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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 355

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 355 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 21B-45 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

7 Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License renewal.

8 (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License  
9 are required to complete the licensure renewal requirements as  
10 specified in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this  
11 Code.

12 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License shall  
13 meet the renewal requirements set forth in this Section, unless  
14 otherwise provided in this Code. If an individual holds a  
15 license endorsed in more than one area that has different  
16 renewal requirements, that individual shall follow the renewal

1 requirements for the position for which he or she spends the  
2 majority of his or her time working.

3 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as  
4 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that  
5 year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, if  
6 a license holder's electronic mail address is available, the  
7 State Board of Education shall send him or her notification  
8 electronically that his or her license will lapse if not  
9 renewed, to be sent no more than 6 months prior to the license  
10 lapsing. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon (i)  
11 payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State Board  
12 of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by  
13 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally  
14 accredited institution of higher education in the content area  
15 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's endorsement  
16 areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation  
17 registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the  
18 license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid and kept  
19 in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this Code  
20 concerning an institute fund and the provisions in Article 21B  
21 of this Code concerning fees and requirements for registration.  
22 Licenses not registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of  
23 this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the  
24 expiration of the last year of registration or on January 1 of  
25 the fiscal year following initial issuance of the license. An  
26 unregistered license is invalid after September 1 for

1 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or  
2 State-operated school or cooperative and in a charter school.  
3 Any license or endorsement may be voluntarily surrendered by  
4 the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered license, except a  
5 substitute teaching license issued under Section 21B-20 of this  
6 Code, shall be treated as a revoked license. An Educator  
7 License with Stipulations with only a paraprofessional  
8 endorsement does not lapse.

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

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

1 may participate in the renewal requirements by adhering to the  
2 same process.

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

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

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

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

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

15 (5) higher education coursework.

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

24 (1) Each licensee shall complete a total of 120 hours  
25 of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in  
26 order to renew the license, except as otherwise provided in

1 this Section.

2 (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle,  
3 any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not  
4 working in a position requiring such endorsement is not  
5 required to complete Illinois Administrators' Academy  
6 courses, as described in Article 2 of this Code. Such  
7 licensees must complete one Illinois Administrators'  
8 Academy course within one year after returning to a  
9 position that requires the administrative endorsement.

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

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

23 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not  
24 require educator licensure or working in a position for  
25 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be  
26 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration

1 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the  
2 license.

3 (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits  
4 from a State of Illinois retirement system shall notify the  
5 State Board of Education using ELIS, and the license shall  
6 be maintained in retired status. For any renewal cycle in  
7 which a licensee retires during the renewal cycle, the  
8 licensee must complete professional development activities  
9 on a prorated basis depending on the number of years during  
10 the renewal cycle the educator held an active license. If a  
11 licensee retires during a renewal cycle, the licensee must  
12 notify the State Board of Education using ELIS that the  
13 licensee wishes to maintain the license in retired status  
14 and must show proof of completion of professional  
15 development activities on a prorated basis for all years of  
16 that renewal cycle for which the license was active. An  
17 individual with a license in retired status shall not be  
18 required to complete professional development activities  
19 or pay registration fees until returning to a position that  
20 requires educator licensure. Upon returning to work in a  
21 position that requires the Professional Educator License,  
22 the licensee shall immediately pay a registration fee and  
23 complete renewal requirements for that year. A license in  
24 retired status cannot lapse. Beginning on January 6, 2017  
25 (the effective date of Public Act 99-920) through December  
26 31, 2017, any licensee who has retired and whose license

1 has lapsed for failure to renew as provided in this Section  
2 may reinstate that license and maintain it in retired  
3 status upon providing proof to the State Board of Education  
4 using ELIS that the licensee is retired and is not working  
5 in a position that requires a Professional Educator  
6 License.

7 (7) For any renewal cycle in which professional  
8 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the  
9 licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the  
10 minimum professional development hours required in this  
11 Section prior to September 1 of that year. Professional  
12 development hours used to fulfill the minimum required  
13 hours for a renewal cycle may be used for only one renewal  
14 cycle. For any fiscal year or renewal cycle in which an  
15 Illinois Administrators' Academy course was required but  
16 not completed, the licensee shall complete any missed  
17 Illinois Administrators' Academy courses prior to  
18 September 1 of that year. The licensee may complete all  
19 deficient hours and Illinois Administrators' Academy  
20 courses while continuing to work in a position that  
21 requires that license until September 1 of that year.

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

1 license.

2 (9) If professional development opportunities were  
3 unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were  
4 unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond  
5 August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be  
6 submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the  
7 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an  
8 extension is approved, the license shall remain valid  
9 during the extension period.

10 (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to  
11 December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-610)  
12 shall commence the annual renewal process with the first  
13 scheduled registration due after December 27, 2013 (the  
14 effective date of Public Act 98-610).

15 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
16 subsection (e), if a licensee earns more than the required  
17 number of professional development hours during a renewal  
18 cycle, then the licensee may carry over any hours earned  
19 from April 1 through June 30 of the last year of the  
20 renewal cycle. Any hours carried over in this manner must  
21 be applied to the next renewal cycle. Illinois  
22 Administrators' Academy courses or hours earned in those  
23 courses may not be carried over.

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

26 (g) The following entities shall be designated as approved



1 to provide professional development activities for the renewal  
2 of Professional Educator Licenses:

3 (1) The State Board of Education.

4 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate  
5 service centers.

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

9 (A) school administrators;

10 (B) principals;

11 (C) school business officials;

12 (D) teachers, including special education  
13 teachers;

14 (E) school boards;

15 (F) school districts;

16 (G) parents; and

17 (H) school service personnel.

18 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher  
19 education that offer Illinois-approved educator  
20 preparation programs and public community colleges subject  
21 to the Public Community College Act.

22 (5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools  
23 authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint  
24 educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this  
25 Code for the purposes of providing career and technical  
26 education or special education services.

1           (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December  
2           31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147), has  
3           had or has a grant from or a contract with the State Board  
4           of Education to provide professional development services  
5           in the area of English Learning to Illinois school  
6           districts, teachers, or administrators.

7           (7) State agencies, State boards, and State  
8           commissions.

9           (8) Museums as defined in Section 10 of the Museum  
10          Disposition of Property Act.

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

14               (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and  
15               district leaders who guide continuous professional  
16               development;

17               (2) improve the learning of students;

18               (3) organize adults into learning communities whose  
19               goals are aligned with those of the school and district;

20               (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

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

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

26               (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the

1 intended goals;

2 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to  
3 collaborate; ~~or~~

4 (9) prepare educators to apply research to  
5 decision-making; or ~~or~~

6 (10) provide educators with training on inclusive  
7 practices in the classroom that examines instructional and  
8 behavioral strategies that improve academic and  
9 social-emotional outcomes for all students, with or  
10 without disabilities, in a general education setting.

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

13 (1) align professional development activities to the  
14 State-approved national standards for professional  
15 learning;

16 (2) meet the professional development criteria for  
17 Illinois licensure renewal;

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

22 (4) maintain original documentation for completion of  
23 activities;

24 (5) provide license holders with evidence of  
25 completion of activities; and

26 (6) request an Illinois Educator Identification Number

1 (IEIN) for each educator during each professional  
2 development activity.

3 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual  
4 audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school  
5 districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of  
6 education and intermediate service centers. The State Board of  
7 Education shall ensure that each approved provider, except for  
8 a school district, is audited at least once every 5 years. The  
9 State Board of Education may conduct more frequent audits of  
10 providers if evidence suggests the requirements of this Section  
11 or administrative rules are not being met. The State Board of  
12 Education shall complete random audits of licensees.

13 (1) (Blank).

14 (2) Approved providers shall comply with the  
15 requirements in subsections (h) and (i) of this Section by  
16 annually submitting data to the State Board of Education  
17 demonstrating how the professional development activities  
18 impacted one or more of the following:

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

21 (B) educator and student social and emotional  
22 growth; or

23 (C) alignment to district or school improvement  
24 plans.

25 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review  
26 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,

1 regional offices of education, and intermediate service  
2 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has  
3 met the criteria and should continue to be an approved  
4 provider or if further action should be taken as provided  
5 in rules.

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

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

1 Educator License provided for in this Section.

2 (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure  
3 Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from  
4 the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not  
5 be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of  
6 this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State  
7 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed  
8 by rule.

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

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

21 (A) the regional superintendent of education's  
22 rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license,  
23 if applicable;

24 (B) any evidence submitted to the State  
25 Superintendent along with the individual's electronic  
26 statement of assurance for renewal; and

1           (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for  
2 nonrenewal of the license.

3           (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board  
4 shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license  
5 renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no  
6 later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt  
7 of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall  
8 pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle  
9 using a form of credit or debit card.

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

12          (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-130, eff. 7-24-15;  
13 99-591, eff. 1-1-17; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;  
14 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-339, eff. 8-25-17; 100-596, eff.  
15 7-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)".