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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 578

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 578 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 21B-25, 21B-40, and 21B-45 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 in a public school
7 or nonpublic school recognized by the State Board
8 of Education; however, the State Board of
9 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
10 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall allow, by
11 rules, for fewer than 4 years of experience based
12 on meeting standards set forth in such rules,
13 including without limitation a review of
14 performance evaluations or other evidence of
15 demonstrated qualifications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (I) Leadership.

15 (II) Designing professional development to
16 meet teaching and learning needs.

17 (III) Building school culture that focuses on
18 student learning.

19 (IV) Using assessments to improve student
20 learning and foster school improvement.

21 (V) Building collaboration with teachers and
22 stakeholders.

23 A teacher who meets the requirements set forth in
24 this Section and holds a teacher leader endorsement may
25 evaluate teachers pursuant to Section 24A-5 of this
26 Code, provided that the individual has completed the

1 evaluation component required by Section 24A-3 of this
2 Code and a teacher leader is allowed to evaluate
3 personnel under the respective school district's
4 collective bargaining agreement.

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

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

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

24 Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the contrary,
25 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
26 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may

1 add additional areas of special education by rule.

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

22 Beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on April
23 30, 2014, a person holding a Professional Educator
24 License with a school speech and language pathologist
25 (teaching) endorsement may exchange his or her school
26 speech and language pathologist (teaching) endorsement

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

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

7 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

8 (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system
9 established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall
10 be charged to applicants:

11 (1) A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator
12 License or an Educator License with Stipulations and for
13 individuals seeking a Substitute Teaching License.
14 However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee
15 for a Professional Educator License, Educator License with
16 Stipulations, or Substitute Teaching License shall be
17 \$100.

18 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have
19 completed an approved educator preparation program outside
20 of this State or who hold a valid, comparable credential
21 from another state or country and are seeking any of the
22 licenses set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection
23 (a).

24 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
25 approval an individual holding a license wishes to add to

1 that license.

2 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
3 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
4 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
5 and control over the school in which the individual holding
6 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
7 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
8 registered in any county in this State. The registration
9 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
10 individual registers the license for a particular validity
11 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
12 for that validity period should the individual
13 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
14 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
15 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
16 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
17 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
18 Code.

19 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
20 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
21 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
22 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
23 Education to provide the technology and human resources
24 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
25 applications and for the renewal of licenses. The Teacher
26 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to administrative

1 charge transfers, authorized under Section 8h of the State
2 Finance Act, from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund
3 into any other fund of this State, and moneys in the Teacher
4 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund shall not revert back to the
5 General Revenue Fund at any time.

6 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
7 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of
8 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
9 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

10 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
11 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
12 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
13 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
14 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor
15 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
16 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must
17 be paid to that company or vendor.

18 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
19 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
20 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
21 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not
22 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must
23 be applied to the registration of the new license.

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

1 Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License ~~Licensure~~
2 renewal.

3 (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
4 ~~All licenses with endorsements~~ are required to complete the
5 licensure renewal requirements as specified in this Section,
6 unless otherwise provided in this Code.

7 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License
8 ~~endorsed in a teaching field~~ shall meet the renewal
9 requirements set forth in this subsection (c) ~~of Section,~~
10 unless otherwise provided in this Code 21-14 of this Code. ~~An~~
11 ~~individual holding a Professional Educator License with a~~
12 ~~general administrative, principal, chief school business~~
13 ~~official, or superintendent endorsement issued under this~~
14 ~~Article who is also working in a position using or requiring~~
15 ~~that endorsement is subject to the renewal requirements in~~
16 ~~subsection (c 10) of Section 21-7.1 of this Code. An individual~~
17 ~~holding a Professional Educator License with a school personnel~~
18 ~~support endorsement and working in a position for which that~~
19 ~~endorsement is required must complete the licensure renewal~~
20 ~~requirements under Section 21-25 of this Code. If an individual~~
21 holds a license endorsed ~~licensure~~ in more than one area that
22 has different renewal requirements, that individual shall
23 follow the renewal requirements for the position for which he
24 or she spends the majority of his or her time working.

25 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses ~~licenses~~ not
26 renewed as provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1

1 ~~of that year or registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of~~
2 ~~this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the~~
3 ~~expiration of the last year of registration. Lapsed licenses~~
4 ~~may be immediately reinstated upon (i) payment by the applicant~~
5 ~~of a \$500 penalty to the State Board of Education or, for~~
6 ~~individuals holding an Educator License with Stipulations with~~
7 ~~a paraprofessional educator endorsement only, payment by the~~
8 ~~applicant of a \$150 penalty to the State Board of Education or~~
9 ~~(ii) the demonstration of proficiency by completing 9 semester~~
10 ~~hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution of~~
11 ~~higher education in the content area that most aligns with one~~
12 ~~or more of the educator's endorsement areas. Any and all back~~
13 ~~fees, including without limitation registration fees owed from~~
14 ~~the time of expiration of the certificate until the date of~~
15 ~~reinstatement, shall be paid and kept in accordance with the~~
16 ~~provisions in Article 3 of this Code concerning an institute~~
17 ~~fund and the provisions in Article 21B of this Code concerning~~
18 ~~fees and requirements for registration. Licenses not~~
19 ~~registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of this Code shall~~
20 ~~lapse after a period of 6 months from the expiration of the~~
21 ~~last year of registration. An unregistered license is invalid~~
22 ~~after September 1 for employment and performance of services in~~
23 ~~an Illinois public or State-operated school or cooperative and~~
24 ~~in a charter school. The license may be reinstated once the~~
25 ~~applicant has demonstrated proficiency by completing 9~~
26 ~~semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited~~

1 ~~institution of higher education in the content area that most~~
2 ~~aligns with the educator's endorsement area or areas. Before~~
3 ~~the license may be reinstated, the applicant shall pay all back~~
4 ~~fees owed from the time of expiration of the license until the~~
5 ~~date of reinstatement.~~ Any license or endorsement may be
6 voluntarily surrendered by the license holder. A voluntarily
7 surrendered license, except a substitute teaching license
8 issued under Section 21B-20 of this Code, shall be treated as a
9 revoked license.

10 (c) From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in order to
11 satisfy the requirements for licensure renewal provided for in
12 this Section, each professional educator licensee with an
13 administrative endorsement who is working in a position
14 requiring such endorsement shall complete one Illinois
15 Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of
16 this Code, per fiscal year.

17 (d) Beginning July 1, 2014, in order to satisfy the
18 requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this
19 Section, each professional educator licensee may create a
20 professional development plan each year. The plan shall address
21 one or more of the endorsements that are required of his or her
22 educator position if the licensee is employed and performing
23 services in an Illinois public or State-operated school or
24 cooperative. If the licensee is employed in a charter school,
25 the plan shall address that endorsement or those endorsements
26 most closely related to his or her educator position. Licensees

1 employed and performing services in any other Illinois schools
2 may participate in the renewal requirements by adhering to the
3 same process.

4 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
5 licensee's professional development activities shall align
6 with one or more of the following criteria:

7 (1) activities are of a type that engage participants
8 over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis,
9 discovery, and application as they relate to student
10 learning, social or emotional achievement, or well-being;

11 (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's
12 performance;

13 (3) outcomes for the activities must relate to student
14 growth or district improvement;

15 (4) activities align to State-approved standards; and

16 (5) higher education coursework.

17 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator
18 licensee shall engage in professional development activities.
19 Within 60 days after the conclusion of a professional
20 development activity, the licensee shall enter electronically
21 into the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name,
22 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional
23 development hours, and the provider's name. The following
24 provisions shall apply concerning professional development
25 activities:

26 (1) Each licensee shall complete a total of 120 hours

1 of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in
2 order to renew the license, except as otherwise provided in
3 this Section.

4 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,
5 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not
6 working in a position requiring such endorsement shall
7 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as
8 described in Article 2 of this Code, in each 5-year renewal
9 cycle in which the administrative endorsement was held for
10 at least one year. The Illinois Administrators' Academy
11 course may count toward the total of 120 hours per 5-year
12 cycle.

13 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement
14 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or
15 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in
16 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall
17 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as
18 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in
19 addition to 100 hours of professional development per
20 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

21 (4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for
22 Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher
23 designation shall complete a total of 60 hours of
24 professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order
25 to renew the license.

26 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not

1 require educator licensure or working in a position for
2 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be
3 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration
4 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the
5 license.

6 (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits
7 from a State retirement system shall notify the State Board
8 of Education using ELIS, and the license shall be
9 maintained in retired status. An individual with a license
10 in retired status shall not be required to complete
11 professional development activities or pay registration
12 fees until returning to a position that requires educator
13 licensure. Upon returning to work in a position that
14 requires the Professional Educator License, the licensee
15 shall immediately pay a registration fee and complete
16 renewal requirements for that year. A license in retired
17 status cannot lapse.

18 (7) For any renewal cycle in which professional
19 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the
20 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the
21 minimum professional development hours required in this
22 Section prior to September 1 of that year. For any fiscal
23 year or renewal cycle in which an Illinois Administrators'
24 Academy course was required but not completed, the licensee
25 shall complete any missed Illinois Administrators' Academy
26 courses prior to September 1 of that year. The licensee may

1 complete all deficient hours and Illinois Administrators'
2 Academy courses while continuing to work in a position that
3 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

4 (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the professional
5 development renewal requirements set forth in this Section
6 at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is ineligible to
7 register his or her license and may submit an appeal to the
8 State Superintendent of Education for reinstatement of the
9 license.

10 (9) If professional development opportunities were
11 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were
12 unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond
13 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be
14 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the
15 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an
16 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid
17 during the extension period.

18 (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to the
19 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
20 Assembly shall commence the annual renewal process with the
21 first scheduled registration due after the effective date
22 of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.

23 (f) At the time of renewal, each licensee shall respond to
24 the required questions under penalty of perjury.

25 (g) The following entities shall be designated as approved
26 to provide professional development activities for the renewal

1 of Professional Educator Licenses:

2 (1) The State Board of Education.

3 (2) regional offices of education and intermediate
4 service centers.

5 (3) Illinois professional associations representing
6 the following groups that are approved by the State
7 Superintendent of Education:

8 (A) school administrators;

9 (B) principals;

10 (C) school business officials;

11 (D) teachers;

12 (E) school boards; and

13 (F) local school districts.

14 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher
15 education that offer Illinois-approved educator
16 preparation programs.

17 (5) Illinois public school districts and special
18 education cooperatives.

19 (h) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section
20 shall make available professional development opportunities
21 that satisfy at least one of the following:

22 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and
23 district leaders who guide continuous professional
24 development;

25 (2) improve the learning of students;

26 (3) organize adults into learning communities whose

1 goals are aligned with those of the school and district;

2 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

3 (5) provide educators with research-based
4 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting
5 rigorous academic standards;

6 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various
7 types of classroom assessments;

8 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the
9 intended goals;

10 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to
11 collaborate; or

12 (9) prepare educators to apply research to
13 decision-making.

14 (i) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section
15 shall do the following:

16 (1) align professional development activities to the
17 State-approved national standards for professional
18 learning;

19 (2) meet the professional development criteria for
20 Illinois licensure renewal;

21 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains
22 how it aligns to State standards and identify the
23 assessment for determining the expected impact on student
24 learning or school improvement;

25 (4) maintain original documentation for completion of
26 activities; and

1 (5) provide license holders with evidence of
2 completion of activities.

3 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual
4 audits of approved providers, except for school districts,
5 which shall be audited by regional offices of education and
6 intermediate service centers. The State Board of Education
7 shall complete random audits of licensees.

8 (1) Approved providers shall annually submit to the
9 State Board of Education a list of subcontractors used for
10 delivery of professional development activities for which
11 renewal credit was issued and other information as defined
12 by rule.

13 (2) Approved providers shall annually submit data to
14 the State Board of Education demonstrating how the
15 professional development activities impacted one or more
16 of the following:

17 (A) educator and student growth in regards to
18 content knowledge or skills, or both;

19 (B) educator and student social and emotional
20 growth; or

21 (C) alignment to district or school improvement
22 plans.

23 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review
24 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,
25 regional offices of education, and intermediate service
26 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has

1 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved
2 provider or if further action should be taken as provided
3 in rules.

4 (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal
5 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each
6 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional
7 development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and
8 entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the
9 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or
10 debit card.

11 (l) Beginning July 1, 2014, any professional educator
12 licensee endorsed for school support personnel who is employed
13 and performing services in Illinois public schools and who
14 holds an active and current professional license issued by the
15 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation related to
16 the endorsement areas on the Professional Educator License
17 shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing professional
18 development requirements provided for in this Section. Such
19 individuals shall be required to pay only registration fees to
20 renew the Professional Educator License. An individual who does
21 not hold a license issued by the Department of Financial and
22 Professional Regulation shall complete professional
23 development requirements for the renewal of a Professional
24 Educator License provided for in this Section.

25 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
26 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from

1 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not
2 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of
3 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State
4 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed
5 by rule.

6 (1) Each appeal shall state the reasons why the State
7 Superintendent's decision should be reversed and shall be
8 sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the
9 State Board of Education.

10 (2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
11 shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license
12 within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to
13 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of
14 this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure
15 Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its
16 determination based upon the record of review, which shall
17 consist of the following:

18 (A) the regional superintendent of education's
19 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,
20 if applicable;

21 (B) any evidence submitted to the State
22 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic
23 statement of assurance for renewal; and

24 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for
25 non-renewal of the license.

26 (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board

1 shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license
2 renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no
3 later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt
4 of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall
5 pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle
6 using a form of credit or debit card.

7 (n) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as may be
8 necessary to implement this Section.

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

10 (105 ILCS 5/21-14 rep.)

11 Section 10. The School Code is amended by repealing Section
12 21-14.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law."