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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1845

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1845 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 21-5b and 21-5c as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-5b)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

8 Sec. 21-5b. Alternative certification. The State Board of
9 Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
10 Certification Board, shall establish and implement an
11 alternative certification program under which persons who meet
12 the requirements of and successfully complete the program
13 established by this Section shall be issued an alternative
14 teaching certificate for teaching in the schools. The program
15 shall be limited to not more than 260 new participants during
16 each year that the program is in effect. The State Board of

1 Education, in cooperation with one or more not-for-profit
2 organizations in the State that support excellence in teaching,
3 which may be in partnership with a university that offers
4 4-year baccalaureate and masters degree programs and that is a
5 recognized institution as defined in Section 21B-105 of this
6 Code, may within 30 days after submission by the program
7 sponsor approve a course of study developed by the program
8 sponsor that persons in the program must successfully complete
9 in order to satisfy one criterion for issuance of an
10 alternative certificate under this Section. The Alternative
11 Teacher Certification program course of study must include
12 content and skills which have been approved by the State Board
13 of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
14 Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for State
15 teacher certification.

16 The alternative certification program established under
17 this Section shall be known as the Alternative Teacher
18 Certification program. The Alternative Teacher Certification
19 Program shall be offered by the submitting partnership, and
20 such partnership may be offered by one or more not-for-profit
21 organizations in the State which support excellence in
22 teaching. The program shall be comprised of the following 3
23 phases: (a) the first phase is the course of study offered on
24 an intensive basis in education theory, instructional methods,
25 and practice teaching; (b) the second phase is the person's
26 assignment to a full-time teaching position for one school

1 year; and (c) the third phase is a comprehensive assessment of
2 the person's teaching performance by school officials and the
3 partnership participants and a recommendation by the program
4 sponsor to the State Board of Education that the person be
5 issued a standard alternative teaching certificate. Successful
6 completion of the Alternative Teacher Certification program
7 shall be deemed to satisfy any other practice or student
8 teaching and subject matter requirements established by law.

9 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for
10 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,
11 shall be issued under this Section 21-5b to persons who at the
12 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching
13 certificate under this Section:

14 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
15 university with a bachelor's degree;

16 (2) have successfully completed the first phase of the
17 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in
18 this Section;

19 (3) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject
20 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a; and

21 (4) (i) have been employed for a period of at least 5
22 years in an area requiring application of the individual's
23 education or (ii) have attained at least a cumulative grade
24 average of a "B" if the individual is assigned either to a
25 school district that has not met the annual measurable
26 objective for highly qualified teachers required by the

1 Illinois Revised Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) Plan or to
2 a school district whose data filed with the State Board of
3 Education indicates that the district's poor and minority
4 students are taught by teachers who are not highly
5 qualified at a higher rate than other students; however,
6 this item (4) does not apply with respect to a provisional
7 alternative teaching certificate for teaching in schools
8 situated in a school district that is located in a city
9 having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.
10 Assignment may be made under clause (ii) of this item (4)
11 only if the district superintendent and the exclusive
12 bargaining representative of the district's teachers, if
13 any, jointly agree to permit the assignment.

14 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate
15 under this Section shall be treated as a regularly certified
16 teacher for purposes of compensation, benefits, and other terms
17 and conditions of employment afforded teachers in the school
18 who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an
19 exclusive bargaining representative, if any.

20 Until February 15, 2000, a standard alternative teaching
21 certificate, valid for 4 years for teaching in the schools and
22 renewable as provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under
23 this Section 21-5b to persons who first complete the
24 requirements for the provisional alternative teaching
25 certificate and who at the time of applying for a standard
26 alternative teaching certificate under this Section have

1 successfully completed the second and third phases of the
2 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in this
3 Section. Alternatively, beginning February 15, 2000, at the end
4 of the 4-year validity period, persons who were issued a
5 standard alternative teaching certificate shall be eligible,
6 on the same basis as holders of an Initial Teaching Certificate
7 issued under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this Code, to
8 apply for a Standard Teaching Certificate, provided they meet
9 the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code
10 and further provided that a person who does not apply for and
11 receive a Standard Teaching Certificate shall be able to teach
12 only in schools situated in a school district that is located
13 in a city having a population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

14 Beginning February 15, 2000, persons who have completed the
15 requirements for a standard alternative teaching certificate
16 under this Section shall be issued an Initial Alternative
17 Teaching Certificate valid for 4 years of teaching and not
18 renewable. At the end of the 4-year validity period, these
19 persons shall be eligible, on the same basis as holders of an
20 Initial Teaching Certificate issued under subsection (b) of
21 Section 21-2 of this Code, to apply for a Standard Teaching
22 Certificate, provided they meet the requirements of subsection
23 (c) of Section 21-2.

24 Such alternative certification program shall be
25 implemented so that the first provisional alternative teaching
26 certificates issued under this Section are effective upon the

1 commencement of the 1997-1998 academic year and the first
2 standard alternative teaching certificates issued under this
3 Section are effective upon the commencement of the 1998-1999
4 academic year.

5 The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the
6 partnership or partnerships establishing such Alternative
7 Teacher Certification programs, shall adopt rules and
8 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
9 State Board of Education deems necessary to establish and
10 implement the program.

11 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification
12 program under this Section after September 1, 2014 ~~2013~~, and
13 those alternative certification candidates who are admitted on
14 or before September 1, 2014 ~~2013~~ must complete their coursework
15 ~~the program~~ before January 1, 2016 ~~2015~~, ~~except that candidates~~
16 ~~admitted to an alternative certification program at Governors~~
17 ~~State University and participants in the Teacher Quality~~
18 ~~Partnership Grant program must be admitted on or before March~~
19 ~~31, 2014, complete their coursework on or before August 31,~~
20 ~~2015~~, and be entitled to certification on or before September
21 30, 2016 ~~September 31, 2015~~. ~~An~~ ~~The~~ alternative certification
22 program ~~at Governors State University~~ shall provide the State
23 Board of Education with the names of the candidates who will be
24 eligible for certification ~~under this exception~~.

25 This Section is repealed on January 1, 2017 ~~2016~~.

26 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11; 97-702, eff. 6-25-12;

1 98-38, eff. 6-28-13.)

2 (105 ILCS 5/21-5c)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

4 Sec. 21-5c. Alternative route to teacher certification.

5 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
6 Teacher Certification Board, shall establish and implement one
7 or more alternative route to teacher certification programs
8 under which persons who meet the requirements of and
9 successfully complete the programs established by this Section
10 shall be issued an initial teaching certificate for teaching in
11 schools in this State. The State Board of Education may approve
12 a course of study that persons in such programs must
13 successfully complete in order to satisfy one criterion for
14 issuance of a certificate under this Section. The Alternative
15 Route to Teacher Certification programs course of study must
16 include content and skills which have been approved by the
17 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
18 Teacher Certification Board, as meeting the requirement for
19 State teacher certification.

20 Programs established under this Section shall be known as
21 Alternative Route to Teacher Certification programs. The
22 programs may be offered by a university that offers 4-year
23 baccalaureate and masters degree programs and that is a
24 recognized institution as defined in Section 21B-105 of this
25 Code, by one or more not-for-profit organizations in the State,

1 or a combination thereof. The programs shall be comprised of
2 the following 3 phases: (a) a course of study offered on an
3 intensive basis in education theory, instructional methods,
4 and practice teaching; (b) the person's assignment to a
5 full-time teaching position for one school year, including the
6 designation of a mentor teacher to advise and assist the person
7 with that teaching assignment; and (c) a comprehensive
8 assessment of the person's teaching performance by school
9 officials and program participants and a recommendation by the
10 program sponsor to the State Board of Education that the person
11 be issued an initial teaching certificate. Successful
12 completion of Alternative Route to Teacher Certification
13 programs shall be deemed to satisfy any other practice or
14 student teaching and subject matter requirements established
15 by law.

16 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for
17 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,
18 shall be issued under this Section 21-5c to persons who at the
19 time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching
20 certificate under this Section:

21 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
22 university with a bachelor's degree;

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

26 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of the

1 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in
2 this Section; and

3 (4) have passed the tests of basic skills and subject
4 matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a.

5 An initial teaching certificate, valid for teaching in the
6 common schools, shall be issued under Section 21-3 or 21-5 to
7 persons who first complete the requirements for the provisional
8 alternative teaching certificate and who at the time of
9 applying for an initial teaching certificate have successfully
10 completed the second and third phases of the Alternative Route
11 to Teacher Certification program as provided in this Section.

12 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate
13 or an initial teaching certificate earned under this Section
14 shall be treated as a regularly certified teacher for purposes
15 of compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions of
16 employment afforded teachers in the school who are members of a
17 bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining
18 representative, if any.

19 The State Board of Education may adopt rules and
20 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that the
21 State Board deems necessary to establish and implement the
22 program.

23 No one may be admitted to an alternative certification
24 program under this Section after September 1, 2014 ~~2013~~, and
25 those alternative certification candidates who are admitted on
26 or before June 30, 2014 ~~September 1, 2013~~ must complete their

1 ~~coursework the program~~ before January 1, 2016 ~~2015~~, ~~except that~~
2 ~~candidates admitted to an alternative certification program at~~
3 ~~Governors State University and participants in the Teacher~~
4 ~~Quality Partnership Grant program must be admitted on or before~~
5 ~~March 31, 2014, complete their coursework on or before August~~
6 ~~31, 2015,~~ and be entitled to certification on or before
7 September 30, 2016 ~~September 31, 2015~~. An ~~The~~ alternative
8 certification program ~~at Governors State University~~ shall
9 provide the State Board of Education with the names of the
10 candidates who will be eligible for certification ~~under this~~
11 ~~exception.~~

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