public schools of this State who is
16 not of good character and at least 20 years of age.

17 In determining good character under this Section, the State
18 Superintendent of Education shall take into consideration the
19 disciplinary actions of other states or national entities
20 against certificates or licenses issued by those states and
21 held by individuals from those states. In addition, any felony
22 conviction of the applicant may be taken into consideration;
23 however, no one may be licensed to teach or supervise in the
24 public schools of this State who has been convicted of an
25 offense set forth in Section 21B-80 of this Code. Unless the

1 conviction is for an offense set forth in Section 21B-80 of
2 this Code, an applicant must be permitted to submit character
3 references or other written material before such a conviction
4 or other information regarding the applicant's character may be
5 used by the State Superintendent of Education as a basis for
6 denying the application.

7 (b) No person otherwise qualified shall be denied the right
8 to be licensed or to receive training for the purpose of
9 becoming an educator because of a physical disability,
10 including, but not limited to, visual and hearing disabilities;
11 nor shall any school district refuse to employ a teacher on
12 such grounds, provided that the person is able to carry out the
13 duties of the position for which he or she applies.

14 (c) No person may be granted or continue to hold an
15 educator license who has knowingly altered or misrepresented
16 his or her qualifications, in this State or any other state, in
17 order to acquire or renew the license. Any other license issued
18 under this Article held by the person may be suspended or
19 revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
20 depending upon the severity of the alteration or
21 misrepresentation.

22 (d) No one may teach or supervise in the public schools nor
23 receive for teaching or supervising any part of any public
24 school fund who does not hold an educator license granted by
25 the State Superintendent of Education as provided in this
26 Article. However, the provisions of this Article do not apply

1 to a member of the armed forces who is employed as a teacher of
2 subjects in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of any school,
3 nor to an individual teaching a dual credit course as provided
4 for in the Dual Credit Quality Act.

5 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the
6 school board of a school district may grant to a teacher of the
7 district a leave of absence with full pay for a period of not
8 more than one year to permit the teacher to teach in a foreign
9 state under the provisions of the Exchange Teacher Program
10 established under Public Law 584, 79th Congress, and Public Law
11 402, 80th Congress, as amended. The school board granting the
12 leave of absence may employ, with or without pay, a national of
13 the foreign state wherein the teacher on the leave of absence
14 is to teach if the national is qualified to teach in that
15 foreign state and if that national is to teach in a grade level
16 similar to the one that was taught in the foreign state. The
17 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
18 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt rules as
19 may be necessary to implement this subsection (e).

20 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20 new)

21 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. Before July 1, 2013, the
22 State Board of Education shall implement a system of educator
23 licensure, whereby individuals employed in school districts
24 who are required to be licensed must have one of the following
25 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 A provisional educator endorsement is valid until June
2 30 immediately following 2 years of the license being
3 issued, during which time any remaining testing and
4 coursework deficiencies must be met. Failure to satisfy all
5 stated deficiencies shall mean the individual is
6 ineligible to receive a Professional Educator License at
7 that time. A provisional educator endorsement on an
8 Educator License with Stipulations shall not be renewed.

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

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

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

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

24 The alternative provisional educator endorsement
25 is valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for
26 a third year by an individual meeting the requirements

1 set forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (D) Resident teacher endorsement. A resident

1 teacher endorsement on an Educator License with
2 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at the
3 time of applying for the endorsement, has done all of
4 the following:

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

8 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator
9 preparation program.

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

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

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

22 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
23 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
24 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
25 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
26 regionally accredited institution of higher education,

1 has passed a test of basic skills required under
2 Section 21B-30 of this Code, and has a minimum of 2,000
3 hours of experience in the last 10 years outside of
4 education in each area to be taught.

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

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

23 The provisional career and technical educator
24 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
25 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
26 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed only

1 one time for 5 years if the individual passes a test of
2 basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
3 Code, and has completed a minimum of 20 semester hours
4 from a regionally accredited institution.

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

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

16 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
17 communicate in English.

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

1 regionally accredited institution of higher
2 learning in the United States.

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

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

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

18 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
19 endorsement.

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

24 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
25 a regionally accredited institution of higher
26 education or, for individuals educated in a

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

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

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

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

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

26 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the

1 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

2 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
3 subject to be taught.

4 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
5 language.

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

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

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

1 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
2 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
3 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
4 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
5 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
6 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
7 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
8 in order to renew the endorsement.

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

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

23 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
24 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
25 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
26 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or

1 has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then
2 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute
3 Teaching License.

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

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

1 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
2 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
3 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
4 of this Code.

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25 new)

6 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued
7 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be
8 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each
9 content area, school support area, and administrative area for
10 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized
11 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs
12 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to
13 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement
14 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The
15 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit
16 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being
17 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being
18 recommended.

19 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
20 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
21 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area
22 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator
23 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for
24 obtaining each endorsement.

25 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content

1 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of
2 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
3 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the
4 requirements for the following endorsements:

5 (A) General administrative endorsement. A general
6 administrative endorsement shall be added to a
7 Professional Educator License, provided that an
8 approved program has been completed. An individual
9 holding a general administrative endorsement may work
10 only as a principal or assistant principal or in a
11 related or similar position, as determined by the State
12 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
13 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

14 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general
15 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued.
16 Individuals who hold a valid and registered
17 administrative certificate with a general
18 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1
19 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a
20 general administrative endorsement issued prior to
21 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one
22 full year during the 5 years prior in a position
23 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,
24 upon request to the State Board of Education and
25 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general
26 administrative endorsement converted to a principal

1 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.
2 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general
3 administrative preparation program after September 1,
4 2012.

5 All other individuals holding a valid and
6 registered administrative certificate with a general
7 administrative endorsement issued pursuant to Section
8 21-7.1 of this Code or a general administrative
9 endorsement on a Professional Educator License issued
10 prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general
11 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
12 endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon
13 request to the State Board of Education and by
14 completing one of the following pathways:

15 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment
16 developed by the State Board of Education.

17 (ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an
18 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by
19 the State Superintendent of Education.

20 (iii) Completion of a principal preparation
21 program established and approved pursuant to
22 Section 21B-60 of this Code and applicable rules.

23 Individuals who do not choose to convert the
24 general administrative endorsement on the
25 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section
26 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator

1 License shall continue to be able to serve in any
2 position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of
3 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

4 The general administrative endorsement on the
5 Professional Educator License is available only to
6 individuals who, prior to September 1, 2014, had such
7 an endorsement on the administrative certificate
8 issued pursuant to Section 21-7.1 of this Code or who
9 already have a Professional Educator License and have
10 completed a general administrative program and who do
11 not choose to convert the general administrative
12 endorsement to a principal endorsement pursuant to the
13 options in this Section.

14 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement
15 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of
16 any holder who qualifies by having all of the
17 following:

18 (i) Successful completion of a principal
19 preparation program approved in accordance with
20 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable
21 rules.

22 (ii) Four years of teaching in a public school
23 or nonpublic school recognized by the State Board
24 of Education; however, the State Board of
25 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
26 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall allow, by

1 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based
2 on meeting standards set forth in such rules,
3 including without limitation a review of
4 performance evaluations or other evidence of
5 demonstrated qualifications.

6 (iii) A master's degree or higher from a
7 regionally accredited college or university.

8 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A
9 chief school business official endorsement shall be
10 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
11 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or
12 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience
13 in school business management or 2 years of
14 university-approved practical experience, and a
15 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a
16 program approved by the State Board of Education for
17 the preparation of school business administrators and
18 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief
19 school business official endorsement may also be
20 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
21 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in
22 business administration, finance, or accounting and
23 who completes an additional 6 semester hours of
24 internship in school business management from a
25 regionally accredited institution of higher education
26 and passes the applicable State tests. This

1 endorsement shall be required for any individual
2 employed as a chief school business official.

3 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent
4 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional
5 Educator License of any holder who has completed a
6 program approved by the State Board of Education for
7 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had
8 at least 2 years of experience employed as a full-time
9 principal, director of special education, or chief
10 school business official in the public schools or in a
11 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief
12 administrator is required to have the licensure
13 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this
14 State and where a majority of the teachers are required
15 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a
16 public school in this State, and has passed the
17 required State tests; or of any holder who has
18 completed a program from out-of-state that has a
19 program with recognition standards comparable to those
20 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and
21 holds the general administrative, principal, or chief
22 school business official endorsement and who has had 2
23 years of experience as a principal, director of special
24 education, or chief school business official while
25 holding a valid educator license or certificate
26 comparable in validity and educational and experience

1 requirements and has passed the appropriate State
2 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The
3 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to
4 serve only as a superintendent or assistant
5 superintendent.

6 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
7 policy of this State to improve the quality of
8 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway
9 for teachers interested in serving in leadership
10 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of
11 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
12 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher
13 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons
14 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of
15 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader
16 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for
17 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may
18 qualify to serve in such positions as department
19 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction
20 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by
21 the district. The endorsement shall be available to
22 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator
23 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a
24 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have
25 completed a program of study that has been approved by
26 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the

1 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
2 (iv) have taken coursework in all of the following
3 areas:

4 (I) Leadership.

5 (II) Designing professional development to
6 meet teaching and learning needs.

7 (III) Building school culture that focuses on
8 student learning.

9 (IV) Using assessments to improve student
10 learning and foster school improvement.

11 (V) Building collaboration with teachers and
12 stakeholders.

13 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
14 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may
15 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this
16 Code, provided that the individual has completed the
17 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this
18 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate
19 personnel under the respective school district's
20 collective bargaining agreement.

21 The State Board of Education, in consultation with
22 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
23 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish
24 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program
25 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement
26 shall be required.

1 (F) Special education endorsement. A special
2 education endorsement in one or more areas shall be
3 affixed to a Professional Educator License for any
4 individual that meets those requirements established
5 by the State Board of Education in rules. Special
6 education endorsement areas shall include without
7 limitation the following:

8 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;

9 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;

10 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;

11 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;

12 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing; and

13 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education.

14 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,
15 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
16 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may
17 add additional areas of special education by rule.

18 (G) School support personnel endorsement. School
19 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but
20 are not limited to, school counselor, school
21 psychologist, school speech and language pathologist,
22 school nurse, and school social worker. This
23 endorsement is for individuals who are not teachers or
24 administrators, but still require licensure to work in
25 an instructional support position in a public or
26 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or

1 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
2 board of control or a charter school operating in
3 compliance with the Charter Schools Law. The school
4 support personnel endorsement shall be affixed to the
5 Professional Educator License and shall meet all of the
6 requirements established in any rules adopted to
7 implement this subdivision (G). The holder of such an
8 endorsement is entitled to all of the rights and
9 privileges granted holders of any other Professional
10 Educator License, including teacher benefits,
11 compensation, and working conditions.

12 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30 new)

13 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

14 (a) This Section applies beginning on July 1, 2012.

15 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
16 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
17 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required
18 prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations
19 and indicators must be based on national and State professional
20 teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of
21 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
22 and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt
23 such rules as may be necessary to implement and administer this
24 Section. No score on a test required under this Section, other
25 than a test of basic skills, shall be more than 5 years old at

1 the time that an individual makes application for an educator
2 license or endorsement.

3 (c) Applicants seeking a Professional Educator License or
4 an Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to pass
5 a test of basic skills, unless the endorsement the individual
6 is seeking does not require passage of the test.

7 No candidate may be fully admitted into an educator
8 preparation program at a recognized Illinois institution until
9 he or she has passed a test of basic skills. An individual who
10 passes a test of basic skills does not need to do so again for
11 subsequent endorsements or other educator licenses.

12 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
13 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
14 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There
15 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
16 be allowed to student teach, serve as the teacher of record, or
17 begin an internship or residency required for licensure until
18 he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

19 (e) All applicants seeking a State license endorsed in a
20 teaching field shall pass the assessment of professional
21 teaching (APT). Passage of the APT is required for completion
22 of an approved Illinois educator preparation program.

23 (f) Beginning on September 1, 2015, all candidates
24 completing teacher preparation programs in this State are
25 required to pass an evidence-based assessment of teacher
26 effectiveness approved by the State Board of Education, in

1 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
2 Board. All recognized institutions offering approved teacher
3 preparation programs must begin phasing in the approved teacher
4 performance assessment no later than July 1, 2013.

5 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and
6 the assessment of professional teaching shall be the tests that
7 from time to time are designated by the State Board of
8 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
9 and Licensure Board, and may be tests prepared by an
10 educational testing organization or tests designed by the State
11 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
12 Preparation and Licensure Board. The areas to be covered by a
13 test of basic skills shall include reading, language arts, and
14 mathematics. The test of content area knowledge shall assess
15 content knowledge in a specific subject field. The tests must
16 be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no person
17 taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis of race,
18 color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to the
19 person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The score
20 required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State Board of
21 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
22 and Licensure Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer
23 than 3 times a year at such time and place as may be designated
24 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
25 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

26 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess

1 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of
2 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under
3 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this Code
4 in the English language and in the language of the transitional
5 bilingual education program requested by the applicant.

6 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the
7 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school
8 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

9 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
10 testing requirements under this Section shall include
11 provisions governing test selection, test validation and
12 determination of a passing score, administration of the tests,
13 frequency of administration, applicant fees, frequency of
14 applicants taking the tests, the years for which a score is
15 valid, and appropriate special accommodations. The State Board
16 of Education shall develop such rules as may be needed to
17 ensure uniformity from year to year in the level of difficulty
18 for each form of an assessment.

19 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35 new)

20 Sec. 21B-35. Minimum requirements for educators trained in
21 other states or countries.

22 (a) All out-of-state applicants applying for a
23 Professional Educator License must meet all of the following
24 requirements:

25 (1) Have completed a comparable state-approved

1 education program, as defined by the State Superintendent
2 of Education.

3 (2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited
4 institution of higher education and the degreed major or a
5 constructed major must directly correspond to the license
6 or endorsement sought.

7 (3) Have completed a minimum of one course in the
8 methods of instruction of the exceptional child.

9 (4) Have completed a minimum of 6 semester hours of
10 coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content
11 area.

12 (5) Have completed a minimum of one course in
13 instructional strategies for English language learners.

14 (6) Have successfully met all Illinois examination
15 requirements.

16 (7) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
17 experience.

18 If one or more of the criteria in subsection (a) of this
19 Section are not met, then out-of-state applicants who hold a
20 valid, comparable certificate from another state and have
21 passed a test of basic skills and content area test, as
22 required by Section 21B-20 of this Code, may qualify for a
23 provisional educator endorsement on an Educator License with
24 Stipulations, in accordance with Section 21B-20 of this Code,
25 with the exception that an individual shall not serve as a
26 principal or assistant principal while holding the provisional

1 educator endorsement.

2 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License,
3 applicants trained in another country must meet all of the
4 following requirements:

5 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
6 another country.

7 (2) Have had transcripts evaluated by an evaluation
8 service approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

9 (3) Hold a degreed major that must directly correspond
10 to the license or endorsement sought.

11 (4) Have completed a minimum of one course in the
12 methods of instruction of the exceptional child.

13 (5) Have completed a minimum of 6 semester hours of
14 coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content
15 area.

16 (6) Have completed a minimum of one course in
17 instructional strategies for English language learners.

18 (7) Have successfully met all State licensure
19 examination requirements.

20 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
21 experience.

22 If one or more of these criteria are not met, then an
23 applicant trained in another country who has passed a test of
24 basic skills and content area test, as required by Section
25 21B-20 of this Code, may qualify for a provisional educator
26 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations, with the

1 exception that an individual shall not serve as a principal or
2 assistant principal while holding the provisional educator
3 endorsement.

4 (c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
5 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
6 rules as may be necessary to implement this Section.

7 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40 new)

8 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

9 (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system
10 established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall
11 be charged to applicants:

12 (1) A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator
13 License or an Educator License with Stipulations and for
14 individuals seeking a Substitute Teaching License.
15 However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee
16 for a Professional Educator License, Educator License with
17 Stipulations, or Substitute Teaching License shall be
18 \$100.

19 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have
20 completed an approved educator preparation program outside
21 of this State or who hold a valid, comparable credential
22 from another state or country and are seeking any of the
23 licenses set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection
24 (a).

25 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or

1 approval an individual holding a license wishes to add to
2 that license.

3 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
4 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
5 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
6 and control over the school in which the individual holding
7 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
8 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
9 registered in any county in this State. The registration
10 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
11 individual registers the license for a particular validity
12 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
13 for that validity period should the individual
14 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
15 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
16 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
17 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
18 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
19 Code.

20 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
21 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
22 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
23 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
24 Education to provide the technology and human resources
25 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
26 applications. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not

1 subject to administrative charge transfers, authorized under
2 Section 8h of the State Finance Act, from the Teacher
3 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of this
4 State, and moneys in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund
5 shall not revert back to the General Revenue Fund at any time.

6 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
7 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of
8 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
9 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

10 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
11 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
12 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
13 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
14 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor
15 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
16 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must
17 be paid to that company or vendor.

18 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
19 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
20 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
21 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not
22 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must
23 be applied to the registration of the new license.

24 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45 new)

25 Sec. 21B-45. Licensure renewal. All licenses with

1 endorsements are required to complete the licensure renewal
2 requirements as specified in this Section, unless otherwise
3 provided in this Code.

4 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
5 endorsed in a teaching field shall meet the renewal
6 requirements set forth in subsection (e) of Section 21-14 of
7 this Code. An individual holding a Professional Educator
8 License with a general administrative, principal, chief school
9 business official, or superintendent endorsement issued under
10 this Article who is also working in a position using or
11 requiring that endorsement is subject to the renewal
12 requirements in subsection (c-10) of Section 21-7.1 of this
13 Code. An individual holding a Professional Educator License
14 with a school personnel support endorsement and working in a
15 position for which that endorsement is required must complete
16 the licensure renewal requirements under Section 21-25 of this
17 Code. If an individual holds licensure in more than one area
18 that has different renewal requirements, that individual shall
19 follow the renewal requirements for the position for which he
20 or she spends the majority of his or her time working.

21 All licenses not renewed as provided in this Section or
22 registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of this Code shall
23 lapse after a period of 6 months from the expiration of the
24 last year of registration. The license may be reinstated once
25 the applicant has demonstrated proficiency by completing 9
26 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited

1 institution of higher education in the content area that most
2 aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas. Before
3 the license may be reinstated, the applicant shall pay all back
4 fees owed from the time of expiration of the license until the
5 date of reinstatement. Any license may be voluntarily
6 surrendered by the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered
7 license shall be treated as a revoked license.

8 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50 new)

9 Sec. 21B-50. Alternative educator licensure program.

10 (a) There is established an alternative educator licensure
11 program, to be known as the Alternative Educator Licensure
12 Program for Teachers.

13 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2013, the Alternative Educator
14 Licensure Program for Teachers may be offered by a recognized
15 institution approved to offer educator preparation programs by
16 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
17 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. Any program offered
18 by a not-for-profit entity also must be approved by the Board
19 of Higher Education.

20 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases:

21 (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes
22 instructional planning; instructional strategies,
23 including special education, reading, and English language
24 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of
25 students and use of data to drive instruction.

1 (2) A year of residency, which is a candidate's
2 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a
3 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must
4 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an
5 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to
6 enter the residency and must complete additional program
7 requirements that address required State and national
8 standards, pass the assessment of professional teaching
9 before entering the second residency year, as required
10 under phase (3) of this subsection (b), and be recommended
11 by the principal and program coordinator to continue with
12 the second year of the residency.

13 (3) A second year of residency, which shall include the
14 candidate's assignment to a full-time teaching position
15 for one school year. The candidate must be assigned an
16 experienced teacher to act as a mentor and coach the
17 candidate through the second year of residency.

18 (4) A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's
19 teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal and
20 the program coordinator, at the end of the second year of
21 residency. If there is disagreement between the 2
22 evaluators about the candidate's teaching effectiveness,
23 the candidate may complete one additional year of residency
24 teaching under a professional development plan developed
25 by the principal and preparation program. At the completion
26 of the third year, a candidate must have positive

1 evaluations and a recommendation for full licensure from
2 both the principal and the program coordinator or no
3 Professional Educator License shall be issued.

4 Successful completion of the program shall be deemed to
5 satisfy any other practice or student teaching and content
6 matter requirements established by law.

7 (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on a
8 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 2 years of
9 teaching in the public schools or in a State-recognized
10 nonpublic school in which the chief administrator is required
11 to have the licensure necessary to be a principal in a public
12 school in this State and in which a majority of the teachers
13 are required to have the licensure necessary to be instructors
14 in a public school in this State, but may be renewed for a
15 third year if needed to complete the Alternative Educator
16 Licensure Program for Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued
17 only once to an individual who meets all of the following
18 requirements:

19 (1) Has graduated from a regionally accredited college
20 or university with a bachelor's degree or higher.

21 (2) Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or
22 greater on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on another scale.

23 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if
24 seeking a middle or secondary level endorsement or, if
25 seeking an early childhood, elementary, or special
26 education endorsement, has completed a major in the content

1 area of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, or
2 one of the sciences. If the individual does not have a
3 major in a content area for any level of teaching, he or
4 she must submit transcripts to the State Superintendent of
5 Education to be reviewed for equivalency.

6 (4) Has successfully completed phase (1) of subsection
7 (b) of this Section.

8 (5) Has passed a test of basic skills and content area
9 test required for the specific endorsement for admission
10 into the program, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
11 Code.

12 A candidate possessing the alternative provisional
13 educator endorsement may receive a salary, benefits, and any
14 other terms of employment offered to teachers in the school who
15 are members of an exclusive bargaining representative, if any,
16 but a school is not required to provide these benefits during
17 the years of residency if the candidate is serving only as a
18 co-teacher. If the candidate is serving as the teacher of
19 record, the candidate must receive a salary, benefits, and any
20 other terms of employment. Residency experiences must not be
21 counted towards tenure.

22 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative
23 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a
24 school district or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this
25 State in which the chief administrator is required to have the
26 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in

1 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required
2 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public
3 school in this State. The program presented for approval by the
4 State Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are
5 to be provided to assist the provisional teacher during the
6 2-year residency period. These supports must provide
7 additional contact hours with mentors during the first year of
8 residency.

9 (e) Upon completion of the 4 phases outlined in subsection
10 (b) of this Section and all assessments required under Section
11 21B-30 of this Code, an individual shall receive a Professional
12 Educator License.

13 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
14 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
15 rules as may be necessary to establish and implement the
16 Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers.

17 (105 ILCS 5/21B-55 new)

18 Sec. 21B-55. Alternative route to superintendent
19 endorsement.

20 (a) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
21 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may approve
22 programs designed to provide an alternative route to
23 superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

24 (b) Entities offering an alternative route to
25 superintendent endorsement program must have the program

1 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
2 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

3 (c) All programs approved under this Section shall be
4 comprised of the following 3 phases:

5 (1) A course of study offered on an intensive basis in
6 education management, governance, organization, and
7 instructional and district planning.

8 (2) The person's assignment to a full-time position for
9 one school year as a superintendent.

10 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the person's
11 performance by school officials and a recommendation to the
12 State Superintendent of Education that the person be issued
13 a superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator
14 License.

15 (d) In order to be admitted to an alternative route to
16 superintendent endorsement program, a candidate shall pass a
17 test of basic skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
18 Code. In order to serve as a superintendent under phase (2) of
19 subsection (c) of this Section, an individual must be issued an
20 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an
21 Educator License with Stipulations, to be valid for only one
22 year of serving as a superintendent. In order to receive the
23 provisional alternative superintendent endorsement under this
24 Section, an individual must meet all of the following
25 requirements:

26 (1) Have graduated from a regionally accredited

1 college or university with a minimum of a master's degree
2 in a management field other than education.

3 (2) Have been employed for a period of at least 5 years
4 in a management level position other than education.

5 (3) Have successfully completed phase (1) of
6 subsection (c) of this Section.

7 (4) Have passed examinations required by Section
8 21B-30 of this Code.

9 (e) Successful completion of an alternative route to
10 superintendent endorsement program shall be deemed to satisfy
11 any other supervisory, administrative, or management
12 experience requirements established by law, and, once
13 completed, an individual shall be eligible for a superintendent
14 endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

15 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
16 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
17 rules as may be needed to establish and implement these
18 alternative route to superintendent endorsement programs.

19 (105 ILCS 5/21B-60 new)

20 Sec. 21B-60. Principal preparation programs.

21 (a) It is the policy of this State that an essential
22 element of improving student learning is supporting and
23 employing highly effective school principals in leadership
24 roles who improve teaching and learning and increase academic
25 achievement and the development of all students.

1 (b) No later than September 1, 2014, recognized
2 institutions approved by the State Board of Education, in
3 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
4 Board, to offer principal preparation programs must do all of
5 the following:

6 (1) Meet the standards and requirements for such
7 programs in accordance with this Section and any rules
8 adopted by the State Board of Education, in consultation
9 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

10 (2) Prepare candidates to meet required standards for
11 principal skills, knowledge, and responsibilities, which
12 shall include a focus on instruction and student learning
13 and which must be used for principal professional
14 development, mentoring, and evaluation.

15 (3) Include specific requirements for (i) the
16 selection and assessment of candidates, (ii) training in
17 the evaluation of staff, (iii) an internship, and (iv) a
18 partnership with one or more school districts or
19 State-recognized, nonpublic schools in which the chief
20 administrator is required to have the licensure necessary
21 to be a principal in a public school in this State and in
22 which a majority of the teachers are required to have the
23 licensure necessary to be instructors in a public school in
24 this State.

25 Any principal preparation program offered in whole or in
26 part by a not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the

1 Board of Higher Education.

2 (c) Candidates successfully completing a principal
3 preparation program established pursuant to this Section shall
4 obtain a principal endorsement on a Professional Educator
5 License and are eligible to work as a principal or an assistant
6 principal or in related or similar positions, as determined by
7 the State Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
8 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

9 (d) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
10 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
11 rules as may be necessary to implement and administer principal
12 preparation programs under this Section.

13 (105 ILCS 5/21B-65 new)

14 Sec. 21B-65. National Board for Professional Teaching
15 Standards. Individuals holding certification issued by the
16 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall be
17 issued a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
18 designation on an existing Professional Educator License. The
19 designation shall be issued automatically and added to an
20 individual's Professional Educator License, and individuals
21 need not submit an application.

22 The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
23 designation must be issued only for the same validity period as
24 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
25 certification, and the designation must be removed from the

1 Professional Educator License when the educator no longer holds
2 the certification from the National Board for Professional
3 Teaching Standards.

4 Beginning on July 1, 2013, individuals holding an Illinois
5 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards endorsement
6 issued pursuant to the requirements of Section 21-2 of this
7 Code must have a current certificate issued by the National
8 Board for Professional Teaching Standards in order to maintain
9 the Illinois National Board for Professional Teaching
10 Standards endorsement.

11 Any individual who, on or after July 1, 2012, has been
12 issued a Master Certificate pursuant to Section 21-2 of this
13 Code or a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
14 designation on a Professional Educator License pursuant to this
15 Section may work as a teacher only in an area for which he or
16 she holds the required Illinois endorsement. Any individual
17 who, prior to June 30, 2012, has been issued an endorsement for
18 a particular area on a Master Certificate may work as a teacher
19 in that area even without having been issued the required
20 Illinois endorsement.

21 (105 ILCS 5/21B-70 new)

22 Sec. 21B-70. Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

23 (a) As used in this Section:

24 "Poverty or low-performing school" means a school in
25 academic early warning status or academic watch status or a

1 school in which 50% or more of its students are eligible for
2 free or reduced-price school lunches.

3 "Qualified educator" means a teacher or school counselor
4 currently employed in a school district who is in the process
5 of obtaining certification through the National Board for
6 Professional Teaching Standards or who has completed
7 certification and holds a current Professional Educator
8 License with a National Board for Professional Teaching
9 Standards designation or a retired teacher or school counselor
10 who holds a Professional Educator License with a National Board
11 for Professional Teaching Standards designation.

12 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2011, any funds appropriated for
13 the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program must be used to
14 provide monetary assistance and incentives for qualified
15 educators who are employed by school districts and who have or
16 are in the process of obtaining licensure through the National
17 Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The goal of the
18 program is to improve instruction and student performance.

19 The State Board of Education shall allocate an amount as
20 annually appropriated by the General Assembly for the Illinois
21 Teaching Excellence Program for (i) application fees for each
22 qualified educator seeking to complete certification through
23 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, to be
24 paid directly to the National Board for Professional Teaching
25 Standards, and (ii) incentives for each qualified educator to
26 be distributed to the respective school district. The school

1 district shall distribute this payment to each eligible teacher
2 or school counselor as a single payment.

3 The State Board of Education's annual budget must set out
4 by separate line item the appropriation for the program. Unless
5 otherwise provided by appropriation, qualified educators are
6 eligible for monetary assistance and incentives based on the
7 priorities outlined in subsection (c) of this Section.

8 (c) When there are adequate funds available, priorities
9 (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), as outlined in this subsection
10 (c), must be funded. If full funding to meet all priorities as
11 outlined in this subsection (c) is not available, funding must
12 be distributed in the order of the priorities listed in this
13 subsection (c). If funding is insufficient to fund a priority
14 in full, then funding for that priority must be prorated and no
15 further priorities shall be funded.

16 Priorities for monetary assistance and incentives shall be
17 as follows:

18 (1) Priority 1: A maximum of \$2,000 towards the
19 application fee for up to 750 teachers or school counselors
20 in a poverty or low-performing school who apply on a
21 first-come, first-serve basis for National Board
22 certification.

23 (2) Priority 2: A maximum of \$2,000 towards the
24 application fee for up to 250 teachers or school counselors
25 in a school other than a poverty or low-performing school
26 who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis for National

1 Board certification. However, if there were fewer than 750
2 individuals supported in priority (1), then the number
3 supported in priority (2) may be increased as such that the
4 combination of priority (1) and priority (2) shall equal
5 1,000 applicants.

6 (3) Priority 3: The fee for the National Board for
7 Professional Teaching Standards' Take One! (the test for
8 National Board certification) for up to 500 qualified
9 educators who apply on a first-come, first-serve basis.

10 (4) Priority 4: An annual incentive equal to \$1,500,
11 which shall be paid to each qualified educator who holds
12 both a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
13 designation and a current corresponding certificate issued
14 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards,
15 who is employed in a school district, and who agrees, in
16 writing, to provide 30 hours of mentoring or National Board
17 for Professional Teaching Standards professional
18 development or both during the school year to teachers or
19 school counselors in a poverty or low-performing school, as
20 applicable.

21 (5) Priority 5: An annual incentive equal to \$1,500,
22 which shall be paid to each qualified educator currently
23 employed in a school district who holds both a National
24 Board for Professional Teaching Standards designation and
25 a current corresponding certificate issued by the National
26 Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who agrees,

1 in writing, to provide at least 30 hours of mentoring or
2 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
3 professional development or both during the school year to
4 classroom teachers or school counselors, as applicable.
5 Mentoring for all priorities shall include, either singly
6 or in combination, mentoring of the following:

7 (A) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
8 certification candidates.

9 (B) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
10 re-take candidates.

11 (C) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
12 renewal candidates.

13 (D) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
14 Take One! participants.

15 (105 ILCS 5/21B-75 new)

16 Sec. 21B-75. Suspension or revocation of license.

17 (a) As used in this Section, "teacher" means any school
18 district employee regularly required to be licensed, as
19 provided in this Article, in order to teach or supervise in the
20 public schools.

21 (b) The State Superintendent of Education has the exclusive
22 authority, in accordance with this Section and any rules
23 adopted by the State Board of Education, in consultation with
24 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, to initiate
25 the suspension of up to 5 calendar years or revocation of any

1 license issued pursuant to this Article for abuse or neglect of
2 a child, immorality, a condition of health detrimental to the
3 welfare of pupils, incompetency, unprofessional conduct (which
4 includes the failure to disclose on an employment application
5 any previous conviction for a sex offense, as defined in
6 Section 21B-80 of this Code, or any other offense committed in
7 any other state or against the laws of the United States that,
8 if committed in this State, would be punishable as a sex
9 offense, as defined in Section 21B-80 of this Code), the
10 neglect of any professional duty, willful failure to report an
11 instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the
12 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, failure to establish
13 satisfactory repayment on an educational loan guaranteed by the
14 Illinois Student Assistance Commission, or other just cause.
15 Unprofessional conduct shall include the refusal to attend or
16 participate in institutes, teachers' meetings, or professional
17 readings or to meet other reasonable requirements of the
18 regional superintendent of schools or State Superintendent of
19 Education. Unprofessional conduct also includes conduct that
20 violates the standards, ethics, or rules applicable to the
21 security, administration, monitoring, or scoring of or the
22 reporting of scores from any assessment test or examination
23 administered under Section 2-3.64 of this Code or that is known
24 or intended to produce or report manipulated or artificial,
25 rather than actual, assessment or achievement results or gains
26 from the administration of those tests or examinations.

1 Unprofessional conduct shall also include neglect or
2 unnecessary delay in the making of statistical and other
3 reports required by school officers.

4 (c) The State Superintendent of Education shall, upon
5 receipt of evidence of abuse or neglect of a child, immorality,
6 a condition of health detrimental to the welfare of pupils,
7 incompetency, unprofessional conduct, the neglect of any
8 professional duty, or other just cause, further investigate
9 and, if and as appropriate, serve written notice to the
10 individual and afford the individual opportunity for a hearing
11 prior to suspension or revocation; provided that the State
12 Superintendent is under no obligation to initiate such an
13 investigation if the Department of Children and Family Services
14 is investigating the same or substantially similar allegations
15 and its child protective service unit has not made its
16 determination, as required under Section 7.12 of the Abused and
17 Neglected Child Reporting Act. If the State Superintendent of
18 Education does not receive from an individual a request for a
19 hearing within 10 days after the individual receives notice,
20 the suspension or revocation shall immediately take effect in
21 accordance with the notice. If a hearing is requested within 10
22 days after notice of an opportunity for hearing, it shall act
23 as a stay of proceedings until the State Educator Preparation
24 and Licensure Board issues a decision. Any hearing shall take
25 place in the educational service region where the educator is
26 or was last employed and in accordance with rules adopted by

1 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
2 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and such rules shall
3 include without limitation provisions for discovery and the
4 sharing of information between parties prior to the hearing.
5 The standard of proof for any administrative hearing held
6 pursuant to this Section shall be by the preponderance of the
7 evidence. The decision of the State Educator Preparation and
8 Licensure Board is a final administrative decision and is
9 subject to judicial review by appeal of either party.

10 The State Board of Education may refuse to issue or may
11 suspend the license of any person who fails to file a return or
12 to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return or
13 to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as
14 required by any tax Act administered by the Department of
15 Revenue, until such time as the requirements of any such tax
16 Act are satisfied.

17 The exclusive authority of the State Superintendent of
18 Education to initiate suspension or revocation of a license
19 pursuant to this Section does not preclude a regional
20 superintendent of schools from cooperating with the State
21 Superintendent or a State's Attorney with respect to an
22 investigation of alleged misconduct.

23 (d) The State Superintendent of Education or his or her
24 designee may initiate and conduct such investigations as may be
25 reasonably necessary to establish the existence of any alleged
26 misconduct. At any stage of the investigation, the State

1 Superintendent may issue a subpoena requiring the attendance
2 and testimony of a witness, including the license holder, and
3 the production of any evidence, including files, records,
4 correspondence, or documents, relating to any matter in
5 question in the investigation. The subpoena shall require a
6 witness to appear at the State Board of Education at a
7 specified date and time and shall specify any evidence to be
8 produced. The license holder is not entitled to be present, but
9 the State Superintendent shall provide the license holder with
10 a copy of any recorded testimony prior to a hearing under this
11 Section. Such recorded testimony must not be used as evidence
12 at a hearing, unless the license holder has adequate notice of
13 the testimony and the opportunity to cross-examine the witness.
14 Failure of a license holder to comply with a duly issued,
15 investigatory subpoena may be grounds for revocation,
16 suspension, or denial of a license.

17 (e) All correspondence, documentation, and other
18 information so received by the regional superintendent of
19 schools, the State Superintendent of Education, the State Board
20 of Education, or the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
21 Board under this Section is confidential and must not be
22 disclosed to third parties, except (i) as necessary for the
23 State Superintendent of Education or his or her designee to
24 investigate and prosecute pursuant to this Article, (ii)
25 pursuant to a court order, (iii) for disclosure to the license
26 holder or his or her representative, or (iv) as otherwise

1 required in this Article and provided that any such information
2 admitted into evidence in a hearing is exempt from this
3 confidentiality and non-disclosure requirement.

4 (f) The State Superintendent of Education or a person
5 designated by him or her shall have the power to administer
6 oaths to witnesses at any hearing conducted before the State
7 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board pursuant to this
8 Section. The State Superintendent of Education or a person
9 designated by him or her is authorized to subpoena and bring
10 before the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board any
11 person in this State and to take testimony either orally or by
12 deposition or by exhibit, with the same fees and mileage and in
13 the same manner as prescribed by law in judicial proceedings in
14 civil cases in circuit courts of this State.

15 (g) Any circuit court, upon the application of the State
16 Superintendent of Education or the license holder, may, by
17 order duly entered, require the attendance of witnesses and the
18 production of relevant books and papers as part of any
19 investigation or at any hearing the State Educator Preparation
20 and Licensure Board is authorized to conduct pursuant to this
21 Section, and the court may compel obedience to its orders by
22 proceedings for contempt.

23 (h) The State Board of Education shall receive an annual
24 line item appropriation to cover fees associated with the
25 investigation and prosecution of alleged educator misconduct
26 and hearings related thereto.

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-80 new)

2 Sec. 21B-80. Conviction of certain offenses as grounds for
3 revocation of license.

4 (a) As used in this Section:

5 "Narcotics offense" means any one or more of the following
6 offenses:

7 (1) Any offense defined in the Cannabis Control Act,
8 except those defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section
9 4 and subdivision (a) of Section 5 of the Cannabis Control
10 Act and any offense for which the holder of a license is
11 placed on probation under the provisions of Section 10 of
12 the Cannabis Control Act, provided that if the terms and
13 conditions of probation required by the court are not
14 fulfilled, the offense is not eligible for this exception.

15 (2) Any offense defined in the Illinois Controlled
16 Substances Act, except any offense for which the holder of
17 a license is placed on probation under the provisions of
18 Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act,
19 provided that if the terms and conditions of probation
20 required by the court are not fulfilled, the offense is not
21 eligible for this exception.

22 (3) Any offense defined in the Methamphetamine Control
23 and Community Protection Act, except any offense for which
24 the holder of a license is placed on probation under the
25 provision of Section 70 of that Act, provided that if the

1 terms and conditions of probation required by the court are
2 not fulfilled, the offense is not eligible for this
3 exception.

4 (4) Any attempt to commit any of the offenses listed in
5 items (1) through (3) of this definition.

6 (5) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
7 state or against the laws of the United States that, if
8 committed or attempted in this State, would have been
9 punishable as one or more of the offenses listed in items
10 (1) through (4) of this definition.

11 The changes made by Public Act 96-431 to the definition of
12 "narcotics offense" are declaratory of existing law.

13 "Sex offense" means any one or more of the following
14 offenses:

15 (A) Any offense defined in Sections 11-6 and 11-9
16 through 11-9.5, inclusive, of the Criminal Code of 1961;
17 Sections 11-14 through 11-21, inclusive, of the Criminal
18 Code of 1961; Sections 11-23 (if punished as a Class 3
19 felony), 11-24, 11-25, and 11-26 of the Criminal Code of
20 1961; and Sections 12-4.9, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15,
21 12-16, 12-32, and 12-33 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

22 (B) Any attempt to commit any of the offenses listed in
23 item (A) of this definition.

24 (C) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
25 state that, if committed or attempted in this State, would
26 have been punishable as one or more of the offenses listed

1 in items (A) and (B) of this definition.

2 (b) Whenever the holder of any license issued pursuant to
3 this Article has been convicted of any sex offense or narcotics
4 offense, the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith
5 suspend the license. If the conviction is reversed and the
6 holder is acquitted of the offense in a new trial or the
7 charges against him or her are dismissed, the State
8 Superintendent of Education shall forthwith terminate the
9 suspension of the license. When the conviction becomes final,
10 the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith revoke
11 the license.

12 (c) Whenever the holder of a license issued pursuant to
13 this Article has been convicted of attempting to commit,
14 conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing first degree
15 murder or a Class X felony or any offense committed or
16 attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United
17 States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would
18 have been punishable as one or more of the foregoing offenses,
19 the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith suspend
20 the license. If the conviction is reversed and the holder is
21 acquitted of that offense in a new trial or the charges that he
22 or she committed that offense are dismissed, the State
23 Superintendent of Education shall forthwith terminate the
24 suspension of the license. When the conviction becomes final,
25 the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith revoke
26 the license.

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-85 new)

2 Sec. 21B-85. Conviction of felony.

3 (a) Whenever the holder of any license issued under this
4 Article is employed by the school board of a school district,
5 including a special charter district or a school district
6 organized under Article 34 of this Code, and is convicted,
7 either after a bench trial, trial by jury, or plea of guilty,
8 of any offense for which a sentence to death or a term of
9 imprisonment in a penitentiary for one year or more is
10 provided, the school board shall promptly notify the State
11 Superintendent of Education, in writing, of the name of the
12 license holder, the fact of the conviction, and the name and
13 location of the court in which the conviction occurred.

14 (b) Whenever the State Superintendent of Education
15 receives notice of a conviction under subsection (a) of this
16 Section or otherwise learns that any person who is a teacher,
17 as that term is defined in Section 16-106 of the Illinois
18 Pension Code, has been convicted, either after a bench trial,
19 trial by jury, or plea of guilty, of any offense for which a
20 sentence to death or a term of imprisonment in a penitentiary
21 for one year or more is provided, the State Superintendent of
22 Education shall promptly notify, in writing, the board of
23 trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of
24 Illinois and the board of trustees of the Public School
25 Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of the City of Chicago of

1 the name of the license holder, the fact of the conviction, the
2 name and location of the court in which the conviction
3 occurred, and the number assigned in that court to the case in
4 which the conviction occurred.

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-90 new)

6 Sec. 21B-90. Administrative Review Law. In this Section,
7 "administrative decision" has the meaning ascribed to that term
8 in Section 3-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

9 The provisions of the Administrative Review Law and the
10 rules adopted pursuant to the Administrative Review Law shall
11 apply to and govern all proceedings instituted for the judicial
12 review of final administrative decisions of the State Board of
13 Education, the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
14 and the regional superintendent of schools under this Article.
15 The commencement of any action for review shall operate as a
16 stay of enforcement, and no action based on any decision of the
17 State Board of Education, the State Educator Preparation and
18 Licensure Board, or the regional superintendent of schools
19 shall be taken pending final disposition of the review.

20 (105 ILCS 5/21B-95 new)

21 Sec. 21B-95. Denial of recommendation for licensure. Each
22 college or university providing an educator preparation
23 program approved and recognized pursuant to the provisions of
24 this Article shall establish procedures and standards to ensure

1 that no student is denied the opportunity to receive an
2 institutional recommendation for licensure or entitlement for
3 reasons that are not directly related to the candidate's
4 anticipated performance as a licensed educator. These
5 standards and procedures shall include the specific criteria
6 used by the institution for admission, retention, and
7 recommendation or entitlement for licensure; periodic
8 evaluations of the candidate's progress towards an
9 institutional recommendation; counseling and other supportive
10 services to correct any deficiencies that are considered
11 remedial; and provisions to ensure that no person is
12 discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national
13 origin, or a disability unrelated to the person's ability to
14 perform as a licensed educator. Each institution shall also
15 establish a grievance procedure for those candidates who are
16 denied the institutional recommendation or entitlement for
17 licensure. Within 10 days after notification of such a denial,
18 the college or university shall notify the candidate, in
19 writing, of the reasons for the denial of recommendation for
20 licensure. Within 30 days after notification of the denial, the
21 candidate may request the college or university to review the
22 denial.

23 (105 ILCS 5/21B-100 new)

24 Sec. 21B-100. Licensure officers at higher education
25 institutions. Licensure officers at higher education

1 institutions shall adhere to this Code and any administrative
2 rules adopted to implement this Code when entitling candidates
3 for licensure or when adding endorsements. Violations of this
4 Code or implementing rules regarding the entitlement of
5 candidates by a licensure officer shall place the employing
6 institution's educator preparation program in jeopardy,
7 specifically regarding the institution's right to offer
8 programs and recommend or entitle candidates for licensure.

9 Licensure officers are required to attend training
10 conducted by the State Superintendent of Education and review
11 new legislation and administrative rules as such become
12 available. The State Superintendent of Education shall
13 communicate any policy changes to licensure officers when such
14 changes occur.

15 (105 ILCS 5/21B-105 new)

16 Sec. 21B-105. Granting of recognition; regional
17 accreditation; definitions.

18 (a) "Recognized", as used in this Article in connection
19 with the word "school" or "institution", means such college,
20 university, or not-for-profit entity that meets requirements
21 set by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
22 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. Application
23 for recognition of the school or institution as an educator
24 preparation institution must be made to the State Board of
25 Education. The State Board of Education, in consultation with

1 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall set
2 the criteria by which the school or institution is to be judged
3 and, through the secretary of the State Board, arrange for an
4 official inspection and shall grant recognition of such school
5 or institution as may meet the required standards. If the
6 standards include requirements with regard to education in
7 acquiring skills in working with culturally distinctive
8 students, as defined by the State Board of Education, then the
9 rules of the State Board of Education shall include the
10 criteria used to evaluate compliance with this requirement. No
11 school or institution may make assignments of student teachers
12 or teachers for practice teaching so as to promote segregation
13 on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, or national
14 origin.

15 Any not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the
16 Board of Higher Education.

17 All recommendations or entitlements for educator licensure
18 shall be made by a recognized institution operating a program
19 of preparation for the license that is approved by the State
20 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the State
21 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board of
22 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
23 and Licensure Board, shall have the power to define a major or
24 minor when used as a basis for recognition and licensure
25 purposes.

26 (b) "Regionally accredited", or "accredited", as used in

1 this Article in connection with a university or institution,
2 means an institution of higher education accredited by the
3 North Central Association or other comparable regional
4 accrediting association.

5 (105 ILCS 5/24-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-14)

6 Sec. 24-14. Termination of contractual continued service
7 by teacher. A teacher who has entered into contractual
8 continued service may resign at any time by obtaining
9 concurrence of the board or by serving at least 30 days'
10 written notice upon the secretary of the board. However, no
11 teacher may resign during the school term, without the
12 concurrence of the board, in order to accept another teaching
13 assignment. Any teacher terminating said service not in
14 accordance with this Section is guilty of unprofessional
15 conduct and liable to suspension of licensure ~~certificate~~ for a
16 period not to exceed 1 year, as provided in Section 21B-75 of
17 this Code ~~21-23~~.

18 (Source: P.A. 85-256.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/34-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-6)

20 Sec. 34-6. Superintendent of schools. After June 30, 1999,
21 the board may, by a vote of a majority of its full membership,
22 appoint a general superintendent of schools to serve pursuant
23 to a performance-based contract for a term ending on June 30th
24 of the third calendar year after his or her appointment. He

1 shall be the chief administrative officer of the board and
2 shall have charge and control, subject to the approval of the
3 board and to other provisions of this Article, of all
4 departments and the employees therein of public schools, except
5 the law department. He shall negotiate contracts with all labor
6 organizations which are exclusive representatives of
7 educational employees employed under the Illinois Educational
8 Labor Relations Act. All contracts shall be subject to approval
9 of the Board of Education. The board may conduct a national
10 search for a general superintendent. An incumbent general
11 superintendent may not be precluded from being included in such
12 national search. Persons appointed pursuant to this Section
13 shall be exempt from the provisions and requirements of
14 Sections ~~21-1~~, 21-1a, ~~and~~ 21-7.1, and 21B-15 of this Code.

15 (Source: P.A. 89-15, eff. 5-30-95.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.5)

17 Sec. 34-18.5. Criminal history records checks and checks of
18 the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Child
19 Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database.

20 (a) Certified and noncertified applicants for employment
21 with the school district are required as a condition of
22 employment to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal history
23 records check to determine if such applicants have been
24 convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in
25 subsection (c) of this Section or have been convicted, within 7

1 years of the application for employment with the school
2 district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or
3 of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or
4 against the laws of the United States that, if committed or
5 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony
6 under the laws of this State. Authorization for the check shall
7 be furnished by the applicant to the school district, except
8 that if the applicant is a substitute teacher seeking
9 employment in more than one school district, or a teacher
10 seeking concurrent part-time employment positions with more
11 than one school district (as a reading specialist, special
12 education teacher or otherwise), or an educational support
13 personnel employee seeking employment positions with more than
14 one district, any such district may require the applicant to
15 furnish authorization for the check to the regional
16 superintendent of the educational service region in which are
17 located the school districts in which the applicant is seeking
18 employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or
19 concurrent educational support personnel employee. Upon
20 receipt of this authorization, the school district or the
21 appropriate regional superintendent, as the case may be, shall
22 submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date of birth, social
23 security number, fingerprint images, and other identifiers, as
24 prescribed by the Department of State Police, to the
25 Department. The regional superintendent submitting the
26 requisite information to the Department of State Police shall

1 promptly notify the school districts in which the applicant is
2 seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time
3 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee
4 that the check of the applicant has been requested. The
5 Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of
6 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based
7 criminal history records check, records of convictions, until
8 expunged, to the president of the school board for the school
9 district that requested the check, or to the regional
10 superintendent who requested the check. The Department shall
11 charge the school district or the appropriate regional
12 superintendent a fee for conducting such check, which fee shall
13 be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not
14 exceed the cost of the inquiry; and the applicant shall not be
15 charged a fee for such check by the school district or by the
16 regional superintendent. Subject to appropriations for these
17 purposes, the State Superintendent of Education shall
18 reimburse the school district and regional superintendent for
19 fees paid to obtain criminal history records checks under this
20 Section.

21 (a-5) The school district or regional superintendent shall
22 further perform a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database,
23 as authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law,
24 for each applicant.

25 (a-6) The school district or regional superintendent shall
26 further perform a check of the Statewide Child Murderer and

1 Violent Offender Against Youth Database, as authorized by the
2 Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community
3 Notification Law, for each applicant.

4 (b) Any information concerning the record of convictions
5 obtained by the president of the board of education or the
6 regional superintendent shall be confidential and may only be
7 transmitted to the general superintendent of the school
8 district or his designee, the appropriate regional
9 superintendent if the check was requested by the board of
10 education for the school district, the presidents of the
11 appropriate board of education or school boards if the check
12 was requested from the Department of State Police by the
13 regional superintendent, the State Superintendent of
14 Education, the State Teacher Certification Board or any other
15 person necessary to the decision of hiring the applicant for
16 employment. A copy of the record of convictions obtained from
17 the Department of State Police shall be provided to the
18 applicant for employment. Upon the check of the Statewide Sex
19 Offender Database, the school district or regional
20 superintendent shall notify an applicant as to whether or not
21 the applicant has been identified in the Database as a sex
22 offender. If a check of an applicant for employment as a
23 substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent
24 educational support personnel employee in more than one school
25 district was requested by the regional superintendent, and the
26 Department of State Police upon a check ascertains that the

1 applicant has not been convicted of any of the enumerated
2 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or has not been
3 convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment
4 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws of
5 this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any
6 other state or against the laws of the United States that, if
7 committed or attempted in this State, would have been
8 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State and so
9 notifies the regional superintendent and if the regional
10 superintendent upon a check ascertains that the applicant has
11 not been identified in the Sex Offender Database as a sex
12 offender, then the regional superintendent shall issue to the
13 applicant a certificate evidencing that as of the date
14 specified by the Department of State Police the applicant has
15 not been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug
16 offenses in subsection (c) or has not been convicted, within 7
17 years of the application for employment with the school
18 district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or
19 of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or
20 against the laws of the United States that, if committed or
21 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony
22 under the laws of this State and evidencing that as of the date
23 that the regional superintendent conducted a check of the
24 Statewide Sex Offender Database, the applicant has not been
25 identified in the Database as a sex offender. The school board
26 of any school district may rely on the certificate issued by

1 any regional superintendent to that substitute teacher,
2 concurrent part-time teacher, or concurrent educational
3 support personnel employee or may initiate its own criminal
4 history records check of the applicant through the Department
5 of State Police and its own check of the Statewide Sex Offender
6 Database as provided in subsection (a). Any person who releases
7 any confidential information concerning any criminal
8 convictions of an applicant for employment shall be guilty of a
9 Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information is
10 authorized by this Section.

11 (c) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a
12 person who has been convicted of any offense that would subject
13 him or her to license ~~certification~~ suspension or revocation
14 pursuant to Section 21B-80 ~~21-23a~~ of this Code. Further, the
15 board of education shall not knowingly employ a person who has
16 been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of
17 any minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under
18 Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

19 (d) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a
20 person for whom a criminal history records check and a
21 Statewide Sex Offender Database check has not been initiated.

22 (e) Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a
23 finding of child abuse by a holder of any certificate issued
24 pursuant to Article 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the School
25 Code, the State Superintendent of Education may initiate
26 certificate suspension and revocation proceedings as

1 authorized by law.

2 (e-5) The general superintendent of schools shall, in
3 writing, notify the State Superintendent of Education of any
4 certificate holder whom he or she has reasonable cause to
5 believe has committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect
6 with the result of making a child an abused child or a
7 neglected child, as defined in Section 3 of the Abused and
8 Neglected Child Reporting Act, and that act resulted in the
9 certificate holder's dismissal or resignation from the school
10 district. This notification must be submitted within 30 days
11 after the dismissal or resignation. The certificate holder must
12 also be contemporaneously sent a copy of the notice by the
13 superintendent. All correspondence, documentation, and other
14 information so received by the State Superintendent of
15 Education, the State Board of Education, or the State Teacher
16 Certification Board under this subsection (e-5) is
17 confidential and must not be disclosed to third parties, except
18 (i) as necessary for the State Superintendent of Education or
19 his or her designee to investigate and prosecute pursuant to
20 Article 21 of this Code, (ii) pursuant to a court order, (iii)
21 for disclosure to the certificate holder or his or her
22 representative, or (iv) as otherwise provided in this Article
23 and provided that any such information admitted into evidence
24 in a hearing is exempt from this confidentiality and
25 non-disclosure requirement. Except for an act of willful or
26 wanton misconduct, any superintendent who provides

1 notification as required in this subsection (e-5) shall have
2 immunity from any liability, whether civil or criminal or that
3 otherwise might result by reason of such action.

4 (f) After March 19, 1990, the provisions of this Section
5 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding
6 contracts with any school district including, but not limited
7 to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other
8 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with
9 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of
10 criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide Sex
11 Offender Database on employees of persons or firms holding
12 contracts with more than one school district and assigned to
13 more than one school district, the regional superintendent of
14 the educational service region in which the contracting school
15 districts are located may, at the request of any such school
16 district, be responsible for receiving the authorization for a
17 criminal history records check prepared by each such employee
18 and submitting the same to the Department of State Police and
19 for conducting a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database
20 for each employee. Any information concerning the record of
21 conviction and identification as a sex offender of any such
22 employee obtained by the regional superintendent shall be
23 promptly reported to the president of the appropriate school
24 board or school boards.

25 (g) In order to student teach in the public schools, a
26 person is required to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal

1 history records check and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender
2 Database and Statewide Child Murderer and Violent Offender
3 Against Youth Database prior to participating in any field
4 experiences in the public schools. Authorization for and
5 payment of the costs of the checks must be furnished by the
6 student teacher. Results of the checks must be furnished to the
7 higher education institution where the student teacher is
8 enrolled and the general superintendent of schools.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-431, eff. 8-13-09;
10 96-1452, eff. 8-20-10.)

11 Section 20. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
12 amended by changing Section 65.45 as follows:

13 (110 ILCS 947/65.45)

14 Sec. 65.45. Special education grants.

15 (a) Special education grants shall be awarded by the
16 Commission to (i) teachers under contract who are teaching
17 special education courses in a school district within an area
18 designated as a poverty area by the Office of Economic
19 Opportunity, but who are not certified to teach special
20 education programs pursuant to Section 14-9.01 of the School
21 Code and (ii) teachers licensed ~~certified~~ pursuant to Section
22 21B-15 ~~21-1~~ of the School Code, but who are not certified
23 pursuant to Section 14-9.01 of that Code. The amount of any
24 grant awarded a participating teacher under this Section shall

1 consist of (i) the tuition and other necessary fees required of
2 the teacher by the institution of higher learning at which he
3 or she enrolls under this Section, but limited to the maximum
4 amount to which a student enrolled in that institution would be
5 entitled as a scholarship under Section 35 of this Act, and
6 (ii) a stipend of \$100 for each semester hour or equivalent,
7 not exceeding 21 semester hours, for continuous enrollment,
8 including summer sessions, in one calendar year. For purposes
9 of this Section "tuition and other necessary fees" has the
10 meaning ascribed to that term in Section 35 of this Act.
11 Participating teachers shall enroll in an institution of higher
12 learning providing special education programs. Such
13 institutions shall be approved by the Commission, in
14 conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Board of
15 Higher Education.

16 (b) Teachers under contract who participate in this program
17 shall be required to contract with the Commission to teach a
18 special education program for 2 years in a school district
19 within an area designated as a poverty area by the Office of
20 Economic Opportunity. Such commitment shall begin at the
21 completion of the training program of the participating teacher
22 and shall be completed within 3 years unless extended by the
23 Commission. In addition, the participating teacher shall be
24 required to sign a note payable to the Commission, for the full
25 amount of benefits awarded to that teacher under this Section,
26 with interest as provided herein, subject to cancellation as

1 provided in this Section. Completion of one year of such
2 commitment shall operate to cancel 50% of the amount of
3 benefits provided a participating teacher. The failure of a
4 participating teacher to complete all or part of such
5 commitment shall obligate the participant to proportionately
6 repay the amount of benefits provided, plus 5% interest on that
7 amount. Participating teachers who are not under contract shall
8 be subject to those obligations, except that such teachers
9 shall be required to teach in a special education program for
10 such 2 year period in a school district within an area
11 designated as a poverty area by the Office of Economic
12 Opportunity.

13 (c) If a participating teacher fails to cancel his or her
14 commitment as provided in this Section, the Commission shall
15 cause an appropriate action to be commenced on the note signed
16 by that teacher, except where the failure to cancel the
17 commitment was occasioned by the death or total and permanent
18 disability of that teacher.

19 (d) This Section is substantially the same as Section
20 30-14.3 of the School Code, which Section is repealed by this
21 amendatory Act of 1993, and shall be construed as a
22 continuation of the special education grant program
23 established by that prior law and not as a new or different
24 special education grant program. The State Board of Education
25 shall transfer to the Commission, as the successor to the State
26 Board of Education for all purposes of administering and

1 implementing the provisions of this Section, all books,
2 accounts, records, papers, documents, contracts, agreements,
3 and pending business in any way relating to the special
4 education grant program continued under this Section; and all
5 grants at any time made under that program by, and all
6 applications for any such grants at any time made to, the State
7 Board of Education shall be unaffected by the transfer to the
8 Commission of all responsibility for the administration and
9 implementation of the special education grant program
10 continued under this Section. The State Board of Education
11 shall furnish to the Commission such other information as the
12 Commission may request to assist it in administering this
13 Section.

14 (e) As used in this Section the term "special education
15 program" means a program provided for children who have such
16 disabilities as are set forth in Sections 14-1.02 through
17 14-1.07 of the School Code.

18 (Source: P.A. 88-228.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/21-0.01 rep.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/21-1 rep.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/21-1c rep.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/21-2b rep.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/21-5a rep.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.10 rep.)

25 (105 ILCS 5/21-13 rep.)

- 1 (105 ILCS 5/21-15 rep.)
2 (105 ILCS 5/21-17 rep.)
3 (105 ILCS 5/21-21 rep.)
4 (105 ILCS 5/21-21.1 rep.)
5 (105 ILCS 5/21-23 rep.)
6 (105 ILCS 5/21-23a rep.)
7 (105 ILCS 5/21-23b rep.)
8 (105 ILCS 5/21-24 rep.)
9 (105 ILCS 5/21-29 rep.)

10 Section 25. The School Code is amended by repealing
11 Sections 21-0.01, 21-1, 21-1c, 21-2b, 21-5a, 21-7.10, 21-13,
12 21-15, 21-17, 21-21, 21-21.1, 21-23, 21-23a, 21-23b, 21-24, and
13 21-29.

14 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
15 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
16 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
17 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
18 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
19 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
20 Public Act.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
22 2011.