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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5286

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5286 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21B-25 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-25)

7 Sec. 21B-25. Endorsement on licenses. All licenses issued
8 under paragraph (1) of Section 21B-20 of this Code shall be
9 specifically endorsed by the State Board of Education for each
10 content area, school support area, and administrative area for
11 which the holder of the license is qualified. Recognized
12 institutions approved to offer educator preparation programs
13 shall be trained to add endorsements to licenses issued to
14 applicants who meet all of the requirements for the endorsement
15 or endorsements, including passing any required tests. The
16 State Superintendent of Education shall randomly audit

1 institutions to ensure that all rules and standards are being
2 followed for entitlement or when endorsements are being
3 recommended.

4 (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with
5 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall
6 establish, by rule, the grade level and subject area
7 endorsements to be added to the Professional Educator
8 License. These rules shall outline the requirements for
9 obtaining each endorsement.

10 (2) In addition to any and all grade level and content
11 area endorsements developed by rule, the State Board of
12 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
13 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall develop the
14 requirements for the following endorsements:

15 (A) General administrative endorsement. A general
16 administrative endorsement shall be added to a
17 Professional Educator License, provided that an
18 approved program has been completed. An individual
19 holding a general administrative endorsement may work
20 only as a principal or assistant principal or in a
21 related or similar position, as determined by the State
22 Superintendent of Education, in consultation with the
23 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

24 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the general
25 administrative endorsement shall no longer be issued.
26 Individuals who hold a valid and registered

1 administrative certificate with a general
2 administrative endorsement issued under Section 21-7.1
3 of this Code or a Professional Educator License with a
4 general administrative endorsement issued prior to
5 September 1, 2014 and who have served for at least one
6 full year during the 5 years prior in a position
7 requiring a general administrative endorsement shall,
8 upon request to the State Board of Education and
9 through July 1, 2015, have their respective general
10 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
11 endorsement on the Professional Educator License.
12 Candidates shall not be admitted to an approved general
13 administrative preparation program after September 1,
14 2012.

15 All other individuals holding a valid and
16 registered administrative certificate with a general
17 administrative endorsement issued pursuant to Section
18 21-7.1 of this Code or a general administrative
19 endorsement on a Professional Educator License issued
20 prior to September 1, 2014 shall have the general
21 administrative endorsement converted to a principal
22 endorsement on a Professional Educator License upon
23 request to the State Board of Education and by
24 completing one of the following pathways:

- 25 (i) Passage of the State principal assessment
26 developed by the State Board of Education.

1 (ii) Through July 1, 2019, completion of an
2 Illinois Educators' Academy course designated by
3 the State Superintendent of Education.

4 (iii) Completion of a principal preparation
5 program established and approved pursuant to
6 Section 21B-60 of this Code and applicable rules.

7 Individuals who do not choose to convert the
8 general administrative endorsement on the
9 administrative certificate issued pursuant to Section
10 21-7.1 of this Code or on the Professional Educator
11 License shall continue to be able to serve in any
12 position previously allowed under paragraph (2) of
13 subsection (e) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code.

14 The general administrative endorsement on the
15 Professional Educator License is available only to
16 individuals who, prior to September 1, 2014, had such
17 an endorsement on the administrative certificate
18 issued pursuant to Section 21-7.1 of this Code or who
19 already have a Professional Educator License and have
20 completed a general administrative program and who do
21 not choose to convert the general administrative
22 endorsement to a principal endorsement pursuant to the
23 options in this Section.

24 (B) Principal endorsement. A principal endorsement
25 shall be affixed to a Professional Educator License of
26 any holder who qualifies by having all of the

1 following:

2 (i) Successful completion of a principal
3 preparation program approved in accordance with
4 Section 21B-60 of this Code and any applicable
5 rules.

6 (ii) Four years of teaching or, until June 30,
7 2019, working in the capacity of school support
8 personnel in a public school or nonpublic school
9 recognized by the State Board of Education;
10 however, the State Board of Education, in
11 consultation with the State Educator Preparation
12 and Licensure Board, shall allow, by rules, for
13 fewer than 4 years of experience based on meeting
14 standards set forth in such rules, including
15 without limitation a review of performance
16 evaluations or other evidence of demonstrated
17 qualifications.

18 (iii) A master's degree or higher from a
19 regionally accredited college or university.

20 (C) Chief school business official endorsement. A
21 chief school business official endorsement shall be
22 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
23 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree or
24 higher, 2 years of full-time administrative experience
25 in school business management or 2 years of
26 university-approved practical experience, and a

1 minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit in a
2 program approved by the State Board of Education for
3 the preparation of school business administrators and
4 by passage of the applicable State tests. The chief
5 school business official endorsement may also be
6 affixed to the Professional Educator License of any
7 holder who qualifies by having a master's degree in
8 business administration, finance, or accounting and
9 who completes an additional 6 semester hours of
10 internship in school business management from a
11 regionally accredited institution of higher education
12 and passes the applicable State tests. This
13 endorsement shall be required for any individual
14 employed as a chief school business official.

15 (D) Superintendent endorsement. A superintendent
16 endorsement shall be affixed to the Professional
17 Educator License of any holder who has completed a
18 program approved by the State Board of Education for
19 the preparation of superintendents of schools, has had
20 at least 2 years of experience employed as a full-time
21 principal, director of special education, or chief
22 school business official in the public schools or in a
23 State-recognized nonpublic school in which the chief
24 administrator is required to have the licensure
25 necessary to be a principal in a public school in this
26 State and where a majority of the teachers are required

1 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a
2 public school in this State, and has passed the
3 required State tests; or of any holder who has
4 completed a program from out-of-state that has a
5 program with recognition standards comparable to those
6 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and
7 holds the general administrative, principal, or chief
8 school business official endorsement and who has had 2
9 years of experience as a principal, director of special
10 education, or chief school business official while
11 holding a valid educator license or certificate
12 comparable in validity and educational and experience
13 requirements and has passed the appropriate State
14 tests, as provided in Section 21B-30 of this Code. The
15 superintendent endorsement shall allow individuals to
16 serve only as a superintendent or assistant
17 superintendent.

18 (E) Teacher leader endorsement. It shall be the
19 policy of this State to improve the quality of
20 instructional leaders by providing a career pathway
21 for teachers interested in serving in leadership
22 roles, but not as principals. The State Board of
23 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
24 Preparation and Licensure Board, may issue a teacher
25 leader endorsement under this subdivision (E). Persons
26 who meet and successfully complete the requirements of

1 the endorsement shall be issued a teacher leader
2 endorsement on the Professional Educator License for
3 serving in schools in this State. Teacher leaders may
4 qualify to serve in such positions as department
5 chairs, coaches, mentors, curriculum and instruction
6 leaders, or other leadership positions as defined by
7 the district. The endorsement shall be available to
8 those teachers who (i) hold a Professional Educator
9 License, (ii) hold a master's degree or higher from a
10 regionally accredited institution, (iii) have
11 completed a program of study that has been approved by
12 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
13 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and
14 (iv) have taken coursework in all of the following
15 areas:

16 (I) Leadership.

17 (II) Designing professional development to
18 meet teaching and learning needs.

19 (III) Building school culture that focuses on
20 student learning.

21 (IV) Using assessments to improve student
22 learning and foster school improvement.

23 (V) Building collaboration with teachers and
24 stakeholders.

25 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
26 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may

1 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this
2 Code, provided that the individual has completed the
3 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this
4 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate
5 personnel under the respective school district's
6 collective bargaining agreement.

7 The State Board of Education, in consultation with
8 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board,
9 may adopt such rules as may be necessary to establish
10 and implement the teacher leader endorsement program
11 and to specify the positions for which this endorsement
12 shall be required.

13 (F) Special education endorsement. A special
14 education endorsement in one or more areas shall be
15 affixed to a Professional Educator License for any
16 individual that meets those requirements established
17 by the State Board of Education in rules. Special
18 education endorsement areas shall include without
19 limitation the following:

- 20 (i) Learning Behavior Specialist I;
- 21 (ii) Learning Behavior Specialist II;
- 22 (iii) Speech Language Pathologist;
- 23 (iv) Blind or Visually Impaired;
- 24 (v) Deaf-Hard of Hearing; and
- 25 (vi) Early Childhood Special Education.

26 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,

1 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
2 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may
3 add additional areas of special education by rule.

4 (G) School support personnel endorsement. School
5 support personnel endorsement areas shall include, but
6 are not limited to, school counselor, marriage and
7 family therapist, school psychologist, school speech
8 and language pathologist, school nurse, and school
9 social worker. This endorsement is for individuals who
10 are not teachers or administrators, but still require
11 licensure to work in an instructional support position
12 in a public or State-operated elementary school,
13 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
14 with a governing body or board of control or a charter
15 school operating in compliance with the Charter
16 Schools Law. The school support personnel endorsement
17 shall be affixed to the Professional Educator License
18 and shall meet all of the requirements established in
19 any rules adopted to implement this subdivision (G).
20 The holder of such an endorsement is entitled to all of
21 the rights and privileges granted holders of any other
22 Professional Educator License, including teacher
23 benefits, compensation, and working conditions.

24 Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April
25 30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator
26 License with a school speech and language pathologist

1 (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school
2 speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement
3 for a school speech and language pathologist
4 (non-teaching) endorsement through application to the
5 State Board of Education. There shall be no cost for
6 this exchange.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11; 98-413, eff. 8-16-13;
8 98-610, eff. 12-27-13.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.".