

SB1338



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SB1338

Introduced 2/18/2015, by Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-35

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. In provisions setting forth the minimum requirements for educators trained in other states or countries, specifically includes applicants applying for a Professional Educator License with a principal, chief school business official, or superintendent endorsement. Effective immediately.

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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 21B-35 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

9 (a) All out-of-state applicants applying for a
10 Professional Educator License, including without limitation a
11 Professional Educator License with a principal, chief school
12 business official, or superintendent endorsement, must meet
13 all of the following requirements:

14 (1) Have completed a comparable state-approved
15 education program, as defined by the State Superintendent
16 of Education.

17 (2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited
18 institution of higher education and the degreed major or a
19 constructed major must directly correspond to the license
20 or endorsement sought.

21 (3) Except for school service personnel prepared by
22 out-of-state programs, have completed a minimum of one
23 course in the methods of instruction of the exceptional

1 child. School service personnel prepared by out-of-state
2 programs shall meet the same requirements concerning
3 courses in the methods of instruction of the exceptional
4 child as in-State candidates in school service personnel
5 areas, as defined by rules.

6 (4) Except for school service personnel prepared by
7 out-of-state programs, have completed a minimum of 6
8 semester hours of coursework in methods of reading and
9 reading in the content area. School service personnel
10 prepared by out-of-state programs shall meet the same
11 requirements concerning coursework in methods of reading
12 and reading in the content area as in-State candidates in
13 school service personnel areas, as defined by rules.

14 (5) Except for school service personnel prepared by
15 out-of-state programs, have completed a minimum of one
16 course in instructional strategies for English language
17 learners. School service personnel prepared by
18 out-of-state programs shall meet the same requirements
19 concerning courses in instructional strategies for English
20 language learners as in-State candidates in school service
21 personnel areas, as defined by rules.

22 (6) Have successfully met all Illinois examination
23 requirements.

24 (7) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
25 experience.

26 If one or more of the criteria in subsection (a) of this

1 Section are not met, then out-of-state applicants who hold a
2 valid, comparable certificate from another state and have
3 passed a test of basic skills and content area test, as
4 required by Section 21B-20 of this Code, may qualify for a
5 provisional educator endorsement on an Educator License with
6 Stipulations, in accordance with Section 21B-20 of this Code,
7 with the exception that an individual shall not serve as a
8 principal or assistant principal while holding the provisional
9 educator endorsement.

10 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License,
11 including without limitation a Professional Educator License
12 with a principal, chief school business official, or
13 superintendent endorsement, applicants trained in another
14 country must meet all of the following requirements:

15 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in
16 another country.

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

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

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

23 (5) Have completed a minimum of 6 semester hours of
24 coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content
25 area.

26 (6) Have completed a minimum of one course in

1 instructional strategies for English language learners.

2 (7) Have successfully met all State licensure
3 examination requirements.

4 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent
5 experience.

6 If one or more of these criteria are not met, then an
7 applicant trained in another country who has passed a test of
8 basic skills and content area test, as required by Section
9 21B-20 of this Code, may qualify for a provisional educator
10 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations, with the
11 exception that an individual shall not serve as a principal or
12 assistant principal while holding the provisional educator
13 endorsement.

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

17 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11; 98-581, eff. 8-27-13.)

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