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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2912

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2912 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections  
5 21B-20, 21B-25, 21B-30, 21B-35, 21B-40, and 21B-45 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  
16 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have  
17 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading  
18 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other  
19 criteria established by rule of the State Board of  
20 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.  
21 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30  
22 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.  
23 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with  
24 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is  
25 eligible to 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 the following  
25 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 or passes a test of basic  
10 skills and content area test, ~~as required by~~  
11 ~~Section 21B-30 of this Code,~~ prior to or within one  
12 year after issuance of the provisional educator  
13 endorsement on the Educator License with  
14 Stipulations. If an individual who holds an  
15 Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for  
16 provisional educator has not passed a test of basic  
17 skills and applicable content area test or tests  
18 within one year after issuance of the endorsement,  
19 the endorsement shall expire on June 30 following  
20 one full year of the endorsement being issued. If  
21 such an individual has passed the test of basic  
22 skills and applicable content area test or tests  
23 either prior to issuance of the endorsement or  
24 within one year after issuance of the endorsement,  
25 the endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately  
26 following 2 years of the license being issued,

1           during which time any and all coursework  
2           deficiencies must be met and any and all additional  
3           testing deficiencies must be met.

4           In addition, a provisional educator endorsement  
5           for principals or superintendents may be issued if the  
6           individual meets the requirements set forth in  
7           subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (b-5) of Section  
8           21B-35 of this Code. Applicants who have not been  
9           entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation  
10          program at an Illinois institution of higher education  
11          shall not receive a provisional educator endorsement  
12          if the person completed an alternative licensure  
13          program in another state, unless the program has been  
14          determined to be equivalent to Illinois program  
15          requirements.

16          Notwithstanding any other requirements of this  
17          Section, a service member or spouse of a service member  
18          may obtain a Professional Educator License with  
19          Stipulations, and a provisional educator endorsement  
20          in a specific content area or areas, if he or she holds  
21          a valid teaching certificate or license in good  
22          standing from another state, meets the qualifications  
23          of educators outlined in Section 21B-15 of this Code,  
24          and has not engaged in any misconduct that would  
25          prohibit an individual from obtaining a license  
26          pursuant to Illinois law, including without limitation

1           any administrative rules of the State Board of  
2           Education.

3           In this Section, "service member" means any person  
4           who, at the time of application under this Section, is  
5           an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces  
6           or any reserve component of the United States Armed  
7           Forces or the National Guard of any state,  
8           commonwealth, or territory of the United States or the  
9           District of Columbia.

10          A provisional educator endorsement is valid until  
11          June 30 immediately following 2 years of the license  
12          being issued, provided that any remaining testing and  
13          coursework deficiencies are met as set forth in this  
14          Section. Failure to satisfy all stated deficiencies  
15          shall mean the individual, including any service  
16          member or spouse who has obtained a Professional  
17          Educator License with Stipulations and a provisional  
18          educator endorsement in a specific content area or  
19          areas, is ineligible to receive a Professional  
20          Educator License at that time. An Educator License with  
21          Stipulations endorsed for provisional educator shall  
22          not be renewed for individuals who hold an Educator  
23          License with Stipulations and who have held a position  
24          in a public school or non-public school recognized by  
25          the State Board of Education.

26          (B)       Alternative       provisional       educator.       An

1 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an  
2 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an  
3 applicant who, at the time of applying for the  
4 endorsement, has done all of the following:

5 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited  
6 college or university with a minimum of a  
7 bachelor's degree.

8 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of  
9 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for  
10 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this  
11 Code.

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

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

19 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An  
20 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on  
21 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the  
22 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant  
23 superintendent in a school district's central office.  
24 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant  
25 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has  
26 done all of the following:

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

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

7 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase  
8 of an alternative route to superintendent  
9 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55  
10 of this Code.

11 (iv) Passed a test of basic skills and content  
12 area tests required under Section 21B-30 of this  
13 Code.

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

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

22 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited  
23 institution of higher education with a minimum of a  
24 bachelor's degree.

25 (ii) Enrolled in an approved Illinois educator  
26 preparation program.



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

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

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

13                  (E) Career and technical educator. A career and  
14                  technical educator endorsement on an Educator License  
15                  with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has  
16                  a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a  
17                  regionally accredited institution of higher education  
18                  and has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside  
19                  of education in each area to be taught.

20                  The career and technical educator endorsement on  
21                  an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until  
22                  June 30 immediately following 5 years of the  
23                  endorsement being issued and may be renewed. For  
24                  individuals who were issued the career and technical  
25                  educator endorsement on an Educator License with  
26                  Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license

1           may be renewed if the individual passes a test of basic  
2           skills or test of work proficiency, as required under  
3           Section 21B-30 of this Code.

4           (F) Part-time provisional career and technical  
5           educator or provisional career and technical educator.  
6           A part-time provisional career and technical educator  
7           endorsement or a provisional career and technical  
8           educator endorsement on an Educator License with  
9           Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has a  
10          minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill  
11          for which the applicant is seeking the endorsement. It  
12          is the responsibility of each employing school board  
13          and regional office of education to provide  
14          verification, in writing, to the State Superintendent  
15          of Education at the time the application is submitted  
16          that no qualified teacher holding a Professional  
17          Educator License or an Educator License with  
18          Stipulations with a career and technical educator  
19          endorsement is available and that actual circumstances  
20          require such issuance.

21          The provisional career and technical educator  
22          endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations  
23          is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of  
24          the endorsement being issued and may be renewed only  
25          one time for 5 years. For individuals who were issued  
26          the provisional career and technical educator

1 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations  
2 on or after January 1, 2015, the license may be renewed  
3 one time if the individual passes a test of basic  
4 skills or test of work proficiency, as required under  
5 Section 21B-30 of this Code, and has completed a  
6 minimum of 20 semester hours from a regionally  
7 accredited institution.

8 A part-time provisional career and technical  
9 educator endorsement on an Educator License with  
10 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2  
11 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time  
12 provisional career and technical educator endorsement  
13 on an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until  
14 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the  
15 endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5 years  
16 if the individual makes application for renewal.

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

24 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and  
25 writing ability in the language other than English  
26 in which transitional bilingual education is

1           offered.

2           (ii) Has the ability to successfully  
3           communicate in English.

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

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

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

23          (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to  
24          alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language  
25          other than English in the public schools, an individual  
26          who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may

1           also apply for a language endorsement, provided that  
2           the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he  
3           or she meets all of the following requirements:

4                   (i)     Holds     a     transitional     bilingual  
5                   endorsement.

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

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

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

22           A language endorsement on an Educator License with  
23           Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through  
24           grade 12 for the same validity period as the  
25           individual's transitional bilingual educator  
26           endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations

1 and shall not be renewed.

2 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting  
3 international educator endorsement on an Educator  
4 License with Stipulations may be issued to an  
5 individual who is being recruited by a particular  
6 school district that conducts formal recruitment  
7 programs outside of the United States to secure the  
8 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the  
9 following requirements:

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

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

14 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the  
15 subject to be taught.

16 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English  
17 language.

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

1 Preparation and Licensure Board.

2 A visiting international educator endorsement on  
3 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3  
4 years and shall not be renewed.

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

21 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school  
22 business official endorsement on an Educator License  
23 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who  
24 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2  
25 years of full-time administrative experience in school  
26 business management or 2 years of university-approved

1 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester  
2 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the  
3 State Board of Education for the preparation of school  
4 business administrators and by passage of the  
5 applicable State tests, including a test of basic  
6 skills and applicable content area test.

7 The chief school business official endorsement may  
8 also be affixed to the Educator License with  
9 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a  
10 master's degree in business administration, finance,  
11 or accounting and who completes an additional 6  
12 semester hours of internship in school business  
13 management from a regionally accredited institution of  
14 higher education and passes the applicable State  
15 tests, including a test of basic skills and applicable  
16 content area test. This endorsement shall be required  
17 for any individual employed as a chief school business  
18 official.

19 The chief school business official endorsement on  
20 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until  
21 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the  
22 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the  
23 license holder completes renewal requirements as  
24 required for individuals who hold a Professional  
25 Educator License endorsed for chief school business  
26 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such



1 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of  
2 Education.

3 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional  
4 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License  
5 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has  
6 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation  
7 program at an Illinois institution of higher education  
8 and who has not successfully completed an  
9 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but  
10 who meets all of the following requirements:

11 (i) Holds at least a bachelor's degree.

12 (ii) Has completed an approved educator  
13 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

14 (iii) Has passed a test of basic skills and  
15 applicable content area test, as required by  
16 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

17 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based  
18 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a  
19 minimum score on that assessment, as established  
20 by the State Board of Education in consultation  
21 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure  
22 Board.

23 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an  
24 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one  
25 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not  
26 be renewed.

1           (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching  
2 License may be issued to qualified applicants for  
3 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,  
4 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching  
5 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for  
6 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree  
7 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of  
8 higher education.

9           Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years ~~and~~  
10 ~~may be renewed if the individual has passed a test of basic~~  
11 ~~skills, as authorized under Section 21B-30 of this Code. An~~  
12 ~~individual who has passed a test of basic skills for the~~  
13 ~~first licensure renewal is not required to retake the test~~  
14 ~~again for further renewals.~~

15           Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute  
16 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual  
17 has had his or her Professional Educator License or  
18 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked or  
19 has not met the renewal requirements for licensure, then  
20 that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute  
21 Teaching License.

22           A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a  
23 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing  
24 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under  
25 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district  
26 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30

1 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if  
2 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of  
3 education within 5 business days after the employment of  
4 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An  
5 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy  
6 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or  
7 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of  
8 the district exceed previous indications, and the district  
9 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed  
10 teacher for the vacant position.

11 There is no limit on the number of days that a  
12 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,  
13 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer  
14 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under  
15 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who  
16 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License  
17 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school  
18 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the  
19 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on  
20 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do  
21 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34  
22 of this Code.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-28, eff. 7-1-13; 98-751, eff. 1-1-15; 99-35,  
24 eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; revised  
25 10-14-15.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

2 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued  
3 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be  
4 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each  
5 content area, school support area, and administrative area for  
6 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized  
7 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs  
8 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to  
9 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement  
10 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The  
11 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit  
12 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being  
13 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being  
14 recommended.

15 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with  
16 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall  
17 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area  
18 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator  
19 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for  
20 obtaining each endorsement.

21 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content  
22 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of  
23 Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
24 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the  
25 requirements for the following endorsements:

26 (A) General administrative endorsement. A general

1 administrative endorsement shall be added to a  
2 Professional Educator License, provided that an  
3 approved program has been completed. An individual  
4 holding a general administrative endorsement may work  
5 only as a principal or assistant principal or in a  
6 related or similar position, as determined by the State  
7 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the  
8 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

9 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general  
10 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued  
11 except to individuals who completed all coursework  
12 requirements for the receipt of the general  
13 administrative endorsement by September 1, 2014, who  
14 have completed all testing requirements by June 30,  
15 2016, and who apply for the endorsement on or before  
16 June 30, 2016. Individuals who hold a valid and  
17 registered administrative certificate with a general  
18 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1  
19 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a  
20 general administrative endorsement issued prior to  
21 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one  
22 full year during the 5 years prior in a position  
23 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,  
24 upon request to the State Board of Education and  
25 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general  
26 administrative endorsement converted to a principal

1 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.  
2 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general  
3 administrative preparation program after September 1,  
4 2012.

5 All other individuals holding a valid and  
6 registered administrative certificate with a general  
7 administrative endorsement issued pursuant to Section  
8 21-7.1 of this Code or a general administrative  
9 endorsement on a Professional Educator License issued  
10 prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general  
11 administrative endorsement converted to a principal  
12 endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon  
13 request to the State Board of Education and by  
14 completing one of the following pathways:

15 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment  
16 developed by the State Board of Education.

17 (ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an  
18 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by  
19 the State Superintendent of Education.

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

23 Individuals who do not choose to convert the  
24 general administrative endorsement on the  
25 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section  
26 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator

1 License shall continue to be able to serve in any  
2 position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of  
3 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

4 The general administrative endorsement on the  
5 Professional Educator License is available only to  
6 individuals who, prior to September 1, 2014, had such  
7 an endorsement on the administrative certificate  
8 issued pursuant to Section 21-7.1 of this Code or who  
9 already have a Professional Educator License and have  
10 completed a general administrative program and who do  
11 not choose to convert the general administrative  
12 endorsement to a principal endorsement pursuant to the  
13 options in this Section.

14 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement  
15 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of  
16 any holder who qualifies by having all of the  
17 following:

18 (i) Successful completion of a principal  
19 preparation program approved in accordance with  
20 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable  
21 rules.

22 (ii) At least 4 total years of teaching or,  
23 until June 30, 2019, working in the capacity of  
24 school support personnel in an Illinois public  
25 school or nonpublic school recognized by the State  
26 Board of Education or in an out-of-state public

1 school or out-of-state nonpublic school meeting  
2 out-of-state recognition standards comparable to  
3 those approved by the State Superintendent of  
4 Education; however, the State Board of Education,  
5 in consultation with the State Educator  
6 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall allow, by  
7 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based  
8 on meeting standards set forth in such rules,  
9 including without limitation a review of  
10 performance evaluations or other evidence of  
11 demonstrated qualifications.

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

14 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A  
15 chief school business official endorsement shall be  
16 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any  
17 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or  
18 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience  
19 in school business management or 2 years of  
20 university-approved practical experience, and a  
21 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a  
22 program approved by the State Board of Education for  
23 the preparation of school business administrators and  
24 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief  
25 school business official endorsement may also be  
26 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any



1 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in  
2 business administration, finance, or accounting and  
3 who completes an additional 6 semester hours of  
4 internship in school business management from a  
5 regionally accredited institution of higher education  
6 and passes the applicable State tests. This  
7 endorsement shall be required for any individual  
8 employed as a chief school business official.

9 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent  
10 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional  
11 Educator License of any holder who has completed a  
12 program approved by the State Board of Education for  
13 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had  
14 at least 2 years of experience employed full-time in a  
15 general administrative position or as a full-time  
16 principal, director of special education, or chief  
17 school business official in the public schools or in a  
18 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief  
19 administrator is required to have the licensure  
20 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this  
21 State and where a majority of the teachers are required  
22 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a  
23 public school in this State, and has passed the  
24 required State tests; or of any holder who has  
25 completed a program that is not an Illinois-approved  
26 educator preparation program at an Illinois

1 institution of higher education and that has  
2 recognition standards comparable to those approved by  
3 the State Superintendent of Education and holds the  
4 general administrative, principal, or chief school  
5 business official endorsement and who has had 2 years  
6 of experience as a principal, director of special  
7 education, or chief school business official while  
8 holding a valid educator license or certificate  
9 comparable in validity and educational and experience  
10 requirements and has passed the appropriate State  
11 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The  
12 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to  
13 serve only as a superintendent or assistant  
14 superintendent.

15 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the  
16 policy of this State to improve the quality of  
17 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway  
18 for teachers interested in serving in leadership  
19 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of  
20 Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
21 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher  
22 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons  
23 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of  
24 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader  
25 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for  
26 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may

1           qualify to serve in such positions as department  
2           chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction  
3           leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by  
4           the district. The endorsement shall be available to  
5           those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator  
6           License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a  
7           regionally accredited institution, (iii) have  
8           completed a program of study that has been approved by  
9           the State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
10          State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and  
11          (iv) have successfully demonstrated competencies as  
12          defined by rule. ~~have taken coursework in all of the~~  
13          ~~following areas:~~

14                   ~~(I) Leadership.~~

15                   ~~(II) Designing professional development to~~  
16                   ~~meet teaching and learning needs.~~

17                   ~~(III) Building school culture that focuses on~~  
18                   ~~student learning.~~

19                   ~~(IV) Using assessments to improve student~~  
20                   ~~learning and foster school improvement.~~

21                   ~~(V) Building collaboration with teachers and~~  
22                   ~~stakeholders.~~

23           A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in  
24           this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may  
25           evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this  
26           Code, provided that the individual has completed the

1 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this  
2 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate  
3 personnel under the respective school district's  
4 collective bargaining agreement.

5 The State Board of Education, in consultation with  
6 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,  
7 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish  
8 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program  
9 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement  
10 shall be required.

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

- 18 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;
- 19 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;
- 20 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;
- 21 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;
- 22 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing; and
- 23 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education.

24 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,  
25 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
26 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may

1 add additional areas of special education by rule.

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

22 Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April  
23 30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator  
24 License with a school speech and language pathologist  
25 (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school  
26 speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement

1           for a school speech and language pathologist  
2           (non-teaching) endorsement through application to the  
3           State Board of Education. There shall be no cost for  
4           this exchange.

5           (Source: P.A. 98-413, eff. 8-16-13; 98-610, eff. 12-27-13;  
6           98-872, eff. 8-11-14; 98-917, eff. 8-15-14; 98-1147, eff.  
7           12-31-14; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15.)

8           (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

9           Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

10          (a) This Section applies beginning on July 1, 2012.

11          (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
12          State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design  
13          and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required  
14          prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations  
15          and indicators must be based on national and State professional  
16          teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of  
17          Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
18          and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt  
19          such rules as may be necessary to implement and administer this  
20          Section. ~~No score on a test required under this Section, other~~  
21          ~~than a test of basic skills, shall be more than 10 years old at~~  
22          ~~the time that an individual makes application for an educator~~  
23          ~~license or endorsement.~~

24          (c) Applicants seeking a Professional Educator License or  
25          an Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to pass

1 a test of basic skills before the license is issued, unless the  
2 endorsement the individual is seeking does not require passage  
3 of the test. All applicants completing Illinois-approved,  
4 teacher education or school service personnel preparation  
5 programs shall be required to pass the State Board of  
6 Education's recognized test of basic skills prior to starting  
7 their student teaching or starting the final semester of their  
8 internship, unless required earlier at the discretion of the  
9 recognized, Illinois institution in which they are completing  
10 their approved program. An individual who passes a test of  
11 basic skills does not need to do so again for subsequent  
12 endorsements or other educator licenses.

13 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be  
14 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area  
15 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There  
16 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall  
17 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record  
18 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

19 (e) (Blank). ~~All applicants seeking a State license~~  
20 ~~endorsed in a teaching field shall pass the assessment of~~  
21 ~~professional teaching (APT). Passage of the APT is required for~~  
22 ~~completion of an approved Illinois educator preparation~~  
23 ~~program.~~

24 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, beginning  
25 ~~Beginning~~ on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing  
26 teacher preparation programs in this State and all candidates

1 subject to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass an  
2 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness approved by  
3 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
4 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. All recognized  
5 institutions offering approved teacher preparation programs  
6 must begin phasing in the approved teacher performance  
7 assessment no later than July 1, 2013.

8 (g) Tests of basic skills and content area knowledge and  
9 the assessment of professional teaching shall be the tests that  
10 from time to time are designated by the State Board of  
11 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
12 and Licensure Board, and may be tests prepared by an  
13 educational testing organization or tests designed by the State  
14 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
15 Preparation and Licensure Board. The areas to be covered by a  
16 test of basic skills shall include reading, language arts, and  
17 mathematics. The test of content area knowledge shall assess  
18 content knowledge in a specific subject field. The tests must  
19 be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no person  
20 taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis of race,  
21 color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to the  
22 person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The score  
23 required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State Board of  
24 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
25 and Licensure Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer  
26 than 3 times a year at such time and place as may be designated



1 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
2 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

3 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess  
4 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of  
5 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under  
6 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this Code  
7 in the English language and in the language of the transitional  
8 bilingual education program requested by the applicant.

9 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the  
10 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school  
11 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

12 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the  
13 testing requirements under this Section shall include without  
14 limitation provisions governing test selection, test  
15 validation and determination of a passing score,  
16 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,  
17 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the  
18 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special  
19 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop such  
20 rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to year  
21 in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-361, eff. 1-1-14; 98-581, eff. 8-27-13;  
23 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15.)

24 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

25 Sec. 21B-35. Minimum requirements for educators trained in

1 other states or countries.

2 (a) All applicants who have not been entitled by an  
3 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois  
4 institution of higher education applying for a Professional  
5 Educator License endorsed in a teaching field or school support  
6 personnel area must meet all of the following requirements:

7 (1) Hold a comparable and valid educator license or  
8 certificate with similar grade level and subject matter  
9 credentials from another state. The State Board of  
10 Education shall have the authority to determine what  
11 constitutes similar grade level and subject matter  
12 credentials from another state. A comparable educator  
13 license or certificate is one that demonstrates that the  
14 license or certificate holder meets similar requirements  
15 as candidates entitled by an Illinois-approved educator  
16 preparation program in teaching or school support  
17 personnel areas concerning coursework aligned to standards  
18 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional  
19 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,  
20 and instructional strategies for English learners. An  
21 applicant who holds a comparable and valid educator license  
22 or certificate from another state must submit verification  
23 to the State Board of Education that the applicant has  
24 completed coursework concerning methods of instruction of  
25 the exceptional child, methods of reading and reading in  
26 the content area, and instructional strategies for English

1        learners. ~~Have completed a comparable state approved~~  
2        ~~education program, as defined by the State Superintendent~~  
3        ~~of Education.~~

4            (2) Have a degree from a regionally accredited  
5        institution of higher education and the degreed major or a  
6        constructed major must directly correspond to the license  
7        or endorsement sought.

8            (3) (Blank). ~~Teachers and school support personnel who~~  
9        ~~have not been entitled by an Illinois approved educator~~  
10       ~~preparation program at an Illinois institution of higher~~  
11       ~~education shall meet the same requirements concerning~~  
12       ~~courses in the methods of instruction of the exceptional~~  
13       ~~child as candidates entitled by an Illinois approved~~  
14       ~~educator preparation program in teaching and school~~  
15       ~~support personnel areas, as defined by rules.~~

16           (4) (Blank). ~~Teachers and school support personnel who~~  
17       ~~have not been entitled by an Illinois approved educator~~  
18       ~~preparation program at an Illinois institution of higher~~  
19       ~~education shall meet the same requirements concerning~~  
20       ~~coursework in methods of reading and reading in the content~~  
21       ~~area as candidates entitled by an Illinois approved~~  
22       ~~educator preparation program in teaching and school~~  
23       ~~support personnel areas, as defined by rules.~~

24           (5) (Blank). ~~Teachers and school support personnel who~~  
25       ~~have not been entitled by an Illinois approved educator~~  
26       ~~preparation program at an Illinois institution of higher~~

1 ~~education shall meet the same requirements concerning~~  
2 ~~courses in instructional strategies for English language~~  
3 ~~learners as candidates entitled by an Illinois approved~~  
4 ~~educator preparation program in teaching and school~~  
5 ~~support personnel areas, as defined by rules.~~

6 (6) Have successfully met all Illinois examination  
7 requirements. Applicants who have successfully completed a  
8 test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at the time of  
9 initial licensure in another state shall not be required to  
10 complete a test of basic skills. Applicants who have  
11 successfully completed a test of content, as defined by  
12 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another state  
13 shall not be required to complete a test of content.

14 Applicants for a teaching endorsement who have  
15 successfully completed an evidence-based assessment of  
16 teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of  
17 initial licensure in another state shall not be required to  
18 complete an evidence-based assessment of teacher  
19 effectiveness.

20 (7) For applicants for a teaching endorsement, have  
21 completed student teaching or an equivalent experience or,  
22 for applicants for a school service personnel endorsement,  
23 have completed an internship or an equivalent experience.

24 ~~Teachers and school support personnel who have not been~~  
25 ~~entitled by an Illinois approved educator preparation program~~  
26 ~~at an Illinois institution of higher education must submit~~

1 ~~verification to the State Board of Education of having~~  
2 ~~completed coursework as required under items (3), (4), and (5)~~  
3 ~~of this subsection (a) prior to issuance of a Professional~~  
4 ~~Educator License. An individual who is not able to verify~~  
5 ~~completion of the coursework as required under items (3), (4),~~  
6 ~~and (5) of this subsection (a) may qualify for an Educator~~  
7 ~~License with Stipulations with a provisional educator~~  
8 ~~endorsement and must complete coursework in those areas~~  
9 ~~identified as deficient.~~

10 If one or more of the criteria in this subsection (a) are  
11 not met, then applicants who have not been entitled by an  
12 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois  
13 institution of higher education who hold a valid, comparable  
14 certificate from another state may qualify for a provisional  
15 educator endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations,  
16 in accordance with Section 21B-20 of this Code.

17 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License  
18 endorsed in a teaching field, applicants trained in another  
19 country must meet all of the following requirements:

20 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in  
21 another country.

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

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

26 (4) (Blank). ~~Have completed coursework in the methods~~

1 ~~of instruction of the exceptional child.~~

2 (5) (Blank). ~~Have completed coursework in methods of~~  
3 ~~reading and reading in the content area.~~

4 (6) (Blank). ~~Have completed coursework in~~  
5 ~~instructional strategies for English learners.~~

6 (7) Have successfully met all State licensure  
7 examination requirements. Applicants who have successfully  
8 completed a test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at  
9 the time of initial licensure in another country shall not  
10 be required to complete a test of basic skills. Applicants  
11 who have successfully completed a test of content, as  
12 defined by rules, at the time of initial licensure in  
13 another country shall not be required to complete a test of  
14 content. Applicants for a teaching endorsement who have  
15 successfully completed an evidence-based assessment of  
16 teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of  
17 initial licensure in another country shall not be required  
18 to complete an evidence-based assessment of teacher  
19 effectiveness.

20 (8) Have completed student teaching or an equivalent  
21 experience.

22 ~~Applicants trained in another country must submit~~  
23 ~~verification to the State Board of Education of having~~  
24 ~~completed coursework as required under items (4), (5), and (6)~~  
25 ~~of this subsection (b) prior to issuance of a Professional~~  
26 ~~Educator License. Individuals who are not able to verify~~

1 ~~completion of the coursework as required under items (4), (5),~~  
2 ~~and (6) of this subsection (b) may qualify for an Educator~~  
3 ~~License with Stipulations with a provisional educator~~  
4 ~~endorsement and must complete coursework in those areas~~  
5 ~~identified as deficient.~~

6 ~~If one or more of the criteria in this subsection (b) are~~  
7 ~~not met, then an applicant trained in another country may~~  
8 ~~qualify for a provisional educator endorsement on an Educator~~  
9 ~~License with Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of~~  
10 ~~this Code.~~

11 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an  
12 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois  
13 institution of higher education and applicants trained in  
14 another country applying for a Professional Educator License  
15 endorsed for principal or superintendent must meet all of the  
16 following requirements:

17 (1) Have completed an educator preparation program  
18 approved by another state or comparable educator program in  
19 another country leading to the receipt of a license or  
20 certificate for the Illinois endorsement sought.

21 (2) Have successfully met all State licensure  
22 examination requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of  
23 this Code. Applicants who have successfully completed a  
24 test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at the time of  
25 initial licensure in another state or country shall not be  
26 required to complete a test of basic skills. Applicants who

1       have successfully completed a test of content, as defined  
2       by rules, at the time of initial licensure in another state  
3       or country shall not be required to complete a test of  
4       content.

5           (3) (Blank). ~~Have received a certificate or license~~  
6       ~~endorsed in a teaching field.~~

7       A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a  
8       superintendent or principal may be affixed to an Educator  
9       License with Stipulations in accordance with Section 21B-20 of  
10      this Code.

11       (b-10) All applicants who have not been entitled by an  
12      Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois  
13      institution of higher education applying for a Professional  
14      Educator License endorsed for chief school business official  
15      must meet all of the following requirements:

16           (1) Have completed a master's degree in school business  
17      management, finance, or accounting.

18           (2) Have successfully completed an internship in  
19      school business management or have 2 years of experience as  
20      a school business administrator.

21           (3) Have successfully met all State examination  
22      requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.  
23      Applicants who have successfully completed a test of  
24      content, as identified by rules, at the time of initial  
25      licensure in another state or country shall not be required  
26      to complete a test of content.



1           (4) Have successfully completed modules in reading  
2           methods, special education, and English Learners.

3           A provisional educator endorsement to serve as a chief  
4           school business official may be affixed to an Educator License  
5           with Stipulations.

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

9           (Source: P.A. 98-581, eff. 8-27-13; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15.)

10           (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

11           Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

12           (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system  
13           established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall  
14           be charged to applicants:

15           (1) A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator  
16           License or an Educator License with Stipulations ~~and for~~  
17           ~~individuals seeking a Substitute Teaching License.~~  
18           However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee  
19           for a Professional Educator License and, Educator License  
20           with Stipulations, ~~or Substitute Teaching License~~ shall be  
21           \$100.

22           (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching  
23           License.

24           (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have not  
25           been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation

1 program at an Illinois institution of higher education and  
2 are seeking any of the licenses set forth in subdivision  
3 (1) of this subsection (a).

4 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or  
5 approval an individual holding a license wishes to add to  
6 that license.

7 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of  
8 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be  
9 paid to the regional office of education having supervision  
10 and control over the school in which the individual holding  
11 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding  
12 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be  
13 registered in any county in this State. The registration  
14 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the  
15 individual registers the license for a particular validity  
16 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged  
17 for that validity period should the individual  
18 subsequently register the license in additional regions.  
19 An individual must register the license (i) immediately  
20 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the  
21 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has  
22 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this  
23 Code.

24 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)  
25 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be  
26 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and

1 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of  
2 Education to provide the technology and human resources  
3 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of  
4 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available  
5 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be  
6 used by the State Board of Education to support the recruitment  
7 and retention of educators, to support educator preparation  
8 programs as they seek national accreditation, and to provide  
9 professional development aligned with the requirements set  
10 forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A majority of the funds  
11 in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund must be dedicated  
12 to the timely and efficient processing of applications and for  
13 the renewal of licenses. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving  
14 Fund is not subject to administrative charge transfers,  
15 authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act, from the  
16 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of  
17 this State, and moneys in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving  
18 Fund shall not revert back to the General Revenue Fund at any  
19 time.

20 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the  
21 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of  
22 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund  
23 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

24 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office  
25 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience  
26 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license

1 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the  
2 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor  
3 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or  
4 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must  
5 be paid to that company or vendor.

6 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21  
7 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this  
8 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of  
9 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not  
10 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must  
11 be applied to the registration of the new license.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-610, eff. 12-27-13; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15.)

13 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

14 Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License renewal.

15 (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License  
16 are required to complete the licensure renewal requirements as  
17 specified in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this  
18 Code.

19 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License shall  
20 meet the renewal requirements set forth in this Section, unless  
21 otherwise provided in this Code. If an individual holds a  
22 license endorsed in more than one area that has different  
23 renewal requirements, that individual shall follow the renewal  
24 requirements for the position for which he or she spends the  
25 majority of his or her time working.

1 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as  
2 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that  
3 year. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon (i)  
4 payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State Board  
5 of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by  
6 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally  
7 accredited institution of higher education in the content area  
8 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's endorsement  
9 areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation  
10 registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the  
11 license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid and kept  
12 in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this Code  
13 concerning an institute fund and the provisions in Article 21B  
14 of this Code concerning fees and requirements for registration.  
15 Licenses not registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of  
16 this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the  
17 expiration of the last year of registration. An unregistered  
18 license is invalid after September 1 for employment and  
19 performance of services in an Illinois public or State-operated  
20 school or cooperative and in a charter school. Any license or  
21 endorsement may be voluntarily surrendered by the license  
22 holder. A voluntarily surrendered license, except a substitute  
23 teaching license issued under Section 21B-20 of this Code,  
24 shall be treated as a revoked license. An Educator License with  
25 Stipulations with only a paraprofessional endorsement does not  
26 lapse.

1 (c) From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in order to  
2 satisfy the requirements for licensure renewal provided for in  
3 this Section, each professional educator licensee with an  
4 administrative endorsement who is working in a position  
5 requiring such endorsement shall complete one Illinois  
6 Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of  
7 this Code, per fiscal year.

8 (d) Beginning July 1, 2014, in order to satisfy the  
9 requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this  
10 Section, each professional educator licensee may create a  
11 professional development plan each year. The plan shall address  
12 one or more of the endorsements that are required of his or her  
13 educator position if the licensee is employed and performing  
14 services in an Illinois public or State-operated school or  
15 cooperative. If the licensee is employed in a charter school,  
16 the plan shall address that endorsement or those endorsements  
17 most closely related to his or her educator position. Licensees  
18 employed and performing services in any other Illinois schools  
19 may participate in the renewal requirements by adhering to the  
20 same process.

21 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the  
22 licensee's professional development activities shall align  
23 with one or more of the following criteria:

24 (1) activities are of a type that engage participants  
25 over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis,  
26 discovery, and application as they relate to student

1 learning, social or emotional achievement, or well-being;

2 (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's  
3 performance;

4 (3) outcomes for the activities must relate to student  
5 growth or district improvement;

6 (4) activities align to State-approved standards; and

7 (5) higher education coursework.

8 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator  
9 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.  
10 Prior to renewal, the licensee shall enter electronically into  
11 the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name,  
12 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional  
13 development hours, and the provider's name. The following  
14 provisions shall apply concerning professional development  
15 activities:

16 (1) Each licensee shall complete a total of 120 hours  
17 of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in  
18 order to renew the license, except as otherwise provided in  
19 this Section.

20 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,  
21 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not  
22 working in a position requiring such endorsement shall  
23 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as  
24 described in Article 2 of this Code, in each 5-year renewal  
25 cycle in which the administrative endorsement was held for  
26 at least one year. The Illinois Administrators' Academy

1 course may count toward the total of 120 hours per 5-year  
2 cycle.

3 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement  
4 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or  
5 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in  
6 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall  
7 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as  
8 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in  
9 addition to 100 hours of professional development per  
10 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

11 (4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for  
12 Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher  
13 designation shall complete a total of 60 hours of  
14 professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order  
15 to renew the license.

16 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not  
17 require educator licensure or working in a position for  
18 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be  
19 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration  
20 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the  
21 license.

22 (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits  
23 from a State retirement system shall notify the State Board  
24 of Education using ELIS, and the license shall be  
25 maintained in retired status. For any renewal cycle in  
26 which a licensee retires during the renewal cycle, the



1       licensee must complete professional development activities  
2       on a prorated basis depending on the number of years during  
3       the renewal cycle the educator held an active license. If a  
4       licensee retires during a renewal cycle, the licensee must  
5       notify the State Board of Education using ELIS that the  
6       licensee wishes to maintain the license in retired status  
7       and must show proof of completion of professional  
8       development activities on a prorated basis for all years of  
9       that renewal cycle for which the license was active. An  
10       individual with a license in retired status shall not be  
11       required to complete professional development activities  
12       or pay registration fees until returning to a position that  
13       requires educator licensure. Upon returning to work in a  
14       position that requires the Professional Educator License,  
15       the licensee shall immediately pay a registration fee and  
16       complete renewal requirements for that year. A license in  
17       retired status cannot lapse. Beginning on the effective  
18       date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly  
19       through December 31, 2017, any licensee who has retired and  
20       whose license has lapsed for failure to renew as provided  
21       in this Section may reinstate that license and maintain it  
22       in retired status upon providing proof to the State Board  
23       of Education using ELIS that the licensee is retired and is  
24       not working in a position that requires a Professional  
25       Educator License.

26               (7) For any renewal cycle in which professional

1 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the  
2 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the  
3 minimum professional development hours required in this  
4 Section prior to September 1 of that year. For any fiscal  
5 year or renewal cycle in which an Illinois Administrators'  
6 Academy course was required but not completed, the licensee  
7 shall complete any missed Illinois Administrators' Academy  
8 courses prior to September 1 of that year. The licensee may  
9 complete all deficient hours and Illinois Administrators'  
10 Academy courses while continuing to work in a position that  
11 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

12 (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the professional  
13 development renewal requirements set forth in this Section  
14 at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is ineligible to  
15 register his or her license and may submit an appeal to the  
16 State Superintendent of Education for reinstatement of the  
17 license.

18 (9) If professional development opportunities were  
19 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were  
20 unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond  
21 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be  
22 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the  
23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an  
24 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid  
25 during the extension period.

26 (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to

1        December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-610)  
2        ~~this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly~~ shall  
3        commence the annual renewal process with the first  
4        scheduled registration due after December 27, 2013 (the  
5        effective date of Public Act 98-610) ~~this amendatory Act of~~  
6        ~~the 98th General Assembly.~~

7        (f) At the time of renewal, each licensee shall respond to  
8        the required questions under penalty of perjury.

9        (g) The following entities shall be designated as approved  
10       to provide professional development activities for the renewal  
11       of Professional Educator Licenses:

12            (1) The State Board of Education.

13            (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate  
14       service centers.

15            (3) Illinois professional associations representing  
16       the following groups that are approved by the State  
17       Superintendent of Education:

18            (A) school administrators;

19            (B) principals;

20            (C) school business officials;

21            (D) teachers, including special education  
22       teachers;

23            (E) school boards;

24            (F) school districts;

25            (G) parents; and

26            (H) school service personnel.

1           (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher  
2 education that offer Illinois-approved educator  
3 preparation programs and public community colleges subject  
4 to the Public Community College Act.

5           (5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools  
6 authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint  
7 educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this  
8 Code for the purposes of providing career and technical  
9 education or special education services.

10           (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December  
11 31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147) ~~this~~  
12 ~~amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly~~, has had or has  
13 a grant from or a contract with the State Board of  
14 Education to provide professional development services in  
15 the area of English Learning to Illinois school districts,  
16 teachers, or administrators.

17           (7) State agencies, State boards, and State  
18 commissions.

19           (8) ~~(7)~~ Museums as defined in Section 10 of the Museum  
20 Disposition of Property Act.

21           (h) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section  
22 shall make available professional development opportunities  
23 that satisfy at least one of the following:

24           (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and  
25 district leaders who guide continuous professional  
26 development;

- 1 (2) improve the learning of students;
  - 2 (3) organize adults into learning communities whose  
3 goals are aligned with those of the school and district;
  - 4 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;
  - 5 (5) provide educators with research-based  
6 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting  
7 rigorous academic standards;
  - 8 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various  
9 types of classroom assessments;
  - 10 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the  
11 intended goals;
  - 12 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to  
13 collaborate; or
  - 14 (9) prepare educators to apply research to  
15 decision-making.
- 16 (i) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section  
17 shall do the following:
- 18 (1) align professional development activities to the  
19 State-approved national standards for professional  
20 learning;
  - 21 (2) meet the professional development criteria for  
22 Illinois licensure renewal;
  - 23 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains  
24 how it aligns to State standards and identify the  
25 assessment for determining the expected impact on student  
26 learning or school improvement;

1           (4) maintain original documentation for completion of  
2           activities; and

3           (5) provide license holders with evidence of  
4           completion of activities.

5           (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual  
6           audits of approved providers, except for school districts,  
7           which shall be audited by regional offices of education and  
8           intermediate service centers. The State Board of Education  
9           shall complete random audits of licensees.

10           (1) Approved providers shall annually submit to the  
11           State Board of Education a list of subcontractors used for  
12           delivery of professional development activities for which  
13           renewal credit was issued and other information as defined  
14           by rule.

15           (2) Approved providers shall annually submit data to  
16           the State Board of Education demonstrating how the  
17           professional development activities impacted one or more  
18           of the following:

19           (A) educator and student growth in regards to  
20           content knowledge or skills, or both;

21           (B) educator and student social and emotional  
22           growth; or

23           (C) alignment to district or school improvement  
24           plans.

25           (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review  
26           the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,

1 regional offices of education, and intermediate service  
2 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has  
3 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved  
4 provider or if further action should be taken as provided  
5 in rules.

6 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal  
7 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each  
8 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional  
9 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and  
10 entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the  
11 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or  
12 debit card.

13 (l) Beginning July 1, 2014, any professional educator  
14 licensee endorsed for school support personnel who is employed  
15 and performing services in Illinois public schools and who  
16 holds an active and current professional license issued by the  
17 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation related to  
18 the endorsement areas on the Professional Educator License  
19 shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing professional  
20 development requirements provided for in this Section. Such  
21 individuals shall be required to pay only registration fees to  
22 renew the Professional Educator License. An individual who does  
23 not hold a license issued by the Department of Financial and  
24 Professional Regulation shall complete professional  
25 development requirements for the renewal of a Professional  
26 Educator License provided for in this Section.

1 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure  
2 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from  
3 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not  
4 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of  
5 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State  
6 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed  
7 by rule.

8 (1) Each appeal shall state the reasons why the State  
9 Superintendent's decision should be reversed and shall be  
10 sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the  
11 State Board of Education.

12 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board  
13 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license  
14 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to  
15 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of  
16 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure  
17 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its  
18 determination based upon the record of review, which shall  
19 consist of the following:

20 (A) the regional superintendent of education's  
21 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,  
22 if applicable;

23 (B) any evidence submitted to the State  
24 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic  
25 statement of assurance for renewal; and

26 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for



1 nonrenewal of the license.

2 (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board  
3 shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license  
4 renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no  
5 later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt  
6 of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall  
7 pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle  
8 using a form of credit or debit card.

9 (n) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as may be  
10 necessary to implement this Section.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-610, eff. 12-27-13; 98-1147, eff. 12-31-14;  
12 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-130, eff. 7-24-15; revised 10-21-15.)

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