



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/14-1.09  
105 ILCS 5/21B-25

from Ch. 122, par. 14-1.09

Amends the School Code. With respect to the definition of "school psychologist" in the Children with Disabilities Article, allows a psychologist who holds a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) certificate and has such additional qualifications as may be required by the State Board of Education to meet the definition of school psychologist. Changes certain certification references to licensure references. Allows a Professional Educator License holder who has 4 years of experience working in the capacity of school support personnel, among other qualifications, to receive a principal endorsement. 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 Sections  
5 14-1.09 and 21B-25 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-1.09) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-1.09)  
7 Sec. 14-1.09. School psychologist. "School psychologist"  
8 means a psychologist who meets the following qualifications:

9 (1) The psychologist:

10 (A) has graduated with a master's or higher degree  
11 in psychology or educational psychology from an  
12 institution of higher learning that ~~which~~ maintains  
13 equipment, courses of study, and standards of  
14 scholarship approved by the State Board of Education,  
15 ~~who~~ has had at least one school year of full-time  
16 supervised experience in the delivery of school  
17 psychological services of a character approved by the  
18 State Superintendent of Education, and ~~who~~ has such  
19 additional qualifications as may be required by the  
20 State Board of Education; or, ~~and~~

21 (B) holds a valid Nationally Certified School  
22 Psychologist (NCSP) certificate and has such  
23 additional qualifications as may be required by the

1           State Board of Education.

2           (2) The psychologist who holds a Professional Educator  
3           License with a school psychologist endorsement ~~School~~  
4           ~~Service Personnel Certificate endorsed for school~~  
5           ~~psychology~~ issued pursuant to Section 21B-25 of this Code  
6           ~~21-25~~. Persons so licensed ~~certified~~ may use the title  
7           "school psychologist" and may offer school psychological  
8           services which are limited to those services set forth in  
9           23 Ill. Adm. Code 226, Special Education, pertaining to  
10          children between the ages of 3 to 21, promulgated by the  
11          State Board of Education.

12          School psychologists may make evaluations, recommendations  
13          or interventions regarding the placement of children in  
14          educational programs or special education classes. However, a  
15          school psychologist shall not provide such services outside his  
16          or her employment to any student in the district or districts  
17          which employ such school psychologist.

18          (Source: P.A. 85-361.)

19               (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

20          Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued  
21          under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be  
22          specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each  
23          content area, school support area, and administrative area for  
24          which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized  
25          institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs

1 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to  
2 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement  
3 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The  
4 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit  
5 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being  
6 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being  
7 recommended.

8 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with  
9 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall  
10 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area  
11 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator  
12 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for  
13 obtaining each endorsement.

14 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content  
15 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of  
16 Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
17 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the  
18 requirements for the following endorsements:

19 (A) General administrative endorsement. A general  
20 administrative endorsement shall be added to a  
21 Professional Educator License, provided that an  
22 approved program has been completed. An individual  
23 holding a general administrative endorsement may work  
24 only as a principal or assistant principal or in a  
25 related or similar position, as determined by the State  
26 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the

1 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

2 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general  
3 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued.  
4 Individuals who hold a valid and registered  
5 administrative certificate with a general  
6 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1  
7 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a  
8 general administrative endorsement issued prior to  
9 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one  
10 full year during the 5 years prior in a position  
11 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,  
12 upon request to the State Board of Education and  
13 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general  
14 administrative endorsement converted to a principal  
15 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.  
16 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general  
17 administrative preparation program after September 1,  
18 2012.

19 All other individuals holding a valid and  
20 registered administrative certificate with a general  
21 administrative endorsement issued pursuant to Section  
22 21-7.1 of this Code or a general administrative  
23 endorsement on a Professional Educator License issued  
24 prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general  
25 administrative endorsement converted to a principal  
26 endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon

1 request to the State Board of Education and by  
2 completing one of the following pathways:

3 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment  
4 developed by the State Board of Education.

5 (ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an  
6 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by  
7 the State Superintendent of Education.

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

11 Individuals who do not choose to convert the  
12 general administrative endorsement on the  
13 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section  
14 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator  
15 License shall continue to be able to serve in any  
16 position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of  
17 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

18 The general administrative endorsement on the  
19 Professional Educator License is available only to  
20 individuals who, prior to September 1, 2014, had such  
21 an endorsement on the administrative certificate  
22 issued pursuant to Section 21-7.1 of this Code or who  
23 already have a Professional Educator License and have  
24 completed a general administrative program and who do  
25 not choose to convert the general administrative  
26 endorsement to a principal endorsement pursuant to the

1 options in this Section.

2 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement  
3 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of  
4 any holder who qualifies by having all of the  
5 following:

6 (i) Successful completion of a principal  
7 preparation program approved in accordance with  
8 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable  
9 rules.

10 (ii) Four years of teaching or working in the  
11 capacity of school support personnel in a public  
12 school or nonpublic school recognized by the State  
13 Board of Education; however, the State Board of  
14 Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
15 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall allow, by  
16 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based  
17 on meeting standards set forth in such rules,  
18 including without limitation a review of  
19 performance evaluations or other evidence of  
20 demonstrated qualifications.

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

23 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A  
24 chief school business official endorsement shall be  
25 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any  
26 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or

1 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience  
2 in school business management or 2 years of  
3 university-approved practical experience, and a  
4 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a  
5 program approved by the State Board of Education for  
6 the preparation of school business administrators and  
7 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief  
8 school business official endorsement may also be  
9 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any  
10 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in  
11 business administration, finance, or accounting and  
12 who completes an additional 6 semester hours of  
13 internship in school business management from a  
14 regionally accredited institution of higher education  
15 and passes the applicable State tests. This  
16 endorsement shall be required for any individual  
17 employed as a chief school business official.

18 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent  
19 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional  
20 Educator License of any holder who has completed a  
21 program approved by the State Board of Education for  
22 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had  
23 at least 2 years of experience employed as a full-time  
24 principal, director of special education, or chief  
25 school business official in the public schools or in a  
26 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief



1 administrator is required to have the licensure  
2 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this  
3 State and where a majority of the teachers are required  
4 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a  
5 public school in this State, and has passed the  
6 required State tests; or of any holder who has  
7 completed a program from out-of-state that has a  
8 program with recognition standards comparable to those  
9 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and  
10 holds the general administrative, principal, or chief  
11 school business official endorsement and who has had 2  
12 years of experience as a principal, director of special  
13 education, or chief school business official while  
14 holding a valid educator license or certificate  
15 comparable in validity and educational and experience  
16 requirements and has passed the appropriate State  
17 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The  
18 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to  
19 serve only as a superintendent or assistant  
20 superintendent.

21 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the  
22 policy of this State to improve the quality of  
23 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway  
24 for teachers interested in serving in leadership  
25 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of  
26 Education, in consultation with the State Educator

1 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher  
2 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons  
3 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of  
4 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader  
5 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for  
6 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may  
7 qualify to serve in such positions as department  
8 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction  
9 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by  
10 the district. The endorsement shall be available to  
11 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator  
12 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a  
13 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have  
14 completed a program of study that has been approved by  
15 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
16 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and  
17 (iv) have taken coursework in all of the following  
18 areas:

19 (I) Leadership.

20 (II) Designing professional development to  
21 meet teaching and learning needs.

22 (III) Building school culture that focuses on  
23 student learning.

24 (IV) Using assessments to improve student  
25 learning and foster school improvement.

26 (V) Building collaboration with teachers and

1 stakeholders.

2 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in  
3 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may  
4 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this  
5 Code, provided that the individual has completed the  
6 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this  
7 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate  
8 personnel under the respective school district's  
9 collective bargaining agreement.

10 The State Board of Education, in consultation with  
11 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,  
12 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish  
13 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program  
14 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement  
15 shall be required.

16 (F) Special education endorsement. A special  
17 education endorsement in one or more areas shall be  
18 affixed to a Professional Educator License for any  
19 individual that meets those requirements established  
20 by the State Board of Education in rules. Special  
21 education endorsement areas shall include without  
22 limitation the following:

- 23 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;  
24 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;  
25 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;  
26 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;

1 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing; and

2 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education.

3 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,  
4 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
5 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may  
6 add additional areas of special education by rule.

7 (G) School support personnel endorsement. School  
8 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but  
9 are not limited to, school counselor, marriage and  
10 family therapist, school psychologist, school speech  
11 and language pathologist, school nurse, and school  
12 social worker. This endorsement is for individuals who  
13 are not teachers or administrators, but still require  
14 licensure to work in an instructional support position  
15 in a public or State-operated elementary school,  
16 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
17 with a governing body or board of control or a charter  
18 school operating in compliance with the Charter  
19 Schools Law. The school support personnel endorsement  
20 shall be affixed to the Professional Educator License  
21 and shall meet all of the requirements established in  
22 any rules adopted to implement this subdivision (G).  
23 The holder of such an endorsement is entitled to all of  
24 the rights and privileges granted holders of any other  
25 Professional Educator License, including teacher  
26 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

1           Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April  
2           30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator  
3           License with a school speech and language pathologist  
4           (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school  
5           speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement  
6           for a school speech and language pathologist  
7           (non-teaching) endorsement through application to the  
8           State Board of Education. There shall be no cost for  
9           this exchange.

10          (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11; 98-413, eff. 8-16-13;  
11          98-610, eff. 12-27-13.)

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