

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 6007

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 6007 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-5b)

7 Sec. 21-5b. Alternative certification. The State Board  
8 of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
9 Certification Board, shall establish and implement an  
10 alternative certification program under which persons who  
11 meet the requirements of and successfully complete the  
12 program established by this Section shall be issued an  
13 alternative teaching certificate for teaching in the schools.  
14 The program shall be limited to ~~not--more--than-260~~ new  
15 participants not to exceed the number of unfilled positions  
16 as reported to the State Board of Education during the prior  
17 school year ~~each-year-that-the-program--is--in--effect.~~ The  
18 State Board of Education, in cooperation with a partnership  
19 formed with a university that offers 4-year baccalaureate and  
20 masters degree programs and that is a recognized institution  
21 as defined in Section 21-21 and one or more not-for-profit  
22 organizations in the State which support excellence in

1 teaching, shall within 30 days after submission by the  
2 partnership approve a course of study developed by the  
3 partnership that persons in the program must successfully  
4 complete in order to satisfy one criterion for issuance of an  
5 alternative certificate under this Section. The Alternative  
6 Teacher Certification program course of study must include  
7 the current content and skills contained in the university's  
8 current courses for State certification which have been  
9 approved by the State Board of Education, in consultation  
10 with the State Teacher Certification Board, as the  
11 requirement for State teacher certification.

12 The alternative certification program established under  
13 this Section shall be known as the Alternative Teacher  
14 Certification program. The Alternative Teacher Certification  
15 Program shall be offered by the submitting partnership and  
16 may be offered in conjunction with one or more not-for-profit  
17 organizations in the State which support excellence in  
18 teaching. The program shall be comprised of the following 3  
19 phases: (a) the first phase is the course of study offered on  
20 an intensive basis in education theory, instructional  
21 methods, and practice teaching; (b) the second phase is the  
22 person's assignment to a full-time teaching position for one  
23 school year; and (c) the third phase is a comprehensive  
24 assessment of the person's teaching performance by school  
25 officials and the partnership participants and a  
26 recommendation by the partner institution of higher education  
27 to the State Board of Education that the person be issued a  
28 standard alternative teaching certificate. Successful  
29 completion of the Alternative Teacher Certification program  
30 shall be deemed to satisfy any other practice or student  
31 teaching and subject matter requirements established by law.

32 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for  
33 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,  
34 shall be issued under this Section 21-5b to persons who at

1 the time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching  
2 certificate under this Section:

3 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or  
4 university with a bachelor's degree;

5 (2) have successfully completed the first phase of  
6 the Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided  
7 in this Section;

8 (3) have passed the tests of basic skills and  
9 subject matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a; and

10 (4) have been employed ~~for a period of at least 5~~  
11 years in an area requiring application of the  
12 individual's education; however, this requirement does  
13 not apply with respect to a provisional alternative  
14 teaching certificate for teaching in schools situated in  
15 a school district that is located in a city having a  
16 population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

17 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate  
18 under this Section shall be treated as a regularly certified  
19 teacher for purposes of compensation, benefits, and other  
20 terms and conditions of employment afforded teachers in the  
21 school who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an  
22 exclusive bargaining representative, if any.

23 Until February 15, 2000, a standard alternative teaching  
24 certificate, valid for 4 years for teaching in the schools  
25 and renewable as provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued  
26 under this Section 21-5b to persons who first complete the  
27 requirements for the provisional alternative teaching  
28 certificate and who at the time of applying for a standard  
29 alternative teaching certificate under this Section have  
30 successfully completed the second and third phases of the  
31 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in this  
32 Section. Alternatively, beginning February 15, 2000, at the  
33 end of the 4-year validity period, persons who were issued a  
34 standard alternative teaching certificate shall be eligible,

1 on the same basis as holders of an Initial Teaching  
2 Certificate issued under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of  
3 this Code, to apply for a Standard Teaching Certificate,  
4 provided they meet the requirements of subsection (c) of  
5 Section 21-2 of this Code and further provided that a person  
6 who does not apply for and receive a Standard Teaching  
7 Certificate shall be able to teach only in schools situated  
8 in a school district that is located in a city having a  
9 population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

10 Beginning February 15, 2000, persons who have completed  
11 the requirements for a standard alternative teaching  
12 certificate under this Section shall be issued an Initial  
13 Alternative Teaching Certificate valid for 4 years of  
14 teaching and not renewable. At the end of the 4-year  
15 validity period, these persons shall be eligible, on the same  
16 basis as holders of an Initial Teaching Certificate issued  
17 under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this Code, to apply  
18 for a Standard Teaching Certificate, provided they meet the  
19 requirements of subsection (c) of Section 21-2.

20 This alternative certification program shall be  
21 implemented so that the first provisional alternative  
22 teaching certificates issued under this Section are effective  
23 upon the commencement of the 1997-1998 academic year and the  
24 first standard alternative teaching certificates issued under  
25 this Section are effective upon the commencement of the  
26 1998-1999 academic year.

27 The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the  
28 partnership establishing the Alternative Teacher  
29 Certification program, shall adopt rules and regulations that  
30 are consistent with this Section and that the State Board of  
31 Education deems necessary to establish and implement the  
32 program.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-609, eff. 1-1-00.)"