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1	92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2	FIRST CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
3	ON HOUSE BILL 1840
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б	To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
7	House of Representatives:
8	We, the conference committee appointed to consider the
9	differences between the houses in relation to Senate
10	Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1840, recommend the following:
11	(1) that the Senate recede from Senate Amendment No. 1;
12	and
13	(2) that House Bill 1840 be amended by replacing
14	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
15	"Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
16	7-31 and changing Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 as follows:
17	(105 ILCS 5/7-31 new)
18	Sec. 7-31. Annexation of contiguous portion of
19	<u>elementary or high school district.</u>
20	(a) In this Section:
21	<u>"Contiguous" means having a common border of not less</u>
22	<u>than 100 linear feet.</u>
23	"Specially qualified professional land surveyor" means a
24	professional land surveyor whose credentials include serving
25	or having served as a paid advisor or consultant to at least
26	2 of the following: any department, board, commission,
27	authority, or other agency of the State of Illinois.
28	(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code,
29	any contiguous portion of an elementary school district must
30	be detached from that district and annexed to an adjoining
31	elementary school district to which the portion is also
32	contiguous and any contiguous portion of a high school

district must be detached from that district and annexed to an adjoining school district to which the portion is also contiguous (herein referred to as "the Territory") upon a petition or petitions filed under this Section if all of the following conditions are met with respect to each petition:

(1) The Territory is to be detached from a school 6 district that is located predominantly (meaning more than 7 50% of the district's area) in a county of not less 8 9 than 2,000,000 and is to be annexed into a school district located overwhelmingly (meaning more than 75% of 10 its area) in a county of not less than 750,000 and not 11 more than 1,500,000, and, on the effective date of this 12 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the 13 Territory consists of not more than 500 acres of which 14 not more than 300 acres is vacant land and of which not 15 more than 200 acres is either platted for or improved 16 with residences and is located predominately (meaning 17 more than 50% of its area) within a municipality that is 18 19 (i) located predominantly (meaning more than 50% of the area of the municipality) outside the elementary or high 20 school district from which the Territory is to be 21 22 detached and (ii) located partly or wholly within the territorial boundaries of the adjoining elementary or 23 high school district to which the Territory is to be 24 annexed. Conclusive proof of the boundaries of each 25 school district and the municipality is a document or 26 documents setting forth the boundaries and certified by 27 28 the county clerk of each county or by the clerk of the 29 municipality as being a correct copy of records on file with the county clerk or the clerk of the municipality as 30 of a date not more than 60 days before the filing of a 31 petition under this Section. If the records of the 32 respective clerks show boundaries as of different dates, 33 34 those records are deemed contemporaneous for purposes of 35 this Section.

1 (2) The equalized assessed valuation of the taxable property of the Territory constitutes less than 5% of 2 the equalized assessed valuation of the taxable property 3 4 of the school district from which it is to be detached. Conclusive proof of the equalized assessed valuation of 5 each district is a document or documents stating the б equalized assessed valuation and certified, by the county 7 clerk of a county of not less than 2,000,000 and by the 8 9 county assessor or township assessor in a county of not less than 750,000 and not more than 1,500,000, as correct 10 by the certifying office as of a date not more than 60 11 days before the filing of a petition under this Section. 12 13 If the records from the 2 counties show equalized assessed valuation as of different dates, those records 14 are deemed contemporaneous for purposes of this Section. 15

(3) The Territory is predominately (meaning more 16 than 50% of its area) within a municipality that is 17 predominantly (meaning more than 50% of the area of the 18 19 municipality) within a county of not less than 750,000 and not more than 1,500,000. Conclusive proof of 20 boundaries of the municipality is a document or 21 22 documents setting forth the boundaries and certified by 23 the county clerk of the county in which the municipality 24 is located or by the clerk of the municipality as correct as of a date not more than 60 days before the filing of a 25 petition under this Section. 26

27 (4) The Territory, as of a date not more than 60 days before the filing of a petition, has not been 28 29 developed with structures for commercial, office, or industrial uses, except for temporary buildings or 30 structures constructed pursuant to a permit or permits by 31 the applicable permitting authority for an initial term 32 of not more than 15 years. Conclusive proof of the 33 34 development of the land is a notarized statement, as of a date not more than 60 days before the filing of a 35

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4 (5) The area of the Territory is 5% or less of the 5 area of the school district from which it is to be 6 detached. Conclusive proof of the areas is a notarized 7 written statement by a specially qualified professional 8 land surveyor licensed by the State of Illinois.

(6) Travel on public roads within 5 miles from the 9 Territory to schools in the school district from which 10 the Territory is to be detached requires crossing an 11 interstate highway. Travel on public roads within 5 miles 12 13 from the Territory to schools in the school district to which the Territory is to be annexed does not require 14 15 crossing an interstate highway. Conclusive proof of the facts in this paragraph (6) is a notarized written 16 statement by a specially qualified professional land 17 surveyor licensed by the State of Illinois. 18

(c) No school district may lose more than 5% of its 19 equalized assessed valuation nor more than 5% of its 20 territory through petitions filed under this Section. If a 21 22 petition seeks to detach territory that would result in a cumulative total of more than 5% of the district's equalized 23 assessed valuation or more than 5% of the district's 24 territory being detached under this Section, the petition 25 shall be denied without prejudice to its being filed pursuant 26 to Section 7-6 of this Code. 27

28 (d) Conclusive proof of the population of a county is
 29 the most recent federal decennial census.

30 <u>(e) A petition filed under this Section with respect to</u> 31 <u>the Territory must be filed with the regional board of school</u> 32 <u>trustees of the county where the Territory is located (herein</u> 33 <u>referred to as the Regional Board) at its regular offices not</u> 34 <u>later than the 24 months after the effective date of this</u> 35 <u>amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and (i) in the</u>

1 case of any portion of the Territory not developed with residences, signed by or on behalf of the taxpayers of record 2 of properties constituting 60% or more of the land not so 3 developed and (ii) in the case of any portion of the 4 Territory developed by residences, signed by 60% or more of 5 registered voters residing in the residences. Conclusive 6 proof of who are the taxpayers of record is a document 7 certified by the assessor of the county or township in which 8 9 the property is located as of a date not more than 60 days before the filing of a petition under this Section. 10 Conclusive proof of who are registered voters is a document 11 certified by the board of election commissioners for the 12 13 county in which the registered voters reside as of a date not earlier than 60 days before the filing of the petition. 14 15 Conclusive proof of the area of the Territory and the area of properties within the Territory is a survey or notarized 16 statement, as of a date not more than 60 days before the 17 filing of the petition, by a specially gualified professional 18 land surveyor licensed by the State of Illinois. 19

20 (f) The Regional Board must (1) hold a hearing on each petition at its regular offices within 90 days after the date 21 22 of filing; (2) render a decision granting or denying the petition within 30 days after the hearing; and (3) within 14 23 days after the decision, serve a copy of the decision by 24 certified mail, return receipt requested, upon the 25 petitioners and upon the school boards of the school 26 27 districts from which the territory described in the petition is sought to be detached and to which the territory is sought 28 to be annexed. If petitions are filed pertaining to an 29 elementary school district and a high school district 30 described in this Section, if the petitions pertain to land 31 not developed with residences, and if the 2 petitions are 32 filed within 28 days of each other, the petitions must be 33 34 consolidated for hearing and heard at the same hearing. If petitions are filed pertaining to an elementary school 35

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district and a high school district described in this 1 Section, if the petitions pertain to land developed with 2 residences, and if the petitions are filed within 28 days of 3 4 each other, the 2 petitions must be consolidated for hearing and heard at the same hearing. If the Regional Board does not 5 serve a copy of the decision within the time and in the 6 manner required, any petitioner has the right to obtain, in 7 8 the circuit court of the county in which the petition was filed, a mandamus requiring the Regional Board to serve the 9 decision immediately to the parties in the manner required. 10 Upon proof that the Regional Board has not served the 11 decision to the parties or in the manner required, the 12 circuit court must immediately issue the order. 13

14 The Regional Board has no authority or discretion to hear 15 any evidence or consider any issues at the hearing except 16 those that may be necessary to determine whether the 17 conditions and limitations of this Section have been met. If 18 the Regional Board finds that such conditions and limitations 19 have been met, the Regional Board must grant the petition.

20 The Regional Board must (i) give written notice of the time and place of the hearing not less than 30 days prior to 21 22 the date of the hearing to the school board of the school district from which the territory described in the petition 23 is to be detached and to the school board of the school 24 district to which the territory is to be annexed and (ii) 25 publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper that is 26 27 circulated within the county in which the territory described in the petition is located and is circulated within the 28 school districts whose school boards are entitled to notice. 29

30 (g) If the granting of a petition filed under this 31 Section has become final either through failure to seek 32 administrative review or by the final decision of a court on 33 review, the change in boundaries becomes effective forthwith 34 and for all purposes, except that if granting of the petition 35 becomes final between September 1 of any year and June 30 of

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1 the following year, the administration of and attendance at 2 the schools are not affected until July 1 of the following year, at which time the change becomes effective for all 3 4 purposes. After the granting of the petition becomes final, the date when the change becomes effective for purposes of 5 administration and attendance may, in the case of land 6 improved with residences, be accelerated or postponed either 7 8 (i) by stipulation of the school boards of the school districts from which the territory described in the petition 9 is detached and to which the territory is annexed or (ii) by 10 stipulation of the registered voters who signed the 11 petition. Their stipulation may be contained in the petition 12 or a separate document signed by them. Their stipulation must 13 be filed with the Regional Board not later than 120 days 14 15 after approval of their petition.

(h) The decision of the Regional Board is a final 16 "administrative decision" as defined in Section 3-101 of the 17 Code of Civil Procedure, and any petitioner or the school 18 board of the school district from which the land is to be 19 20 detached or of the school district to which the land is to be annexed may, within 35 days after a copy of the decision 21 22 sought to be reviewed was served by certified mail upon the affected party thereby or upon an attorney of record for such 23 party, apply for a review of the decision in accordance with 24 the Administrative Review Law and the rules adopted pursuant 25 to the Administrative Review Law. Standing to apply for or in 26 27 any manner seek review of the decision is limited exclusively to a petitioner or school district described in this Section. 28 29 The commencement of any action for review operates as a 30 supersedeas, and no further proceedings are allowed until final disposition of the review. The circuit court of the 31 county in which the petition is filed with the Regional Board 32 has sole jurisdiction to entertain a complaint for review. 33 (i) This Section (i) is not limited by and operates 34

35 independently of all other provisions of this Article and

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(ii) constitutes complete authority for the granting or
 denial by the Regional Board of a petition filed under this
 Section when the conditions prescribed by this Section for
 the filing of that petition are met or not met as the case
 may be.

(105 ILCS 5/10-21.9) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-21.9)

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Sec. 10-21.9. Criminal background investigations.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a-5) of 8 (a) this Section After-August-1,-1985, certified and noncertified 9 applicants for employment with a school district, (except 10 school bus driver applicants) and student teachers assigned 11 12 to the district, are required, as a condition of employment or student teaching in that district, to authorize an 13 14 investigation to determine if such applicants or student teachers have been convicted of any of the enumerated 15 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of this Section 16 or have been convicted, within 7 years of the application for 17 18 employment with the school district or of being assigned as a 19 student teacher to that district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense committed or 20 21 attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, 22 23 would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this State. Authorization for the investigation shall be furnished 24 by the applicant or student teacher to the school district, 25 except that if the applicant is a substitute teacher seeking 26 employment in more than one school district, a teacher 27 28 seeking concurrent part-time employment positions with more 29 than one school district (as a reading specialist, special education teacher or otherwise), or an educational support 30 personnel employee seeking employment positions with more 31 one district, any such district may require 32 than the 33 applicant to furnish authorization for the investigation to the regional superintendent of the educational service region 34

1 in which are located the school districts in which the applicant is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent 2 3 part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel 4 employee. Upon receipt of this authorization, the school district or the appropriate regional superintendent, 5 as the may be, shall submit the applicant's or student 6 case teacher's name, sex, race, date of birth and social security 7 number to the Department of State Police on forms prescribed 8 by the Department. The regional superintendent submitting the 9 requisite information to the Department of State Police shall 10 promptly notify the school districts in which the applicant 11 12 is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time 13 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee that the investigation of the applicant has been requested. 14 15 The Department of State Police shall conduct an investigation to ascertain if the applicant being considered for employment 16 or student teacher has been convicted of any of the 17 enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or has 18 19 been convicted, within 7 years of the application for 20 employment with the school district or of being assigned as a student teacher to that district, of any other felony under 21 22 the laws of this State or of any offense committed or 23 attempted in any other state or against the laws of the 24 United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this 25 26 State. The Department shall charge the school district or 27 the appropriate regional superintendent a fee for conducting such investigation, which fee shall be deposited in the State 28 29 Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the cost of the 30 inquiry; and the applicant or student teacher shall not be charged a fee for such investigation by the school 31 district regional superintendent. 32 or by the The regional superintendent may seek reimbursement from the State Board of 33 34 Education or the appropriate school district or districts for fees paid by the regional superintendent to the Department 35

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for the criminal background investigations required by this
 Section.

3 <u>(a-5) If a student teacher has undergone a criminal</u> 4 <u>background investigation under this Section and, within 18</u> 5 <u>months after the investigation is conducted, that former</u> 6 <u>student teacher is hired as a full-time employee with the</u> 7 <u>school district, then the former student teacher shall not be</u> 8 <u>required to undergo another criminal background investigation</u> 9 <u>under this Section.</u>

(b) The Department shall furnish, pursuant to positive 10 identification, records of convictions, until expunged, to 11 the president of the school board for the school 12 district 13 which requested the investigation, or to the regional 14 superintendent who requested the investigation. Anv information concerning the record of convictions obtained by 15 16 the president of the school board or the regional superintendent shall be confidential and may only be 17 transmitted to the superintendent of the school district or 18 19 his designee, the appropriate regional superintendent if the 20 investigation was requested by the school district, the presidents of the appropriate school boards if 21 the 22 investigation was requested from the Department of State 23 Police by the regional superintendent, the State 24 Superintendent of Education, the State Teacher Certification Board or any other person necessary to the decision of hiring 25 the applicant for employment or assigning the student teacher 26 27 to a school district. A copy of the record of convictions obtained from the Department of State Police shall be 28 29 provided to the applicant for employment or student teacher. If an investigation of an applicant for employment as a 30 substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent 31 educational support personnel employee in more than one 32 33 school district was requested by the regional superintendent, 34 and the Department of State Police upon investigation 35 ascertains that the applicant has not been convicted of any

1 of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) 2 or has not been convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment with the school district, of any other felony 3 4 under the laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the 5 United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, 6 would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this 7 8 State and so notifies the regional superintendent, then the regional superintendent shall issue to 9 the applicant a certificate evidencing that as of the date specified by the 10 Department of State Police the applicant has not been 11 12 convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses 13 in subsection (c) or has not been convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment with the school district, 14 15 of any other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against 16 the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted 17 in this State, would have been punishable as a felony under 18 19 the laws of this State. The school board of any school 20 district located in the educational service region served by the regional superintendent who issues such a certificate to 21 22 an applicant for employment as a substitute teacher in more than one such district may rely on the certificate issued by 23 24 the regional superintendent to that applicant, or may initiate its own investigation of the applicant through the 25 26 Department of State Police as provided in subsection (a). Any 27 person who releases any confidential information concerning any criminal convictions of an applicant for employment or 28 29 student teacher shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information is authorized by this 30 31 Section.

32 (c) No school board shall knowingly employ a person <u>or</u> 33 <u>knowingly allow a person to student teach</u> who has been 34 convicted for committing attempted first degree murder or for 35 committing or attempting to commit first degree murder or a

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Class X felony or any one or more of the following offenses: 1 2 (i) those defined in Sections 11-6, 11-9, 11-14, 11-15, 11-15.1, 11-16, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19, 11-19.1, 11-19.2, 11-20, 3 4 11-20.1, 11-21, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15 and 12-16 of the "Criminal Code of 1961"; (ii) those defined in the "Cannabis 5 Control Act" except those defined in Sections 4(a), 4(b) and 6 5(a) of that Act; (iii) those defined in the "Illinois 7 8 Controlled Substances Act"; and (iv) any offense committed or 9 attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States, which if committed or attempted in this State, 10 would have been punishable as one or more of the foregoing 11 12 offenses. Further, no school board shall knowingly employ a 13 person or knowingly allow a person to student teach who has been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse 14 15 of any minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. 16

17 (d) No school board shall knowingly employ a person <u>or</u>
 18 <u>knowingly allow a person to student teach</u> for whom a criminal
 19 background investigation has not been initiated.

20 Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a (e) finding of child abuse by a holder of any certificate issued 21 22 pursuant to Article 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the School Code, the appropriate regional superintendent of 23 24 schools or the State Superintendent of Education shall initiate the certificate suspension and 25 revocation 26 proceedings authorized by law.

27 (f) After January 1, 1990 the provisions of this Section shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding 28 29 contracts with any school district including, but not limited to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other 30 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with 31 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of 32 33 criminal background investigations on employees of persons or 34 firms holding contracts with more than one school district and assigned to more than one school district, the regional 35

1 superintendent of the educational service region in which the 2 contracting school districts are located may, at the request 3 of any such school district, be responsible for receiving the 4 authorization for investigation prepared by each such 5 employee and submitting the same to the Department of State Any information concerning the record of conviction 6 Police. of any such employee obtained by the regional superintendent 7 8 shall promptly reported to the president of the be appropriate school board or school boards. 9

10 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98; 91-885, eff. 7-6-00.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.5)

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Sec. 34-18.5. Criminal background investigations.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a-5) of 13 (a) this Section After-August-1,-1985, certified and noncertified 14 15 applicants for employment with the school district and student teachers assigned to the district are required, as a 16 condition of employment or student teaching in that district, 17 18 to authorize an investigation to determine if such applicants 19 or student teachers have been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of 20 21 this Section or have been convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment with the school district or of 22 23 being assigned as a student teacher to that district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense 24 25 committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this 26 State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws 27 28 of this State. Authorization for the investigation shall be 29 furnished by the applicant or student teacher to the school district, except that if the applicant is a substitute 30 teacher seeking employment in more than one school district, 31 32 a teacher seeking concurrent part-time employment 33 positions with more than one school district (as a reading specialist, special education teacher or otherwise), or an 34

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2 positions with more than one district, any such district mav 3 require the applicant to furnish authorization for the 4 investigation to the regional superintendent of the educational service region in which are 5 located the school 6 districts in which the applicant is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent 7 8 educational support personnel employee. Upon receipt of this 9 authorization, the school district or the appropriate regional superintendent, as the case may be, shall submit the 10 applicant's or student teacher's name, sex, race, date of 11 birth and social security number to the Department of State 12 13 Police on forms prescribed by the Department. The regional superintendent submitting the requisite information 14 to the 15 Department of State Police shall promptly notify the school districts in which the applicant is seeking employment as 16 а substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent 17 educational support personnel employee that the investigation 18 19 of the applicant has been requested. The Department of State 20 Police shall conduct an investigation to ascertain if the applicant being considered for employment or student teacher 21 22 has been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or has been convicted, within 7 23 years of the application for employment with the school 24 district or of being assigned as a student teacher to that 25 district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or 26 27 of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or 28 29 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this State. 30 The Department shall charge the school district or the appropriate regional 31 superintendent a fee for conducting such investigation, which 32 fee shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and 33 34 shall not exceed the cost of the inquiry; and the applicant or student teacher shall not be charged a fee for such 35

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1 investigation by the school district or by the regional 2 superintendent. The regional superintendent may seek 3 reimbursement from the State Board of Education or the 4 appropriate school district or districts for fees paid by the 5 regional superintendent to the Department for the criminal 6 background investigations required by this Section.

7 <u>(a-5) If a student teacher has undergone a criminal</u> 8 <u>background investigation under this Section and, within 18</u> 9 <u>months after the investigation is conducted, that former</u> 10 <u>student teacher is hired as a full-time employee with the</u> 11 <u>school district, then the former student teacher shall not be</u> 12 <u>required to undergo another criminal background investigation</u> 13 <u>under this Section.</u>

The Department shall furnish, pursuant to 14 (b) positive 15 identification, records of convictions, until expunged, to the president of the board of education for the school 16 district which requested the investigation, or to the 17 regional superintendent who requested the investigation. 18 Any 19 information concerning the record of convictions obtained by 20 the president of the board of education or the regional superintendent shall be confidential and may 21 only be 22 transmitted to the general superintendent of the school his 23 district or designee, the appropriate regional superintendent if the investigation was requested by the 24 25 board of education for the school district, the presidents of 26 the appropriate board of education or school boards if the 27 investigation was requested from the Department of State superintendent, 28 Police by the regional the State Superintendent of Education, the State Teacher Certification 29 Board or any other person necessary to the decision of hiring 30 the applicant for employment or assigning the student teacher 31 to a school district. A copy of the record of convictions 32 33 obtained from the Department of State Police shall be 34 provided to the applicant for employment or student teacher. If an investigation of an applicant for employment as 35 а

1 substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee in more than one 2 3 school district was requested by the regional superintendent, 4 and the Department of State Police upon investigation 5 ascertains that the applicant has not been convicted of anv of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) 6 or has not been convicted, within 7 years of the application 7 8 for employment with the school district, of any other felony 9 under the laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of 10 the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, 11 would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this 12 13 State and so notifies the regional superintendent, then the regional superintendent shall issue to 14 the applicant a 15 certificate evidencing that as of the date specified by the Department of State Police the applicant has not been 16 convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses 17 in subsection (c) or has not been convicted, within 7 years 18 19 of the application for employment with the school district, 20 any other felony under the laws of this State or of any of offense committed or attempted in any other state or against 21 22 the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted this State, would have been punishable as a felony under 23 in the laws of this State. 24 The school board of any school 25 district located in the educational service region served by 26 the regional superintendent who issues such a certificate to 27 an applicant for employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel 28 29 employee in more than one such district may rely on the certificate issued by the regional superintendent to that 30 applicant, or may initiate its own investigation of 31 the through the Department of State Police as provided 32 applicant 33 in subsection (a). Any person who releases any confidential 34 information concerning any criminal convictions of an applicant for employment <u>or student teacher</u> shall be 35 guilty

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1 2 of a Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information is authorized by this Section.

3 (c) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a 4 person or knowingly allow a person to student teach who has been convicted for committing attempted first degree murder 5 or for committing or attempting to commit first degree murder 6 or a Class X felony or any one or more of the following 7 8 offenses: (i) those defined in Sections 11-6, 11-9, 11-14, 11-15, 11-15.1, 11-16, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19, 11-19.1, 11-19.2, 9 11-20, 11-20.1, 11-21, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15 and 12-16 10 of the Criminal Code of 1961; (ii) those defined in the 11 Cannabis Control Act, except those defined in Sections 4(a), 12 13 4(b) and 5(a) of that Act; (iii) those defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act; and (iv) any offense 14 15 committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States, which if committed or attempted in this 16 State, would have been punishable as one or more of the 17 foregoing offenses. Further, the board of education shall not 18 19 knowingly employ a person or knowingly allow a person to 20 student teach who has been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of any minor under 18 years of age 21 22 pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. 23

(d) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a
person <u>or knowingly allow a person to student teach</u> for whom
a criminal background investigation has not been initiated.

(e) Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a finding of child abuse by a holder of any certificate issued pursuant to Article 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the School Code, the board of education or the State Superintendent of Education shall initiate the certificate suspension and revocation proceedings authorized by law.

33 (f) After March 19, 1990, the provisions of this Section
34 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding
35 contracts with any school district including, but not limited

to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other 1 2 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with 3 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of 4 criminal background investigations on employees of persons or firms holding contracts with more than one school district 5 and assigned to more than one school district, the regional 6 superintendent of the educational service region in which the 7 8 contracting school districts are located may, at the request of any such school district, be responsible for receiving the 9 authorization for investigation prepared by each 10 such employee and submitting the same to the Department of State 11 Police. Any information concerning the record of conviction 12 13 of any such employee obtained by the regional superintendent shall be promptly reported to the president of 14 the appropriate school board or school boards. 15

16 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98; 91-885, eff. 7-6-00.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law, except that the changes to Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of the School Code take effect on July 1, 2002.".

20 Submitted on November 14, 2001.

21 <u>s/Sen. Ed Petka</u>
22 <u>s/Sen. Dan Cronin</u>
23 <u>s/Sen. Peter Roskam</u>
24 <u>s/Sen. Lisa Madigan</u>
25 <u>s/Sen. Vince Demuzio</u>

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