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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2056

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2056, AS AMENDED, by  
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing  
6 Sections 2-3.11d, 21B-20, 21B-30, 21B-35, 21B-50, 21B-55, and  
7 27A-10 as follows:

8 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d)

9 Sec. 2-3.11d. Teacher preparation institution listing.  
10 ~~Data on tests required for teacher preparation and~~  
11 ~~certification. Beginning with the effective date of this~~  
12 ~~amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, to collect and~~  
13 ~~maintain all of the following data for each institution of~~  
14 ~~higher education engaged in teacher preparation in this State:~~

15 ~~(1) The number of individuals taking the test of basic~~  
16 ~~skills under Section 21-1a of this Code.~~

1           ~~(2) The number of individuals passing the test of basic~~  
2           ~~skills under Section 21-1a of this Code.~~

3           ~~(3) The total number of subject matter tests attempted~~  
4           ~~under Section 21-1a of this Code.~~

5           ~~(4) The total number of subject matter tests passed~~  
6           ~~under Section 21-1a of this Code.~~

7           ~~The data regarding subject matter tests shall be reported in~~  
8           ~~sum, rather than by separately listing each subject, in order~~  
9           ~~to better protect the identity of the test takers.~~

10           ~~On or before August 1, 2007, the State Board of Education~~  
11           ~~shall file with the General Assembly and the Governor and shall~~  
12           ~~make available to the public a report listing the institutions~~  
13           ~~of higher education engaged in teacher preparation in this~~  
14           ~~State, along with the data listed in items (1) and (2) of this~~  
15           ~~Section pertinent to each institution.~~

16           On or before October 1, 2012 and every 3 years thereafter,  
17           the State Board of Education shall file with the General  
18           Assembly and the Governor and shall make available to the  
19           public a report listing the institutions of higher education  
20           engaged in teacher preparation in this State, ~~along with the~~  
21           ~~data listed in items (1) through (4) of this Section pertinent~~  
22           ~~to each institution.~~

23           (Source: P.A. 96-1423, eff. 8-3-10.)

24           (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

25           Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The State Board of

1 Education shall implement a system of educator licensure,  
2 whereby individuals employed in school districts who are  
3 required to be licensed must have one of the following  
4 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) an educator  
5 license with stipulations; (iii) a substitute teaching  
6 license; or (iv) until June 30, 2023, a short-term substitute  
7 teaching license. References in law regarding individuals  
8 certified or certificated or required to be certified or  
9 certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall also include  
10 individuals licensed or required to be licensed under this  
11 Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June 30  
12 following one full year of the license being issued.

13 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
14 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such  
15 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for  
16 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

17 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)  
18 have successfully completed an approved educator  
19 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by  
20 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation  
21 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required  
22 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have  
23 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,  
24 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for  
25 the exceptional child, including without limitation  
26 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have

1       successfully completed coursework in methods of reading  
2       and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other  
3       criteria established by rule of the State Board of  
4       Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.  
5       All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30  
6       immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.  
7       The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with  
8       specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is  
9       eligible to practice.

10       Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the  
11       Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements  
12       shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework  
13       in the endorsement area and passage of the applicable  
14       content area test, unless otherwise specified by rule.

15       (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator  
16       License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement  
17       that limits the license holder to one particular position  
18       or does not require completion of an approved educator  
19       program or both.

20       An individual with an Educator License with  
21       Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or  
22       any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher  
23       who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

24       An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued  
25       with the following endorsements:

26       (A) (Blank). ~~A A provisional educator endorsement~~

1 ~~for a service member or a spouse of a service member is~~  
2 ~~valid until June 30 immediately following 3 years of~~  
3 ~~the license being issued, provided that any remaining~~  
4 ~~testing and coursework deficiencies are met under this~~  
5 ~~Section. In this Section, "spouse of a service member"~~  
6 ~~means any person who, at the time of application under~~  
7 ~~this Section, is the spouse of an active duty member of~~  
8 ~~the United States Armed Forces or any reserve component~~  
9 ~~of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard~~  
10 ~~of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United~~  
11 ~~States or the District of Columbia.~~

12 ~~Except as otherwise provided under this~~  
13 ~~subparagraph, a~~

14 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An  
15 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an  
16 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an  
17 applicant who, at the time of applying for the  
18 endorsement, has done all of the following:

19 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited  
20 college or university with a minimum of a  
21 bachelor's degree.

22 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of  
23 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for  
24 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this  
25 Code.

26 (iii) Passed a ~~test of basic skills and content~~

1 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this  
2 Code.

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

7 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An  
8 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on  
9 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the  
10 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant  
11 superintendent in a school district's central office.  
12 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant  
13 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has  
14 done all of the following:

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

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

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

25 (iv) Passed a ~~test of basic skills and~~ content  
26 area test ~~tests~~ required under Section 21B-30 of

1           this Code.

2           The endorsement is valid for 2 fiscal years in  
3 order to complete one full year of serving as a  
4 superintendent or assistant superintendent.

5           (D) (Blank).

6           (E) Career and technical educator. A career and  
7 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License  
8 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has  
9 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a  
10 regionally accredited institution of higher education  
11 or an accredited trade and technical institution and  
12 has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside of  
13 education in each area to be taught.

14           The career and technical educator endorsement on  
15 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until  
16 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the  
17 endorsement being issued and may be renewed. For  
18 individuals who were issued the career and technical  
19 educator endorsement on an Educator License with  
20 Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license  
21 may be renewed if the individual passes a ~~test of basic~~  
22 ~~skills or~~ test of work proficiency, as required under  
23 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

24           An individual who holds a valid career and  
25 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License  
26 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree

1           may substitute teach in career and technical education  
2           classrooms.

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

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



1           1, 2015, the license may be renewed if the individual  
2 passes a ~~test of basic skills or~~ test of work  
3 proficiency, as required under Section 21B-30 of this  
4 Code.

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

14           An individual who holds a provisional or part-time  
15 provisional career and technical educator endorsement  
16 on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not  
17 hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career  
18 and technical education classrooms.

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

26           (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and

1 writing ability in the language other than English  
2 in which transitional bilingual education is  
3 offered.

4 (ii) Has the ability to successfully  
5 communicate in English.

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

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

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

25 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to  
26 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language

1 other than English in the public schools, an individual  
2 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may  
3 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that  
4 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he  
5 or she meets all of the following requirements:

6 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual  
7 endorsement.

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

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

22 (iv) (Blank). ~~Has passed a test of basic~~  
23 ~~skills, as required under Section 21B-30 of this~~  
24 ~~Code.~~

25 A language endorsement on an Educator License with  
26 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through

1 grade 12 for the same validity period as the  
2 individual's transitional bilingual educator  
3 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations  
4 and shall not be renewed.

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

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

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

17 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the  
18 subject to be taught.

19 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English  
20 language.

21 A holder of a visiting international educator  
22 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations  
23 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education  
24 programs in the language that was the medium of  
25 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,  
26 provided that he or she passes the English Language

1 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing  
2 skills in English identified by the State Board of  
3 Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
4 Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

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

24 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school  
25 business official endorsement on an Educator License  
26 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who

1           qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2  
2           years of full-time administrative experience in school  
3           business management or 2 years of university-approved  
4           practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester  
5           hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the  
6           State Board of Education for the preparation of school  
7           business administrators and by passage of the  
8           applicable State tests, including an ~~a test of basic~~  
9           ~~skills and~~ applicable content area test.

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

22           The chief school business official endorsement on  
23           an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until  
24           June 30 immediately following 5 years of the  
25           endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the  
26           license holder completes renewal requirements as

1 required for individuals who hold a Professional  
2 Educator License endorsed for chief school business  
3 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such  
4 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of  
5 Education.

6 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules  
7 necessary to implement Public Act 100-288.

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

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

17 (ii) Has completed an approved educator  
18 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

19 (iii) Has passed an ~~a test of basic skills and~~  
20 applicable content area test, as required by  
21 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

22 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based  
23 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a  
24 minimum score on that assessment, as established  
25 by the State Board of Education in consultation  
26 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure

1 Board.

2 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an  
3 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one  
4 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not  
5 be renewed.

6 (M) School support personnel intern. A school  
7 support personnel intern endorsement on an Educator  
8 License with Stipulations may be issued as specified by  
9 rule.

10 (N) Special education area. A special education  
11 area endorsement on an Educator License with  
12 Stipulations may be issued as defined and specified by  
13 rule.

14 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching  
15 License may be issued to qualified applicants for  
16 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,  
17 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching  
18 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for  
19 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree  
20 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of  
21 higher education.

22 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

23 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute  
24 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual  
25 has had his or her Professional Educator License or  
26 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked,



1           then that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute  
2           Teaching License.

3           A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a  
4           licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing  
5           board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under  
6           contract because of an emergency situation, then a district  
7           may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30  
8           calendar days per each vacant position in the district if  
9           the district notifies the appropriate regional office of  
10          education within 5 business days after the employment of  
11          the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An  
12          emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy  
13          has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or  
14          her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of  
15          the district exceed previous indications, and the district  
16          is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed  
17          teacher for the vacant position.

18          There is no limit on the number of days that a  
19          substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,  
20          provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer  
21          than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under  
22          contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who  
23          holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License  
24          with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school  
25          days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the  
26          same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on

1 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do  
2 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34  
3 of this Code.

4 A school district may not require an individual who  
5 holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator  
6 License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute  
7 Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

8 (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning  
9 on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2023, the State Board of  
10 Education may issue a Short-Term Substitute Teaching  
11 License. A Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may be  
12 issued to a qualified applicant for substitute teaching in  
13 all grades of the public schools, prekindergarten through  
14 grade 12. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not  
15 eligible for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term  
16 Substitute Teaching License must hold an associate's  
17 degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a  
18 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

19 Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for  
20 substitute teaching in every county of this State. If an  
21 individual has had his or her Professional Educator License  
22 or Educator License with Stipulations suspended or  
23 revoked, then that individual is not eligible to obtain a  
24 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License.

25 The provisions of Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of this  
26 Code apply to short-term substitute teachers.

1           An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching  
2 License may teach no more than 5 consecutive days per  
3 licensed teacher who is under contract. For teacher  
4 absences lasting 6 or more days per licensed teacher who is  
5 under contract, a school district may not hire an  
6 individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching  
7 License. An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute  
8 Teaching License must complete the training program under  
9 Section 10-20.67 or 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to  
10 teach at a public school. This paragraph (4) is inoperative  
11 on and after July 1, 2023.

12 (Source: P.A. 99-35, eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143,  
13 eff. 7-27-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-8,  
14 eff. 7-1-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17;  
15 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-821, eff. 9-3-18; 100-863, eff.  
16 8-14-18; revised 10-1-18.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

18 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

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

20 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
21 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design  
22 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be required  
23 prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These examinations  
24 and indicators must be based on national and State professional  
25 teaching standards, as determined by the State Board of

1 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
2 and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education may adopt  
3 such rules as may be necessary to implement and administer this  
4 Section.

5 (c) (Blank). ~~Except as otherwise provided in this Article,~~  
6 ~~applicants seeking a Professional Educator License or an~~  
7 ~~Educator License with Stipulations shall be required to pass a~~  
8 ~~test of basic skills before the license is issued, unless the~~  
9 ~~endorsement the individual is seeking does not require passage~~  
10 ~~of the test. All applicants completing Illinois approved,~~  
11 ~~teacher education or school service personnel preparation~~  
12 ~~programs shall be required to pass the State Board of~~  
13 ~~Education's recognized test of basic skills prior to starting~~  
14 ~~their student teaching or starting the final semester of their~~  
15 ~~internship. An institution of higher learning, as defined in~~  
16 ~~the Higher Education Student Assistance Act, may not require an~~  
17 ~~applicant to complete the State Board's recognized test of~~  
18 ~~basic skills prior to the semester before student teaching or~~  
19 ~~prior to the semester before starting the final semester of an~~  
20 ~~internship. An individual who passes a test of basic skills~~  
21 ~~does not need to do so again for subsequent endorsements or~~  
22 ~~other educator licenses.~~

23 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be  
24 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area  
25 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There  
26 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall

1 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record  
2 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

3 (e) (Blank).

4 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, beginning  
5 on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing teacher  
6 preparation programs in this State and all candidates subject  
7 to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a teacher  
8 performance assessment approved by the State Board of  
9 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
10 and Licensure Board.

11 (g) The ~~Tests of basic skills and~~ content area knowledge  
12 test and the teacher performance assessment shall be the tests  
13 that from time to time are designated by the State Board of  
14 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
15 and Licensure Board, and may be tests prepared by an  
16 educational testing organization or tests designed by the State  
17 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator  
18 Preparation and Licensure Board. ~~The areas to be covered by a~~  
19 ~~test of basic skills shall include reading, language arts, and~~  
20 ~~mathematics.~~ The test of content area knowledge shall assess  
21 content knowledge in a specific subject field. The tests must  
22 be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no person  
23 taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis of race,  
24 color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to the  
25 person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The score  
26 required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State Board of

1 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
2 and Licensure Board. The tests shall be administered not fewer  
3 than 3 times a year at such time and place as may be designated  
4 by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
5 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

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

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

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

25 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-657, eff. 7-28-16;  
26 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-863, eff.

1 8-14-18; 100-932, eff. 8-17-18; revised 10-1-18.)

2 (105 ILCS 5/21B-35)

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

5 (a) Any applicant who has not been entitled by an  
6 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois  
7 institution of higher education applying for a Professional  
8 Educator License endorsed in a teaching field or school support  
9 personnel area must meet the following requirements:

10 (1) the applicant must:

11 (A) hold a comparable and valid educator license or  
12 certificate, as defined by rule, with similar grade  
13 level and content area credentials from another state,  
14 with the State Board of Education having the authority  
15 to determine what constitutes similar grade level and  
16 content area credentials from another state; and

17 (B) have a bachelor's degree from a regionally  
18 accredited institution of higher education; or

19 (2) the applicant must:

20 (A) have completed a state-approved program for  
21 the licensure area sought, including coursework  
22 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional  
23 child, methods of reading and reading in the content  
24 area, and instructional strategies for English  
25 learners;

1 (B) have a bachelor's degree from a regionally  
2 accredited institution of higher education;

3 (C) have successfully met all Illinois examination  
4 requirements, except that:

5 (i) ~~(blank); an applicant who has successfully~~  
6 ~~completed a test of basic skills, as defined by~~  
7 ~~rules, at the time of initial licensure in another~~  
8 ~~state is not required to complete a test of basic~~  
9 ~~skills;~~

10 (ii) an applicant who has successfully  
11 completed a test of content, as defined by rules,  
12 at the time of initial licensure in another state  
13 is not required to complete a test of content; and

14 (iii) an applicant for a teaching endorsement  
15 who has successfully completed an evidence-based  
16 assessment of teacher effectiveness, as defined by  
17 rules, at the time of initial licensure in another  
18 state is not required to complete an  
19 evidence-based assessment of teacher  
20 effectiveness; and

21 (D) for an applicant for a teaching endorsement,  
22 have completed student teaching or an equivalent  
23 experience or, for an applicant for a school service  
24 personnel endorsement, have completed an internship or  
25 an equivalent experience.

26 (b) In order to receive a Professional Educator License



1 endorsed in a teaching field or school support personnel area,  
2 applicants trained in another country must meet all of the  
3 following requirements:

4 (1) Have completed a comparable education program in  
5 another country.

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

8 (3) Have a degree comparable to a degree from a  
9 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

10 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards  
11 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional  
12 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,  
13 and instructional strategies for English learners.

14 (5) (Blank).

15 (6) (Blank).

16 (7) Have successfully met all State licensure  
17 examination requirements. ~~Applicants who have successfully~~  
18 ~~completed a test of basic skills, as defined by rules, at~~  
19 ~~the time of initial licensure in another country shall not~~  
20 ~~be required to complete a test of basic skills.~~ Applicants  
21 who have successfully completed a test of content, as  
22 defined by rules, at the time of initial licensure in  
23 another country shall not be required to complete a test of  
24 content. Applicants for a teaching endorsement who have  
25 successfully completed an evidence-based assessment of  
26 teacher effectiveness, as defined by rules, at the time of

1 initial licensure in another country shall not be required  
2 to complete an evidence-based assessment of teacher  
3 effectiveness.

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

6 (b-5) All applicants who have not been entitled by an  
7 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois  
8 institution of higher education and applicants trained in  
9 another country applying for a Professional Educator License  
10 endorsed for principal or superintendent must hold a master's  
11 degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher  
12 education and must hold a comparable and valid educator license  
13 or certificate with similar grade level and subject matter  
14 credentials, with the State Board of Education having the  
15 authority to determine what constitutes similar grade level and  
16 subject matter credentials from another state, or must meet all  
17 of the following requirements:

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

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

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

6 (2.5) Have completed an internship, as defined by rule.

7 (3) (Blank).

8 (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards  
9 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional  
10 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,  
11 and instructional strategies for English learners.

12 (5) Have completed a master's degree.

13 (6) Have successfully completed teaching, school  
14 support, or administrative experience as defined by rule.

15 (b-7) All applicants who have not been entitled by an  
16 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois  
17 institution of higher education applying for a Professional  
18 Educator License endorsed for Director of Special Education  
19 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited  
20 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and  
21 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level  
22 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of  
23 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes  
24 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another  
25 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

26 (1) Have completed a master's degree.

1           (2) Have 2 years of full-time experience providing  
2 special education services.

3           (3) Have successfully completed all examination  
4 requirements, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.  
5 Applicants who have successfully completed a test of  
6 content, as identified by rules, at the time of initial  
7 licensure in another state or country shall not be required  
8 to complete a test of content.

9           (4) Have completed coursework aligned to standards  
10 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional  
11 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,  
12 and instructional strategies for English learners.

13           (b-10) All applicants who have not been entitled by an  
14 Illinois-approved educator preparation program at an Illinois  
15 institution of higher education applying for a Professional  
16 Educator License endorsed for chief school business official  
17 must hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited  
18 institution of higher education and must hold a comparable and  
19 valid educator license or certificate with similar grade level  
20 and subject matter credentials, with the State Board of  
21 Education having the authority to determine what constitutes  
22 similar grade level and subject matter credentials from another  
23 state, or must meet all of the following requirements:

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

26           (2) Have successfully completed an internship in

1 school business management or have 2 years of experience as  
2 a school business administrator.

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

9 (4) Have completed modules aligned to standards  
10 concerning methods of instruction of the exceptional  
11 child, methods of reading and reading in the content area,  
12 and instructional strategies for English learners.

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

16 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-13,  
17 eff. 7-1-17; 100-584, eff. 4-6-18; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18.)

18 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50)

19 Sec. 21B-50. Alternative educator licensure program.

20 (a) There is established an alternative educator licensure  
21 program, to be known as the Alternative Educator Licensure  
22 Program for Teachers.

23 (b) The Alternative Educator Licensure Program for  
24 Teachers may be offered by a recognized institution approved to  
25 offer educator preparation programs by the State Board of

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

3 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases:

4 (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes  
5 instructional planning; instructional strategies,  
6 including special education, reading, and English language  
7 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of  
8 students and use of data to drive instruction.

9 (2) A year of residency, which is a candidate's  
10 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a  
11 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must  
12 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an  
13 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to  
14 enter the residency and must complete additional program  
15 requirements that address required State and national  
16 standards, pass the assessment of professional teaching  
17 before entering the second residency year, as required  
18 under phase (3) of this subsection (b), and be recommended  
19 by the principal or qualified equivalent of a principal, as  
20 required under subsection (d) of this Section, and the  
21 program coordinator to continue with the second year of the  
22 residency.

23 (3) A second year of residency, which shall include the  
24 candidate's assignment to a full-time teaching position  
25 for one school year. The candidate must be assigned an  
26 experienced teacher to act as a mentor and coach the

1 candidate through the second year of residency.

2 (4) A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's  
3 teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal or  
4 qualified equivalent of a principal, as required under  
5 subsection (d) of this Section, and the program  
6 coordinator, at the end of the second year of residency. If  
7 there is disagreement between the 2 evaluators about the  
8 candidate's teaching effectiveness, the candidate may  
9 complete one additional year of residency teaching under a  
10 professional development plan developed by the principal  
11 or qualified equivalent and the preparation program. At the  
12 completion of the third year, a candidate must have  
13 positive evaluations and a recommendation for full  
14 licensure from both the principal or qualified equivalent  
15 and the program coordinator or no Professional Educator  
16 License shall be issued.

17 Successful completion of the program shall be deemed to  
18 satisfy any other practice or student teaching and content  
19 matter requirements established by law.

20 (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on an  
21 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 2 years of  
22 teaching in the public schools, including without limitation a  
23 preschool educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code  
24 or charter school, or in a State-recognized nonpublic school in  
25 which the chief administrator is required to have the licensure  
26 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this State

1 and in which a majority of the teachers are required to have  
2 the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public school in  
3 this State, but may be renewed for a third year if needed to  
4 complete the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for  
5 Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued only once to an  
6 individual who meets all of the following requirements:

7 (1) Has graduated from a regionally accredited college  
8 or university with a bachelor's degree or higher.

9 (2) Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or  
10 greater on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on another scale.

11 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if  
12 seeking a middle or secondary level endorsement or, if  
13 seeking an early childhood, elementary, or special  
14 education endorsement, has completed a major in the content  
15 area of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, or  
16 one of the sciences. If the individual does not have a  
17 major in a content area for any level of teaching, he or  
18 she must submit transcripts to the State Board of Education  
19 to be reviewed for equivalency.

20 (4) Has successfully completed phase (1) of subsection  
21 (b) of this Section.

22 (5) Has passed a ~~test of basic skills and~~ content area  
23 test required for the specific endorsement for admission  
24 into the program, as required under Section 21B-30 of this  
25 Code.

26 A candidate possessing the alternative provisional



1 educator endorsement may receive a salary, benefits, and any  
2 other terms of employment offered to teachers in the school who  
3 are members of an exclusive bargaining representative, if any,  
4 but a school is not required to provide these benefits during  
5 the years of residency if the candidate is serving only as a  
6 co-teacher. If the candidate is serving as the teacher of  
7 record, the candidate must receive a salary, benefits, and any  
8 other terms of employment. Residency experiences must not be  
9 counted towards tenure.

10 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative  
11 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a  
12 school district, including without limitation a preschool  
13 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code or  
14 charter school, or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this  
15 State in which the chief administrator is required to have the  
16 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in  
17 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required  
18 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public  
19 school in this State. A recognized institution that partners  
20 with a public school district administering a preschool  
21 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code must  
22 require a principal to recommend or evaluate candidates in the  
23 program. A recognized institution that partners with an  
24 eligible entity administering a preschool educational program  
25 under Section 2-3.71 of this Code and that is not a public  
26 school district must require a principal or qualified

1 equivalent of a principal to recommend or evaluate candidates  
2 in the program. The program presented for approval by the State  
3 Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are to be  
4 provided to assist the provisional teacher during the 2-year  
5 residency period. These supports must provide additional  
6 contact hours with mentors during the first year of residency.

7 (e) Upon completion of the 4 phases outlined in subsection  
8 (b) of this Section and all assessments required under Section  
9 21B-30 of this Code, an individual shall receive a Professional  
10 Educator License.

11 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
12 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such  
13 rules as may be necessary to establish and implement the  
14 Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers.

15 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18;  
16 100-822, eff. 1-1-19.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/21B-55)

18 Sec. 21B-55. Alternative route to superintendent  
19 endorsement.

20 (a) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
21 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may approve  
22 programs designed to provide an alternative route to  
23 superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

24 (b) Entities offering an alternative route to  
25 superintendent endorsement program must have the program

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

3 (c) All programs approved under this Section shall be  
4 comprised of the following 3 phases:

5 (1) A course of study offered on an intensive basis in  
6 education management, governance, organization, and  
7 instructional and district planning.

8 (2) The person's assignment to a full-time position for  
9 one school year as a superintendent.

10 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the person's  
11 performance by school officials and a recommendation to the  
12 State Board of Education that the person be issued a  
13 superintendent endorsement on a Professional Educator  
14 License.

15 (d) In order to serve as a superintendent under phase (2)  
16 of subsection (c) of this Section, an individual must be issued  
17 an alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on an  
18 Educator License with Stipulations, to be valid for only one  
19 year of serving as a superintendent. In order to receive the  
20 provisional alternative superintendent endorsement under this  
21 Section, an individual must meet all of the following  
22 requirements:

23 (1) Have graduated from a regionally accredited  
24 college or university with a minimum of a master's degree  
25 in a management field.

26 (2) Have been employed for a period of at least 5 years

1 in a management level position other than education.

2 (3) Have successfully completed phase (1) of  
3 subsection (c) of this Section.

4 (4) Have passed ~~a test of basic skills~~ and a content  
5 area test for admission into the program, as required by  
6 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

7 (e) Successful completion of an alternative route to  
8 superintendent endorsement program shall be deemed to satisfy  
9 any other supervisory, administrative, or management  
10 experience requirements established by law, and, once  
11 completed, an individual shall be eligible for a superintendent  
12 endorsement on a Professional Educator License.

13 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
14 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such  
15 rules as may be needed to establish and implement these  
16 alternative route to superintendent endorsement programs.

17 (Source: P.A. 100-596, eff. 7-1-18.)

18 (105 ILCS 5/27A-10)

19 Sec. 27A-10. Employees.

20 (a) A person shall be deemed to be employed by a charter  
21 school unless a collective bargaining agreement or the charter  
22 school contract otherwise provides.

23 (b) In all school districts, including special charter  
24 districts and districts located in cities having a population  
25 exceeding 500,000, the local school board shall determine by

1 policy or by negotiated agreement, if one exists, the  
2 employment status of any school district employees who are  
3 employed by a charter school and who seek to return to  
4 employment in the public schools of the district. Each local  
5 school board shall grant, for a period of up to 5 years, a  
6 leave of absence to those of its teachers who accept employment  
7 with a charter school. At the end of the authorized leave of  
8 absence, the teacher must return to the school district or  
9 resign; provided, however, that if the teacher chooses to  
10 return to the school district, the teacher must be assigned to  
11 a position which requires the teacher's certification and legal  
12 qualifications. The contractual continued service status and  
13 retirement benefits of a teacher of the district who is granted  
14 a leave of absence to accept employment with a charter school  
15 shall not be affected by that leave of absence.

16 (c) Charter schools shall employ in instructional  
17 positions, as defined in the charter, individuals who are  
18 certificated under Article 21 of this Code or who possess the  
19 following qualifications:

20 (i) graduated with a bachelor's degree from an  
21 accredited institution of higher learning;

22 (ii) been employed for a period of at least 5 years in  
23 an area requiring application of the individual's  
24 education;

25 (iii) (blank); and ~~passed the tests of basic skills and~~  
26 ~~subject matter knowledge required by Section 21 1a of the~~

1 ~~School Code, and~~

2 (iv) demonstrate continuing evidence of professional  
3 growth which shall include, but not be limited to,  
4 successful teaching experience, attendance at professional  
5 meetings, membership in professional organizations,  
6 additional credits earned at institutions of higher  
7 learning, travel specifically for educational purposes,  
8 and reading of professional books and periodicals.

9 (c-5) Charter schools employing individuals without  
10 certification in instructional positions shall provide such  
11 mentoring, training, and staff development for those  
12 individuals as the charter schools determine necessary for  
13 satisfactory performance in the classroom.

14 At least 50% of the individuals employed in instructional  
15 positions by a charter school that is operating in a city  
16 having a population exceeding 500,000 and that is established  
17 on or after April 16, 2003 shall hold teaching certificates  
18 issued under Article 21 of this Code.

19 At least 75% of the individuals employed in instructional  
20 positions by a charter school that is operating in a city  
21 having a population exceeding 500,000 and that was established  
22 before April 16, 2003 shall hold teaching certificates issued  
23 under Article 21 of this Code.

24 (c-10) Notwithstanding any provision in subsection (c-5)  
25 to the contrary, in any charter school established before the  
26 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General

1 Assembly, at least 75% of the individuals employed in  
2 instructional positions by the charter school shall hold  
3 teaching certificates issued under Article 21 of this Code  
4 beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. In any charter school  
5 established after the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
6 the 96th General Assembly, at least 75% of the individuals  
7 employed in instructional positions by a charter school shall  
8 hold teaching certificates issued under Article 21 of this Code  
9 by the beginning of the fourth school year during which a  
10 student is enrolled in the charter school. Charter schools may  
11 employ non-certificated staff in all other positions.

12 (c-15) Charter schools are exempt from any annual cap on  
13 new participants in an alternative certification program. The  
14 second and third phases of the alternative certification  
15 program may be conducted and completed at the charter school,  
16 and the alternative teaching certificate is valid for 4 years  
17 or the length of the charter (or any extension of the charter),  
18 whichever is longer.

19 (d) A teacher at a charter school may resign his or her  
20 position only if the teacher gives notice of resignation to the  
21 charter school's governing body at least 60 days before the end  
22 of the school term, and the resignation must take effect  
23 immediately upon the end of the school term.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-105, eff. 7-30-09.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.".