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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 513

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 513 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-5b)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2015)

8 Sec. 21-5b. Alternative certification. The State Board of  
9 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
10 Certification Board, shall establish and implement an  
11 alternative certification program under which persons who meet  
12 the requirements of and successfully complete the program  
13 established by this Section shall be issued an alternative  
14 teaching certificate for teaching in the schools. The program  
15 shall be limited to not more than 260 new participants during  
16 each year that the program is in effect. The State Board of

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

16 The alternative certification program established under  
17 this Section shall be known as the Alternative Teacher  
18 Certification program. The Alternative Teacher Certification  
19 Program shall be offered by the submitting partnership, and  
20 such partnership may be offered by one or more not-for-profit  
21 organizations in the State which support excellence in  
22 teaching. The program shall be comprised of the following 3  
23 phases: (a) the first phase is the course of study offered on  
24 an intensive basis in education theory, instructional methods,  
25 and practice teaching; (b) the second phase is the person's  
26 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school

1 year; and (c) the third phase is a comprehensive assessment of  
2 the person's teaching performance by school officials and the  
3 partnership participants and a recommendation by the program  
4 sponsor to the State Board of Education that the person be  
5 issued a standard alternative teaching certificate. Successful  
6 completion of the Alternative Teacher Certification program  
7 shall be deemed to satisfy any other practice or student  
8 teaching and subject matter 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 21-5b 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 successfully completed the first phase of the  
17 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in  
18 this Section;

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

21 (4) (i) have been employed for a period of at least 5  
22 years in an area requiring application of the individual's  
23 education or (ii) have attained at least a cumulative grade  
24 average of a "B" if the individual is assigned either to a  
25 school district that has not met the annual measurable  
26 objective for highly qualified teachers required by the

1 Illinois Revised Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) Plan or to  
2 a school district whose data filed with the State Board of  
3 Education indicates that the district's poor and minority  
4 students are taught by teachers who are not highly  
5 qualified at a higher rate than other students; however,  
6 this item (4) does not apply with respect to a provisional  
7 alternative teaching certificate for teaching in schools  
8 situated in a school district that is located in a city  
9 having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.  
10 Assignment may be made under clause (ii) of this item (4)  
11 only if the district superintendent and the exclusive  
12 bargaining representative of the district's teachers, if  
13 any, jointly agree to permit the assignment.

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

20 Until February 15, 2000, a standard alternative teaching  
21 certificate, valid for 4 years for teaching in the schools and  
22 renewable as provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under  
23 this Section 21-5b to persons who first complete the  
24 requirements for the provisional alternative teaching  
25 certificate and who at the time of applying for a standard  
26 alternative teaching certificate under this Section have

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

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

24 Such alternative certification program shall be  
25 implemented so that the first provisional alternative teaching  
26 certificates issued under this Section are effective upon the

1 commencement of the 1997-1998 academic year and the first  
2 standard alternative teaching certificates issued under this  
3 Section are effective upon the commencement of the 1998-1999  
4 academic year.

5 The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the  
6 partnership or partnerships establishing such Alternative  
7 Teacher Certification programs, shall adopt rules and  
8 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the  
9 State Board of Education deems necessary to establish and  
10 implement the program.

11 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification  
12 program under this Section after September 1, 2013, and those  
13 candidates who are admitted on or before September 1, 2013 must  
14 complete the program before January 1, 2016 ~~2015~~.

15 This Section is repealed on January 1, 2016 ~~2015~~.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-862, eff. 1-15-10; 97-607, eff. 8-26-11;  
17 97-702, eff. 6-25-12.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.".