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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-14

from Ch. 122, par. 21-14

Amends the Certification of Teachers Article of the School Code. Changes provisions concerning the reinstatement of a lapsed certificate by providing that lapsed certificates may be immediately reinstated upon payment by the applicant to the State Board of Education of (1) any and all back fees, including without limitation registration fees, owed from the time of expiration of the certificate until the date of reinstatement; and (2) a \$500 penalty or the demonstration of proficiency by completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the content area that most aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas; provided that, until September 1, 2012, certificates that have lapsed solely for the failure to pay a registration fee may be immediately reinstated upon payment only of any and all back fees, including without limitation registration fees, owed from the time of expiration of the certificate until the date of reinstatement. Provides that any and all back fees and penalty amounts shall be deposited by the State Board of Education into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21-14 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

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

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

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

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

1 ~~pay all back fees owed from the time of expiration of the~~
2 ~~certificate until the date of reinstatement.~~ Any certificate
3 may be voluntarily surrendered by the certificate holder. A
4 voluntarily surrendered certificate shall be treated as a
5 revoked certificate.

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

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

1 lapse consistent with subsection (a) of this Section and may be
2 reinstated only in accordance with subsection (a). Standard
3 Teaching Certificates are renewable every 5 years as provided
4 in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and subsection (c) of this
5 Section. For purposes of this Section, "teaching" is defined as
6 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or
7 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
8 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
9 of control, in a certificated teaching position, or a charter
10 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law.

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

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

22 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

23 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing
24 professional development activities;

25 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category of
26 continuing professional development activities, based upon

1 recommendations submitted by a continuing professional
2 development activity task force, which shall consist of 6
3 staff members from the State Board of Education, appointed
4 by the State Superintendent of Education, and 6 teacher
5 representatives, 3 of whom are selected by the Illinois
6 Education Association and 3 of whom are selected by the
7 Illinois Federation of Teachers;

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

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

17 (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an individual
18 employed and performing services in an Illinois public or
19 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
20 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board
21 of control in a certificated teaching position or a charter
22 school in compliance with the Charter Schools Law must be
23 maintained Valid and Active through certificate renewal
24 activities specified in the certificate renewal procedure
25 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section,
26 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is

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

21 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been
22 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
23 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
24 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree
25 from an approved institution in an education-related field;
26 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as

1 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this
2 subsection (e); (iii) (blank); (iv) completing the National
3 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as described
4 in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or
5 (v) earning 120 continuing professional development units
6 ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of
7 this subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional
8 development units for each continuing professional development
9 activity identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
10 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly
11 determined by the State Board of Education and the State
12 Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the certificate
13 holder has maintained the certificate as Valid and Exempt for a
14 portion of the 5-year period of validity, the number of
15 continuing professional development units needed to renew the
16 certificate as Valid and Active shall be proportionately
17 reduced by the amount of time the certificate was Valid and
18 Exempt. Furthermore, if a certificate holder is employed and
19 performs teaching services on a part-time basis for all or a
20 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the
21 number of continuing professional development units needed to
22 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by
23 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been
24 employed and performed teaching services on a part-time basis.
25 Part-time shall be defined as less than 50% of the school day
26 or school term.

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

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

24 (A) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge
25 and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois
26 Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content

1 Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of
2 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in
3 order to keep the certificate holder current in those
4 areas.

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

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

14 (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and
15 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the
16 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,
17 or relevant education degree.

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

1 20% of their activities to this purpose.

2 A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is
3 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
4 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing education
5 requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated under that
6 Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing
7 professional development requirements established by the State
8 Board of Education and the Teacher Certification Board to renew
9 a Standard Certificate.

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

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

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

21 (C) (blank);

22 (D) completion of the National Board for Professional
23 Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for certification or
24 recertification, completion of which means no other
25 continuing professional development activities are
26 required;

1 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional
2 development units that satisfy the continuing professional
3 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this
4 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the
5 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of
6 this paragraph (3);

7 (F) collaboration and partnership activities related
8 to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a
9 teacher, including the following:

10 (i) participating on collaborative planning and
11 professional improvement teams and committees;

12 (ii) peer review and coaching;

13 (iii) mentoring in a formal mentoring program,
14 including service as a consulting teacher
15 participating in a remediation process formulated
16 under Section 24A-5 of this Code;

17 (iv) participating in site-based management or
18 decision making teams, relevant committees, boards, or
19 task forces directly related to school improvement
20 plans;

21 (v) coordinating community resources in schools,
22 if the project is a specific goal of the school
23 improvement plan;

24 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a
25 school, school district, or regional office of
26 education directly related to student achievement or

1 school improvement plans;

2 (vii) participating in business, school, or
3 community partnerships directly related to student
4 achievement or school improvement plans; or

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

9 (G) college or university coursework related to
10 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher
11 as follows:

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

23 (ii) teaching college or university courses in
24 areas relevant to the certificate area being renewed,
25 provided that the teaching may only be counted once
26 during the course of 5 years;

1 (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and
2 symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge
3 and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the
4 activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board
5 acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including
6 the following:

7 (i) completing non-university credit directly
8 related to student achievement, school improvement
9 plans, or State priorities;

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

12 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality
13 Assurance;

14 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher
15 preparation programs; or

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

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

1 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent
2 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher
3 Certification Board and the State Board of Education
4 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered
5 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

6 (I) other educational experiences related to improving
7 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including
8 the following:

9 (i) participating in action research and inquiry
10 projects;

11 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,
12 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,
13 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

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

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

24 (v) serving on a statewide education-related
25 committee, including but not limited to the State
26 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of Education

1 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council
2 on Education of Children with Disabilities;

3 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or
4 internships; or

5 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and
6 teacher work;

7 (J) professional leadership experiences related to
8 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,
9 including the following:

10 (i) participating in curriculum development or
11 assessment activities at the school, school district,
12 regional office of education, State, or national
13 level;

14 (ii) participating in team or department
15 leadership in a school or school district;

16 (iii) participating on external or internal school
17 or school district review teams;

18 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns, or
19 books relevant to the certificate area being renewed;
20 or

21 (v) participating in non-strike related
22 professional association or labor organization service
23 or activities related to professional development;

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

26 (L) completion of requirements for meeting the

1 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for
2 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public
3 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area;

4 (M) successful completion of 4 semester hours of
5 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own
6 performance in relation to the Illinois Teaching
7 Standards, as described in clause (B) of paragraph (2) of
8 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code; or

9 (N) successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester
10 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation
11 to meet the requirements for certification by the National
12 Board for Professional Teaching Standards, as described in
13 clause (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section
14 21-2 of this Code.

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

1 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has
2 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required
3 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the
4 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall
5 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting
6 documentation.

7 (5) (Blank).

8 (6) (Blank).

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

24 (1) review recommendations for certificate renewal, if
25 any, received from LPDCs;

26 (2) (blank);

1 (3) (blank);

2 (4) (blank);

3 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the
4 requirements for certificate renewal and notify
5 certificate holders if the decision is not to renew the
6 certificate;

7 (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity
8 to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to
9 renew the certificate to the regional professional
10 development review committee;

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

14 (8) (blank).

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

26 (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily

1 completed professional development and continuing
2 education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of
3 subsection (e) of this Section;

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

8 (C) the local professional development committee, if
9 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate
10 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the
11 recommendation to the regional superintendent of schools;

12 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her
13 local professional development committee's recommendation
14 of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional professional
15 development review committee and the result of that appeal;

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

23 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard
24 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

25 If the notice required by this subsection (g) includes a
26 recommendation of certificate nonrenewal, then, at the same

1 time the regional superintendent of schools provides the State
2 Teacher Certification Board with the notice, he or she shall
3 also notify the certificate holder in writing, by certified
4 mail, return receipt requested, that this notice has been
5 provided to the State Teacher Certification Board.

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

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

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

26 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal

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

1 return receipt requested. All certificate renewal or
2 nonrenewal decisions of the State Teacher Certification Board
3 are final and subject to administrative review.

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

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

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

1 continuing professional development activities need not
2 reflect or address the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local
3 school improvement plan.

4 (k) (Blank).

5 (l) (Blank).

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

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

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.