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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 587

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 587 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21B-20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

7 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. Before July 1, 2013, the
8 State Board of Education shall implement a system of educator
9 licensure, whereby individuals employed in school districts
10 who are required to be licensed must have one of the following
11 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) a
12 professional educator license with stipulations; or (iii) a
13 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
14 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
15 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
16 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed

1 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
2 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

3 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
4 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
5 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
6 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

7 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
8 have successfully completed an approved educator
9 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
10 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
11 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
12 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
13 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
14 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
15 the exceptional child, including without limitation the
16 learning disabled, (iv) have successfully completed
17 coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content
18 area, and (v) have met all other criteria established by
19 rule of the State Board of Education shall be issued a
20 Professional Educator License. All Professional Educator
21 Licenses are valid until June 30 immediately following 5
22 years of the license being issued. The Professional
23 Educator License shall be endorsed with specific areas and
24 grade levels in which the individual is eligible to
25 practice.

26 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the

1 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
2 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
3 in the endorsement area, unless otherwise specified by
4 rule, and passage of the applicable content area test.

5 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
6 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
7 that limits the license holder to one particular position
8 or does not require completion of an approved educator
9 program or both.

10 An individual with an Educator License with
11 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
12 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
13 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

14 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
15 with the following endorsements:

16 (A) Provisional educator. A provisional educator
17 endorsement in a specific content area or areas on an
18 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
19 applicant who holds an educator license with a minimum
20 of 15 semester hours in content coursework from another
21 state, U.S. territory, or foreign country and who, at
22 the time of applying for an Illinois license, does not
23 meet the minimum requirements under Section 21B-35 of
24 this Code, but does, at a minimum, meet both of the
25 following requirements:

26 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a

1 bachelor's degree, unless a master's degree is
2 required for the endorsement, from a regionally
3 accredited college or university or, for
4 individuals educated in a country other than the
5 United States, the equivalent of a minimum of a
6 bachelor's degree issued in the United States,
7 unless a master's degree is required for the
8 endorsement.

9 (ii) Has passed a test of basic skills and
10 content area test, as required by Section 21B-30 of
11 this Code.

12 However, a provisional educator endorsement for
13 principals may not be issued, nor may any person with a
14 provisional educator endorsement serve as a principal
15 in a public school in this State. In addition,
16 out-of-state applicants shall not receive a
17 provisional educator endorsement if the person
18 completed an alternative licensure program in another
19 state, unless the program has been determined to be
20 equivalent to Illinois program requirements.

21 Notwithstanding any other requirements of this
22 Section, a service member or spouse of a service member
23 may obtain a Professional Educator License with
24 Stipulations, and a provisional educator endorsement
25 in a specific content area or areas, if he or she holds
26 a valid teaching certificate or license in good

1 standing from another state, meets the qualifications
2 of educators outlined in Section 21B-15 of this Code,
3 and has not engaged in any misconduct that would
4 prohibit an individual from obtaining a license
5 pursuant to Illinois law, including without limitation
6 any administrative rules of the State Board of
7 Education; however, the service member or spouse may
8 not serve as a principal under the Professional
9 Educator License with Stipulations or provisional
10 educator endorsement.

11 In this Section, "service member" means any person
12 who, at the time of application under this Section, is
13 an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces
14 or any reserve component of the United States Armed
15 Forces or the National Guard of any state,
16 commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the
17 District of Columbia.

18 A provisional educator endorsement is valid until
19 June 30 immediately following 2 years of the license
20 being issued, during which time any remaining testing
21 and coursework deficiencies must be met. Failure to
22 satisfy all stated deficiencies shall mean the
23 individual, including any service member or spouse who
24 has obtained a Professional Educator License with
25 Stipulations and a provisional educator endorsement in
26 a specific content area or areas, is ineligible to

1 receive a Professional Educator License at that time. A
2 provisional educator endorsement on an Educator
3 License with Stipulations shall not be renewed.

4 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
5 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
6 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
7 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
8 endorsement, has done all of the following:

9 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
10 college or university with a minimum of a
11 bachelor's degree.

12 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
13 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
14 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
15 Code.

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

19 The alternative provisional educator endorsement
20 is valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for
21 a third year by an individual meeting the requirements
22 set forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

23 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An
24 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
25 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
26 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant

1 superintendent in a school district's central office.
2 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
3 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
4 done all of the following:

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

8 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
9 years in a management level position in a field
10 other than education.

11 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
12 of an alternative route to superintendent
13 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
14 of this Code.

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

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

21 (D) Resident teacher endorsement. A resident
22 teacher endorsement on an Educator License with
23 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who, at the
24 time of applying for the endorsement, has done all of
25 the following:

26 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited

1 institution of higher education with a minimum of a
2 bachelor's degree.

3 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator
4 preparation program.

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

8 The resident teacher endorsement on an Educator
9 License with Stipulations is valid for 4 years of
10 teaching and shall not be renewed.

11 A resident teacher may teach only under the
12 direction of a licensed teacher, who shall act as the
13 resident mentor teacher, and may not teach in place of
14 a licensed teacher. A resident teacher endorsement on
15 an Educator License with Stipulations shall no longer
16 be valid after June 30, 2017.

17 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
18 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
19 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
20 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
21 regionally accredited institution of higher education,
22 ~~has passed a test of basic skills required under~~
23 ~~Section 21B-30 of this Code,~~ and has a minimum of 2,000
24 hours of experience in the last 10 years outside of
25 education in each area to be taught.

26 The career and technical educator endorsement on

1 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
2 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
3 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the
4 individual passes a test of basic skills, as required
5 under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

6 (F) Part-time provisional career and technical
7 educator or provisional career and technical educator.
8 A part-time provisional career and technical educator
9 endorsement or a provisional career and technical
10 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
11 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has a
12 minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill
13 for which the applicant is seeking the endorsement. It
14 is the responsibility of each employing school board
15 and regional office of education to provide
16 verification, in writing, to the State Superintendent
17 of Education at the time the application is submitted
18 that no qualified teacher holding a Professional
19 Educator License or an Educator License with
20 Stipulations with a career and technical educator
21 endorsement is available and that actual circumstances
22 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 A part-time provisional career and technical
6 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
7 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
8 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time
9 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
10 on an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
11 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
12 endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5 years
13 if the individual makes application for renewal.

14 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
15 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
16 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
17 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
18 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
19 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all
20 of the following requirements:

21 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
22 writing ability in the language other than English
23 in which transitional bilingual education is
24 offered.

25 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
26 communicate in English.

1 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
2 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
3 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
4 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
5 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
6 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
7 a foreign country that the State Educator
8 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
9 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
10 regionally accredited institution of higher
11 learning in the United States.

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

16 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
17 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
18 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
19 replaced for any reason.

20 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
21 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
22 other than English in the public schools, an individual
23 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may
24 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that
25 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he
26 or she meets all of the following requirements:

1 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
2 endorsement.

3 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
4 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
5 by passing the applicable language content test
6 required by the State Board of Education.

7 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
8 a regionally accredited institution of higher
9 education or, for individuals educated in a
10 country other than the United States, holds a
11 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
12 foreign country that the State Educator
13 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
14 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
15 regionally accredited institution of higher
16 learning in the United States.

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

19 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
20 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
21 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
22 individual's transitional bilingual educator
23 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
24 and shall not be renewed.

25 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
26 international educator endorsement on an Educator

1 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
2 individual who is being recruited by a particular
3 school district that conducts formal recruitment
4 programs outside of the United States to secure the
5 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
6 following requirements:

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

9 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the
10 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

11 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
12 subject to be taught.

13 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
14 language.

15 A holder of a visiting international educator
16 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
17 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
18 programs in the language that was the medium of
19 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
20 provided that he or she passes the English Language
21 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
22 skills in English identified by the State Board of
23 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
24 Preparation and Licensure Board.

25 A visiting international educator endorsement on
26 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3

1 years and shall not be renewed.

2 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
3 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
4 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
5 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
6 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
7 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
8 institution of higher education or has passed a test of
9 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this
10 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
11 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
12 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
13 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
14 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
15 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
16 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
17 in order to renew the endorsement.

18 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
19 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
20 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
21 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
22 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
23 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
24 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
25 higher education.

26 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years and

1 may be renewed if the individual has passed a test of basic
2 skills, as authorized under Section 21B-30 of this Code. An
3 individual who has passed a test of basic skills for the
4 first licensure renewal is not required to retake the test
5 again for further renewals.

6 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
7 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
8 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
9 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or
10 has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then
11 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute
12 Teaching License.

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

1 teacher for the vacant position.

2 There is no limit on the number of days that a
3 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
4 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
5 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under
6 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who
7 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
8 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
9 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
10 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
11 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do
12 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
13 of this Code.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11; 97-710, eff. 1-1-13; 98-28,
15 eff. 7-1-13.)".