

# HB4996



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4996

by Rep. Jim Durkin

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-5

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning licensure of educators.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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 Section  
5 21B-5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-5)

7 Sec. 21B-5. Licensure powers of the State Board of  
8 Education.

9 (a) Recognizing that the ~~the~~ education of our citizens is  
10 the single most important influence on the prosperity and  
11 success of this State and recognizing that new developments in  
12 education require a flexible approach to our educational  
13 system, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
14 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall have the  
15 power and authority to do all of the following:

16 (1) Set standards for teaching, supervising, or  
17 otherwise holding licensed employment in the public  
18 schools of this State and administer the licensure process  
19 as provided in this Article.

20 (2) Approve, evaluate, and sanction educator  
21 preparation programs.

22 (3) Enter into agreements with other states relative to  
23 reciprocal approval of educator preparation programs.

1           (4) Establish standards for the issuance of new types  
2 of educator licenses.

3           (5) Establish a code of ethics for all educators.

4           (6) Maintain a system of licensure examination aligned  
5 with standards determined by the State Board of Education.

6           (7) Take such other action relating to the improvement  
7 of instruction in the public schools as is appropriate and  
8 consistent with applicable laws.

9           (b) Only the State Superintendent of Education, acting in  
10 accordance with the applicable provisions of this Article and  
11 rules, shall have the authority to issue or endorse any license  
12 required for teaching, supervising, or otherwise holding  
13 licensed employment in the public schools; and no other State  
14 agency shall have any power or authority (i) to establish or  
15 prescribe any qualifications or other requirements applicable  
16 to the issuance or endorsement of any such license or (ii) to  
17 establish or prescribe any licensure or equivalent requirement  
18 that must be satisfied in order to teach, supervise, or hold  
19 licensed employment in the public schools.

20           (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11.)