

1 AN ACT respecting certification of teachers.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 21-26 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-26) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-26)

7 Sec. 21-26. Teacher education trend and certification
8 studies. The State Board of Education in consultation with
9 the State Teacher Certification Board shall: (a) conduct a
10 study and analysis of teacher education trends in Illinois
11 which shall include (i) the number and traits of students
12 entering the study of education, (ii) the number and majors
13 of persons completing education degrees, (iii) the number,
14 distribution and fields of assignment of persons receiving
15 placement in Illinois teaching positions, and (iv) a four
16 year projection of areas of teacher placement shortages or
17 excesses; (b) conduct a review and reassessment of current
18 certification categories and analyze the necessity for
19 upgrading or otherwise revising the provisions of this
20 Article and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto; (c) study
21 and consider the advisability of requiring a fifth-year
22 internship for certification, giving particular emphasis to
23 the likelihood of improving the quality of education, the
24 effect on the caliber of students entering the education
25 field, the role of student teaching, the implications
26 concerning reciprocity and increased financial costs as a
27 result of a fifth-year internship requirement; and (d) report
28 to the General Assembly on or before March 1, 2002 ~~1986~~ with
29 their findings, analyses and recommendations concerning each
30 of the matters and things described in parts (a) through (c)
31 of this Section.

1 (Source: P.A. 84-126.)