August 26, 2018

To the Honorable Members of The Illinois Senate, 100th General Assembly:

Today I veto Senate Bill 3220, which would allow higher education teacher preparation programs that are denied recognition by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) to have a standalone hearing on their appeal before a meeting of the State Board of Education (ISBE).

This bill creates unnecessary statutory language as there is already an opportunity for denied programs to submit public comment at both ISBE and SEPLB meetings; a separate hearing would be duplicative. My administration has consistently prioritized the streamlining of governmental processes, not the addition of unnecessary bureaucratic requirements.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 3220, entitled "AN ACT concerning education," with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner GOVERNOR