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1 AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections 5 10-21.9, 21B-45, 21B-80, 24-14, 34-18.5, and 34-84b as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-21.9)

Sec. 10-21.9. Criminal history records checks and checks of
the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Murderer and
Violent Offender Against Youth Database.

(a) Licensed and nonlicensed Certified and noncertified 10 11 applicants for employment with a school district, except school 12 bus driver applicants, are required as a condition of employment to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal history 13 14 records check to determine if such applicants have been convicted of any <u>disqualifying</u>, of the enumerated criminal or 15 16 drug offenses in subsection (c) of this Section or have been convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment 17 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws of 18 19 this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if 20 committed or attempted in this State, would have been 21 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State. 22 Authorization for the check shall be furnished by the applicant 23

1 to the school district, except that if the applicant is a 2 substitute teacher seeking employment in more than one school district, a teacher seeking concurrent part-time employment 3 positions with more than one school district (as a reading 4 5 specialist, special education teacher or otherwise), or an 6 educational support personnel employee seeking employment 7 positions with more than one district, any such district may require the applicant to furnish authorization for the check to 8 9 the regional superintendent of the educational service region in which are located the school districts in which the 10 11 applicant is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent 12 part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel 13 employee. Upon receipt of this authorization, the school 14 district or the appropriate regional superintendent, as the 15 case may be, shall submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date 16 of birth, social security number, fingerprint images, and other 17 identifiers, as prescribed by the Department of State Police, to the Department. The regional superintendent submitting the 18 19 requisite information to the Department of State Police shall 20 promptly notify the school districts in which the applicant is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time 21 22 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee 23 that the check of the applicant has been requested. The Department of State Police and the Federal 24 Bureau of 25 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based criminal history records check, records of convictions, 26

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forever and hereinafter, until expunded, to the president of 1 2 the school board for the school district that requested the check, or to the regional superintendent who requested the 3 check. The Department shall charge the school district or the 4 5 appropriate regional superintendent a fee for conducting such check, which fee shall be deposited in the State Police 6 Services Fund and shall not exceed the cost of the inquiry; and 7 8 the applicant shall not be charged a fee for such check by the 9 school district or by the regional superintendent, except that 10 those applicants seeking employment as a substitute teacher 11 with a school district may be charged a fee not to exceed the 12 cost of the inquiry. Subject to appropriations for these State Superintendent of Education 13 purposes, the shall reimburse school districts and regional superintendents for 14 15 fees paid to obtain criminal history records checks under this 16 Section.

17 (a-5) The school district or regional superintendent shall 18 further perform a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database, 19 as authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law, 19 for each applicant. <u>The check of the Statewide Sex Offender</u> 20 <u>Database must be conducted by the school district or regional</u> 21 <u>Database must be conducted by the school district or regional</u> 22 <u>superintendent once for every 5 years that an applicant remains</u> 23 <u>employed by the school district.</u>

(a-6) The school district or regional superintendent shall
further perform a check of the Statewide Murderer and Violent
Offender Against Youth Database, as authorized by the Murderer

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and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law,
for each applicant. <u>The check of the Statewide Murderer and</u>
<u>Violent Offender Against Youth Database must be conducted by</u>
the school district or regional superintendent once for every 5
years that an applicant remains employed by the school
district.

7 (b) Any information concerning the record of convictions 8 obtained by the president of the school board or the regional 9 superintendent shall be confidential and mav only be 10 transmitted to the superintendent of the school district or his 11 designee, the appropriate regional superintendent if the check 12 was requested by the school district, the presidents of the 13 appropriate school boards if the check was requested from the Department of State Police by the regional superintendent, the 14 15 State Superintendent of Education, the State Educator 16 Preparation and Licensure State Teacher Certification Board, 17 any other person necessary to the decision of hiring the applicant for employment, or for clarification purposes the 18 Department of State Police or Statewide Sex Offender Database, 19 20 or both. A copy of the record of convictions obtained from the Department of State Police shall be provided to the applicant 21 22 for employment. Upon the check of the Statewide Sex Offender 23 Database, the school district or regional superintendent shall notify an applicant as to whether or not the applicant has been 24 25 identified in the Database as a sex offender. If a check of an 26 applicant for employment as a substitute or concurrent

part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel 1 2 employee in more than one school district was requested by the 3 regional superintendent, and the Department of State Police upon a check ascertains that the applicant has not been 4 5 convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of this Section or has not been convicted, 6 7 within 7 years of the application for employment with the 8 school district, of any other felony under the laws of this 9 State or of any offense committed or attempted in any other 10 state or against the laws of the United States that, if 11 committed or attempted in this State, would have been 12 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State and so 13 notifies the regional superintendent and if the regional 14 superintendent upon a check ascertains that the applicant has 15 not been identified in the Sex Offender Database as a sex 16 offender, then the regional superintendent shall issue to the 17 applicant a certificate evidencing that as of the date specified by the Department of State Police the applicant has 18 not been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug 19 20 offenses in subsection (c) of this Section or has not been convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment 21 22 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws of 23 this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any 24 other state or against the laws of the United States that, if 25 committed or attempted in this State, would have been 26 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State and

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evidencing that as of the date that the regional superintendent 1 2 conducted a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database, the applicant has not been identified in the Database as a sex 3 offender. The school board of any school district may rely on 4 5 the certificate issued by any regional superintendent to that concurrent 6 substitute teacher, part-time teacher, or 7 concurrent educational support personnel employee or may 8 initiate its own criminal history records check of the 9 applicant through the Department of State Police and its own 10 check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database as provided in 11 subsection (a). Any unauthorized release of confidential 12 information may be a violation of Section 7 of the Criminal 13 Identification Act.

14 (c) No school board shall knowingly employ a person who has 15 been convicted of any offense that would subject him or her to 16 license suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 21B-80 of 17 this Code, except as provided under subsection (b) of Section 21B-80. Further, no school board shall knowingly employ a 18 19 person who has been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or 20 physical abuse of any minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. 21 22 No school board shall knowingly employ a person who has been 23 issued an indicated finding of abuse or neglect of a child by 24 the Department of Children and Family Services under the Abused 25 and Neglected Child Reporting Act or by a child welfare agency 26 of another jurisdiction.

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(d) No school board shall knowingly employ a person for
 whom a criminal history records check and a Statewide Sex
 Offender Database check has not been initiated.

4 (e) No later than 15 business days after receipt of a 5 record of conviction or of checking the Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database or the Statewide Sex 6 Offender Database and finding a registration, the 7 8 superintendent of the employing school board or the applicable 9 regional superintendent shall, in writing, notify the State Superintendent of Education of any license holder who has been 10 11 convicted of a crime set forth in Section 21B-80 of this Code. 12 Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a finding of 13 child abuse by a holder of any license eertificate issued pursuant to Article 21B 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the 14 15 School Code, the State Superintendent of Education may initiate 16 licensure certificate suspension and revocation proceedings as 17 authorized by law. If the receipt of the record of conviction or finding of child abuse is received within 6 months after the 18 19 initial grant of or renewal of a license, the State 20 Superintendent of Education may rescind the license holder's 21 license.

(e-5) The superintendent of the employing school board shall, in writing, notify the State Superintendent of Education and the applicable regional superintendent of schools of any <u>license certificate</u> holder whom he or she has reasonable cause to believe has committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect

with the result of making a child an abused child or a 1 2 neglected child, as defined in Section 3 of the Abused and 3 Neglected Child Reporting Act, and that act resulted in the license certificate holder's dismissal or resignation from the 4 5 school district. This notification must be submitted within 30 dismissal or resignation. 6 davs after the The license 7 certificate holder must also be contemporaneously sent a copy 8 of the notice by the superintendent. All correspondence, 9 documentation, and other information so received by the 10 regional superintendent of schools, the State Superintendent 11 of Education, the State Board of Education, or the State 12 Educator Preparation and Licensure State Teacher Certification 13 Board under this subsection (e-5) is confidential and must not 14 be disclosed to third parties, except (i) as necessary for the 15 State Superintendent of Education or his or her designee to 16 investigate and prosecute pursuant to Article 21B 21 of this 17 Code, (ii) pursuant to a court order, (iii) for disclosure to the license certificate holder or his or her representative, or 18 (iv) as otherwise provided in this Article and provided that 19 20 any such information admitted into evidence in a hearing is 21 exempt from this confidentiality and non-disclosure 22 requirement. Except for an act of willful or wanton misconduct, 23 any superintendent who provides notification as required in this subsection (e-5) shall have immunity from any liability, 24 25 whether civil or criminal or that otherwise might result by 26 reason of such action.

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(f) After January 1, 1990 the provisions of this Section 1 2 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding contracts with any school district including, but not limited 3 to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other 4 5 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of 6 criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide Sex 7 Offender Database on employees of persons or firms holding 8 9 contracts with more than one school district and assigned to 10 more than one school district, the regional superintendent of 11 the educational service region in which the contracting school 12 districts are located may, at the request of any such school 13 district, be responsible for receiving the authorization for a 14 criminal history records check prepared by each such employee 15 and submitting the same to the Department of State Police and 16 for conducting a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database 17 for each employee. Any information concerning the record of conviction and identification as a sex offender of any such 18 employee obtained by the regional superintendent shall be 19 promptly reported to the president of the appropriate school 20 board or school boards. 21

(f-5) Upon request of a school or school district, any information obtained by a school district pursuant to subsection (f) of this Section within the last year must be made available to the requesting school or school district.

(g) Prior to the commencement of any student teaching

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experience or required internship (which is referred to as 1 2 student teaching in this Section) in the public schools, a 3 student teacher is required to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal history records check. Authorization for and payment 4 5 of the costs of the check must be furnished by the student teacher to the school district where the student teaching is to 6 be completed. Upon receipt of this authorization and payment, 7 the school district shall submit the student teacher's name, 8 9 sex, race, date of birth, social security number, fingerprint 10 images, and other identifiers, as prescribed by the Department 11 of State Police, to the Department of State Police. The 12 Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of 13 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based 14 criminal history records check, records of convictions, 15 forever and hereinafter, until expunged, to the president of 16 the school board for the school district that requested the 17 check. The Department shall charge the school district a fee for conducting the check, which fee must not exceed the cost of 18 19 the inquiry and must be deposited into the State Police 20 Services Fund. The school district shall further perform a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database, as authorized by 21 22 the Sex Offender Community Notification Law, and of the Statewide 23 Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth 24 Database, as authorized by the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, for each student teacher. No 25 26 school board may knowingly allow a person to student teach for

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whom a criminal history records check, a Statewide Sex Offender Database check, and a Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database check have not been completed and reviewed by the district.

5 A copy of the record of convictions obtained from the Department of State Police must be provided to the student 6 7 teacher. Any information concerning the record of convictions 8 obtained by the president of the school board is confidential 9 and may only be transmitted to the superintendent of the school 10 district or his or her designee, the State Superintendent of 11 Education, the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, 12 or, for clarification purposes, the Department of State Police 13 or the Statewide Sex Offender Database or Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database. Any unauthorized 14 15 release of confidential information may be a violation of 16 Section 7 of the Criminal Identification Act.

17 No school board shall may knowingly allow a person to student teach who has been convicted of any offense that would 18 19 subject him or her to license suspension or revocation pursuant 20 to subsection (c) of Section 21B-80 of this Code, except as provided under subsection (b) of Section 21B-80. Further, no 21 22 school board shall allow a person to student teach if he or she 23 or who has been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or 24 physical abuse of a minor under 18 years of age pursuant to 25 proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. No school board shall knowingly allow a person to student teach 26

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electronically that his or her license will lapse if not

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renewed, to be sent no more than 6 months prior to the license 1 2 lapsing. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon (i) 3 payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State Board of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by 4 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally 5 accredited institution of higher education in the content area 6 7 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's endorsement 8 areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation 9 registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the 10 license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid and kept 11 in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this Code 12 concerning an institute fund and the provisions in Article 21B 13 of this Code concerning fees and requirements for registration. 14 Licenses not registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of 15 this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the 16 expiration of the last year of registration or on January 1 of 17 the fiscal year following initial issuance of the license. An unregistered license is invalid after 18 September 1 for employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or 19 20 State-operated school or cooperative and in a charter school. 21 Any license or endorsement may be voluntarily surrendered by 22 the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered license, except a 23 substitute teaching license issued under Section 21B-20 of this 24 Code, shall be treated as a revoked license. An Educator 25 License with Stipulations with only a paraprofessional endorsement does not lapse. 26

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(c) From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in order to 1 2 satisfy the requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this Section, each professional educator licensee with an 3 administrative endorsement who is working in a 4 position 5 requiring such endorsement shall complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of 6 7 this Code, per fiscal year.

8 (d) Beginning July 1, 2014, in order to satisfy the 9 requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this 10 Section, each professional educator licensee may create a 11 professional development plan each year. The plan shall address 12 one or more of the endorsements that are required of his or her 13 educator position if the licensee is employed and performing 14 services in an Illinois public or State-operated school or 15 cooperative. If the licensee is employed in a charter school, 16 the plan shall address that endorsement or those endorsements 17 most closely related to his or her educator position. Licensees employed and performing services in any other Illinois schools 18 19 may participate in the renewal requirements by adhering to the 20 same process.

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

(1) activities are of a type that engage participants
over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis,
discovery, and application as they relate to student

learning, social or emotional achievement, or well-being;
(2) professional development aligns to the licensee's
performance;

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

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

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(5) higher education coursework.

8 (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator 9 licensee shall engage in professional development activities. 10 Prior to renewal, the licensee shall enter electronically into 11 the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name, 12 date, and location of the activity, the number of professional development hours, and the provider's name. The following 13 provisions shall apply concerning professional development 14 15 activities:

16 (1) Each licensee shall complete a total of 120 hours
17 of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in
18 order to renew the license, except as otherwise provided in
19 this Section.

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

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position that requires the administrative endorsement.

2 (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement 3 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in 4 5 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall 6 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as 7 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in 8 addition to 100 hours of professional development per 9 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

10 (4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for
11 Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher
12 designation shall complete a total of 60 hours of
13 professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order
14 to renew the license.

15 (5) Licensees working in a position that does not 16 require educator licensure or working in a position for 17 less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be 18 exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration 19 fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the 20 license.

(6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits from a State of Illinois retirement system shall notify the State Board of Education using ELIS, and the license shall be maintained in retired status. For any renewal cycle in which a licensee retires during the renewal cycle, the licensee must complete professional development activities

1 on a prorated basis depending on the number of years during 2 the renewal cycle the educator held an active license. If a 3 licensee retires during a renewal cycle, the licensee must notify the State Board of Education using ELIS that the 4 5 licensee wishes to maintain the license in retired status 6 and must show proof of completion of professional 7 development activities on a prorated basis for all years of 8 that renewal cycle for which the license was active. An 9 individual with a license in retired status shall not be 10 required to complete professional development activities 11 or pay registration fees until returning to a position that 12 requires educator licensure. Upon returning to work in a position that requires the Professional Educator License, 13 14 the licensee shall immediately pay a registration fee and 15 complete renewal requirements for that year. A license in 16 retired status cannot lapse. Beginning on January 6, 2017 17 (the effective date of Public Act 99-920) through December 31, 2017, any licensee who has retired and whose license 18 19 has lapsed for failure to renew as provided in this Section may reinstate that license and maintain it in retired 20 21 status upon providing proof to the State Board of Education 22 using ELIS that the licensee is retired and is not working 23 in a position that requires a Professional Educator 24 License.

(7) For any renewal cycle in which professional
 development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the

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licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the 1 2 minimum professional development hours required in this 3 Section prior to September 1 of that year. Professional development hours used to fulfill the minimum required 4 5 hours for a renewal cycle may be used for only one renewal cycle. For any fiscal year or renewal cycle in which an 6 Illinois Administrators' Academy course was required but 7 8 not completed, the licensee shall complete any missed 9 Illinois Administrators' Academy courses prior to 10 September 1 of that year. The licensee may complete all 11 deficient hours and Illinois Administrators' Academy 12 courses while continuing to work in a position that requires that license until September 1 of that year. 13

14 (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the professional 15 development renewal requirements set forth in this Section 16 at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is ineligible to 17 register his or her license and may submit an appeal to the 18 State Superintendent of Education for reinstatement of the 19 license.

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

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1 during the extension period.

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

(11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 7 8 subsection (e), if a licensee earns more than the required 9 number of professional development hours during a renewal 10 cycle, then the licensee may carry over any hours earned 11 from April 1 through June 30 of the last year of the 12 renewal cycle. Any hours carried over in this manner must renewal cycle. 13 be applied to the next Illinois 14 Administrators' Academy courses or hours earned in those 15 courses may not be carried over.

16 (f) At the time of renewal, each licensee shall respond to 17 the required questions under penalty of perjury.

(f-5) The State Board of Education shall conduct random 18 19 audits of licensees to verify a licensee's fulfillment of the 20 professional development hours required under this Section. Upon completion of a random audit, if it is determined by the 21 22 State Board of Education that the licensee did not complete the 23 required number of professional development hours or did not 24 provide sufficient proof of completion, the licensee shall be 25 notified that his or her license has lapsed. A license that has lapsed under this subsection may be reinstated as provided in 26

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1 subsection (b).

2 (g) The following entities shall be designated as approved to provide professional development activities for the renewal 3 of Professional Educator Licenses: 4 (1) The State Board of Education. 5 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate 6 7 service centers. 8 (3) Illinois professional associations representing 9 the following groups that are approved by the State 10 Superintendent of Education: 11 (A) school administrators; 12 (B) principals; 13 (C) school business officials; 14 (D) teachers, including special education 15 teachers; 16 (E) school boards; 17 (F) school districts; (G) parents; and 18 19 (H) school service personnel. 20 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher education 21 that offer Illinois-approved educator 22 preparation programs and public community colleges subject 23 to the Public Community College Act. (5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools 24 25 authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint

26 educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this

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Code for the purposes of providing career and technical
 education or special education services.

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

9 (7) State agencies, State boards, and State 10 commissions.

11 (8) Museums as defined in Section 10 of the Museum12 Disposition of Property Act.

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

16 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and 17 district leaders who guide continuous professional 18 development;

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(2) improve the learning of students;

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

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(4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

23 (5) provide educators with research-based 24 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting 25 rigorous academic standards;

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(6) prepare educators to appropriately use various

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1 types of classroom assessments; 2 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the 3 intended goals; (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to 4 5 collaborate; or 6 (9) prepare educators to apply research to 7 decision-making. 8 (i) Approved providers under subsection (q) of this Section 9 shall do the following: 10 (1) align professional development activities to the 11 State-approved national standards for professional 12 learning; 13 (2) meet the professional development criteria for Illinois licensure renewal: 14 15 (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains 16 how it aligns to State standards and identify the 17 assessment for determining the expected impact on student learning or school improvement; 18 (4) maintain original documentation for completion of 19 activities; 20 21 provide license holders with evidence of (5) 22 completion of activities; and 23 (6) request an Illinois Educator Identification Number 24 (IEIN) for each educator during each professional 25 development activity. 26 (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual

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audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school 1 2 districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of education and intermediate service centers. The State Board of 3 Education shall ensure that each approved provider, except for 4 5 a school district, is audited at least once every 5 years. The 6 State Board of Education may conduct more frequent audits of 7 providers if evidence suggests the requirements of this Section 8 or administrative rules are not being met. The State Board of Education shall complete random audits of licensees. 9

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11 (2) Approved providers shall comply with the 12 requirements in subsections (h) and (i) of this Section by 13 annually submitting data to the State Board of Education 14 demonstrating how the professional development activities 15 impacted one or more of the following:

16 (A) educator and student growth in regards to17 content knowledge or skills, or both;

(B) educator and student social and emotionalgrowth; or

20 (C) alignment to district or school improvement21 plans.

(3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review
the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,
regional offices of education, and intermediate service
centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has
met the criteria and should continue to be an approved

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1 2 provider or if further action should be taken as provided in rules.

(k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal 3 cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each 4 5 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and 6 7 entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the 8 registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or 9 debit card.

10 (1) Any professional educator licensee endorsed for school 11 support personnel who is employed and performing services in 12 Illinois public schools and who holds an active and current 13 professional license issued by the Department of Financial and 14 Professional Regulation or a national certification board, as 15 approved by the State Board of Education, related to the 16 endorsement areas on the Professional Educator License shall be 17 to have satisfied the continuing professional deemed development requirements provided for in this Section. Such 18 individuals shall be required to pay only registration fees to 19 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 Educator License provided for in this Section. 24

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

the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed 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 determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of 13 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;

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

24 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for25 nonrenewal of the license.

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(3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board

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shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle 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. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-130, eff. 7-24-15; 10 99-591, eff. 1-1-17; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 11 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-339, eff. 8-25-17; 100-596, eff. 12 7-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)

13 (105 ILCS 5/21B-80)

Sec. 21B-80. Conviction of certain offenses as grounds for disqualification for licensure or suspension or revocation of a license.

17 (a) As used in this Section:

18 "Drug offense" means any one or more of the following 19 offenses:

(1) Any offense defined in the Cannabis Control Act,
except those defined in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of
Section 4 and subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 5 of the
Cannabis Control Act and any offense for which the holder
of a license is placed on probation under the provisions of
Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, provided that if

the terms and conditions of probation required by the court are not fulfilled, the offense is not eligible for this exception.

4 (2) Any offense defined in the Illinois Controlled
5 Substances Act, except any offense for which the holder of
6 a license is placed on probation under the provisions of
7 Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act,
8 provided that if the terms and conditions of probation
9 required by the court are not fulfilled, the offense is not
10 eligible for this exception.

(3) Any offense defined in the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, except any offense for which the holder of a license is placed on probation under the provision of Section 70 of that Act, provided that if the terms and conditions of probation required by the court are not fulfilled, the offense is not eligible for this exception.

18 (4) Any attempt to commit any of the offenses listed in
19 items (1) through (3) of this definition.

(5) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
state or against the laws of the United States that, if
committed or attempted in this State, would have been
punishable as one or more of the offenses listed in items
(1) through (4) of this definition.

25 The changes made by Public Act 96-431 to this definition are 26 declaratory of existing law. SB0456 Engrossed - 28 - LRB101 04217 AXK 49225 b

"Sentence" includes any period of <u>mandatory supervised</u>
 <u>release</u> supervision or probation that was imposed either alone
 or in combination with a period of incarceration.

4 "Sex <u>or other</u> offense" means any one or more of the 5 following offenses:

(A) Any offense defined in Sections 11-6, 11-9 through 6 11-9.5, inclusive, and 11-30 (if punished as a Class 4 7 felony) of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code 8 9 of 2012; Sections 11-14.1 through 11-21, inclusive, of the 10 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012; 11 Sections 11-23 (if punished as a Class 3 felony), 11-24, 12 11-25, and 11-26 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012; Section 10-5.1, subsection (c) of 13 14 Section 10-9, and Sections 11-6.6, 11-11, 12-3.05, 12-3.3, 12-6.4, 12-7.1, 12-34, 12-34.5, and 12-35 of the Criminal 15 Code of 2012; and Sections 11-1.20, 11-1.30, 11-1.40, 16 11-1.50, 11-1.60, 12 4.9, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, 17 12-16, 12-32, 12-33, 12C-45, and 26-4 (if punished pursuant 18 to subdivision (4) or (5) of subsection (d) of Section 19 20 26-4) of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012. 21

(B) Any attempt to commit any of the offenses listed initem (A) of this definition.

(C) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
 state that, if committed or attempted in this State, would
 have been punishable as one or more of the offenses listed

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in items (A) and (B) of this definition.

2 (b) Whenever the holder of any license issued pursuant to this Article or applicant for a license to be issued pursuant 3 to this Article has been convicted of any drug offense, other 4 5 than as provided in subsection (c) of this Section, the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith suspend the 6 7 license or deny the application, whichever is applicable, until 7 years following the end of the sentence for the criminal 8 9 offense. If the conviction is reversed and the holder is 10 acquitted of the offense in a new trial or the charges against 11 him or her are dismissed, the State Superintendent of Education 12 shall forthwith terminate the suspension of the license.

13 (b-5) Whenever the holder of a license issued pursuant to this Article or applicant for a license to be issued pursuant 14 to this Article has been charged with attempting to commit, 15 conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing any sex or 16 17 other offense, first degree murder, or a Class X felony or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against 18 the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted 19 20 in this State, would have been punishable as one or more of the 21 foregoing offenses, the State Superintendent of Education 22 shall immediately suspend the license or deny the application 23 until the person's criminal charges are adjudicated through a 24 court of competent jurisdiction. If the person is acquitted, 25 his or her license or application shall be immediately 26 reinstated.

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(c) Whenever the holder of a license issued pursuant to 1 2 this Article or applicant for a license to be issued pursuant 3 to this Article has been convicted of attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing any sex or 4 5 other offense, first degree murder, or a Class X felony or any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against 6 7 the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted 8 in this State, would have been punishable as one or more of the 9 foregoing offenses, the State Superintendent of Education 10 shall forthwith suspend the license or deny the application, 11 whichever is applicable. If the conviction is reversed and the 12 holder is acquitted of that offense in a new trial or the charges that he or she committed that offense are dismissed, 13 14 State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith the 15 terminate the suspension of the license. When the conviction 16 becomes final, the State Superintendent of Education shall 17 forthwith revoke the license.

18 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-667, eff. 7-29-16.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/24-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-14)

Sec. 24-14. Termination of contractual continued service by teacher. A teacher who has entered into contractual continued service may resign at any time by obtaining concurrence of the board or by serving at least 30 days' written notice upon the secretary of the board. However, no teacher may resign during the school term, without the SB0456 Engrossed - 31 - LRB101 04217 AXK 49225 b

concurrence of the board, in order to accept another teaching 1 assignment. Any teacher terminating said service not in 2 3 accordance with this Section may be referred by the board to the State Superintendent of Education is quilty of 4 5 unprofessional conduct and liable to suspension of licensure 6 for a period not to exceed 1 year, as provided in Section 7 21B 75 of this Code. The State Superintendent or his or her 8 designee shall convene an informal evidentiary hearing no later 9 than 90 days after receipt of a resolution by the board. If the State Superintendent or his or her designee finds that the 10 11 teacher resigned during the school term without the concurrence 12 of the board to accept another teaching assignment, the State 13 Superintendent must suspend the teacher's license for a period 14 not to exceed one calendar year. In lieu of a hearing and finding, the teacher may agree to a lesser licensure sanction 15 16 at the discretion of the State Superintendent.

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

18 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.5)

Sec. 34-18.5. Criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide Sex Offender Database and Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database.

(a) <u>Licensed and nonlicensed</u> Certified and noncertified applicants for employment with the school district are required as a condition of employment to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal history records check to determine if such applicants SB0456 Engrossed - 32 - LRB101 04217 AXK 49225 b

have been convicted of any disqualifying, of the enumerated 1 2 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of this Section or 3 have been convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment with the school district, of any other felony under 4 5 the laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States 6 7 that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been 8 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State. 9 Authorization for the check shall be furnished by the applicant 10 to the school district, except that if the applicant is a 11 substitute teacher seeking employment in more than one school 12 district, or a teacher seeking concurrent part-time employment 13 positions with more than one school district (as a reading specialist, special education teacher or otherwise), or an 14 15 educational support personnel employee seeking employment 16 positions with more than one district, any such district may 17 require the applicant to furnish authorization for the check to the regional superintendent of the educational service region 18 in which are located the school districts in which the 19 applicant is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent 20 part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel 21 22 employee. Upon receipt of this authorization, the school 23 district or the appropriate regional superintendent, as the case may be, shall submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date 24 25 of birth, social security number, fingerprint images, and other 26 identifiers, as prescribed by the Department of State Police,

to the Department. The regional superintendent submitting the 1 2 requisite information to the Department of State Police shall 3 promptly notify the school districts in which the applicant is seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time 4 5 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee that the check of the applicant has been requested. The 6 Department of State Police and the Federal 7 Bureau of 8 Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a fingerprint-based 9 criminal history records check, records of convictions, 10 forever and hereinafter, until expunged, to the president of 11 the school board for the school district that requested the 12 check, or to the regional superintendent who requested the 13 check. The Department shall charge the school district or the 14 appropriate regional superintendent a fee for conducting such 15 check, which fee shall be deposited in the State Police 16 Services Fund and shall not exceed the cost of the inquiry; and 17 the applicant shall not be charged a fee for such check by the school district or by the regional superintendent. Subject to 18 19 appropriations for these purposes, the State Superintendent of 20 Education shall reimburse the school district and regional superintendent for fees paid to obtain criminal history records 21 22 checks under this Section.

(a-5) The school district or regional superintendent shall
further perform a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database,
as authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law,
for each applicant. <u>The check of the Statewide Sex Offender</u>

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Database must be conducted by the school district or regional superintendent once for every 5 years that an applicant remains employed by the school district.

(a-6) The school district or regional superintendent shall 4 5 further perform a check of the Statewide Murderer and Violent 6 Offender Against Youth Database, as authorized by the Murderer 7 and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law, 8 for each applicant. The check of the Murderer and Violent 9 Offender Against Youth Database must be conducted by the school 10 district or regional superintendent once for every 5 years that 11 an applicant remains employed by the school district.

12 (b) Any information concerning the record of convictions 13 obtained by the president of the board of education or the regional superintendent shall be confidential and may only be 14 15 transmitted to the general superintendent of the school 16 district or his designee, the appropriate regional 17 superintendent if the check was requested by the board of education for the school district, the presidents of the 18 appropriate board of education or school boards if the check 19 was requested from the Department of State Police by the 20 21 regional superintendent, the State Superintendent of 22 Education, the State Educator Preparation and Licensure State 23 Teacher Certification Board or any other person necessary to 24 the decision of hiring the applicant for employment. A copy of 25 the record of convictions obtained from the Department of State 26 Police shall be provided to the applicant for employment. Upon

the check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database, the school 1 2 district or regional superintendent shall notify an applicant 3 as to whether or not the applicant has been identified in the Database as a sex offender. If a check of an applicant for 4 5 employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or 6 concurrent educational support personnel employee in more than 7 district was requested by the one school regional 8 superintendent, and the Department of State Police upon a check 9 ascertains that the applicant has not been convicted of any of 10 the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of 11 this Section or has not been convicted, within 7 years of the 12 application for employment with the school district, of any 13 other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense 14 committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this 15 16 State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of 17 this State and so notifies the regional superintendent and if the regional superintendent upon a check ascertains that the 18 applicant has not been identified in the Sex Offender Database 19 20 as a sex offender, then the regional superintendent shall issue 21 to the applicant a certificate evidencing that as of the date 22 specified by the Department of State Police the applicant has 23 not been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug 24 offenses in subsection (c) of this Section or has not been 25 convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment 26 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws of

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this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any 1 2 other state or against the laws of the United States that, if 3 committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this State and 4 5 evidencing that as of the date that the regional superintendent conducted a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database, the 6 7 applicant has not been identified in the Database as a sex 8 offender. The school board of any school district may rely on 9 the certificate issued by any regional superintendent to that 10 substitute teacher, concurrent part-time teacher, or 11 concurrent educational support personnel employee or may 12 initiate its own criminal history records check of the 13 applicant through the Department of State Police and its own check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database as provided in 14 15 subsection (a). Any unauthorized release of confidential information may be a violation of Section 7 of the Criminal 16 17 Identification Act.

(c) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a 18 person who has been convicted of any offense that would subject 19 20 him or her to license suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 21B-80 of this Code, except as provided under 21 22 subsection (b) of 21B-80. Further, the board of education shall 23 not knowingly employ a person who has been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of any minor under 18 24 25 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. The board of education shall not 26

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1 knowingly employ a person who has been issued an indicated 2 finding of abuse or neglect of a child by the Department of 3 Children and Family Services under the Abused and Neglected 4 Child Reporting Act or by a child welfare agency of another 5 jurisdiction.

6 (d) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a 7 person for whom a criminal history records check and a 8 Statewide Sex Offender Database check has not been initiated.

9 (e) No later than 15 business days after receipt of a record of conviction or of checking the Statewide Murderer and 10 11 Violent Offender Against Youth Database or the Statewide Sex 12 Offender Database and finding a registration, the general 13 superintendent of schools or the applicable regional 14 superintendent shall, in writing, notify the State Superintendent of Education of any license holder who has been 15 16 convicted of a crime set forth in Section 21B-80 of this Code. Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a finding of 17 child abuse by a holder of any license certificate issued 18 pursuant to Article 21B 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the 19 20 School Code, the State Superintendent of Education may initiate 21 licensure certificate suspension and revocation proceedings as 22 authorized by law. If the receipt of the record of conviction 23 or finding of child abuse is received within 6 months after the 24 initial grant of or renewal of a license, the State 25 Superintendent of Education may rescind the license holder's 26 license.

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(e-5) The general superintendent of schools shall, in 1 writing, notify the State Superintendent of Education of any 2 3 license certificate holder whom he or she has reasonable cause to believe has committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect 4 5 with the result of making a child an abused child or a neglected child, as defined in Section 3 of the Abused and 6 7 Neglected Child Reporting Act, and that act resulted in the license certificate holder's dismissal or resignation from the 8 school district. This notification must be submitted within 30 9 10 days after the dismissal or resignation. The license 11 certificate holder must also be contemporaneously sent a copy 12 of the notice by the superintendent. All correspondence, documentation, and other information so received by the State 13 Superintendent of Education, the State Board of Education, or 14 the State Educator Preparation and Licensure State Teacher 15 16 **Certification** Board under this subsection (e-5) is 17 confidential and must not be disclosed to third parties, except (i) as necessary for the State Superintendent of Education or 18 19 his or her designee to investigate and prosecute pursuant to 20 Article 21B 21 of this Code, (ii) pursuant to a court order, (iii) for disclosure to the license certificate holder or his 21 22 or her representative, or (iv) as otherwise provided in this 23 Article and provided that any such information admitted into evidence in a hearing is exempt from this confidentiality and 24 25 non-disclosure requirement. Except for an act of willful or 26 wanton misconduct, any superintendent who provides

notification as required in this subsection (e-5) shall have immunity from any liability, whether civil or criminal or that otherwise might result by reason of such action.

(f) After March 19, 1990, the provisions of this Section 4 5 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding contracts with any school district including, but not limited 6 to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other 7 8 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with 9 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of 10 criminal history records checks and checks of the Statewide Sex 11 Offender Database on employees of persons or firms holding 12 contracts with more than one school district and assigned to 13 more than one school district, the regional superintendent of 14 the educational service region in which the contracting school 15 districts are located may, at the request of any such school 16 district, be responsible for receiving the authorization for a 17 criminal history records check prepared by each such employee and submitting the same to the Department of State Police and 18 for conducting a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database 19 20 for each employee. Any information concerning the record of conviction and identification as a sex offender of any such 21 22 employee obtained by the regional superintendent shall be 23 promptly reported to the president of the appropriate school board or school boards. 24

25 (f-5) Upon request of a school or school district, any 26 information obtained by the school district pursuant to subsection (f) of this Section within the last year must be
 made available to the requesting school or school district.

3 (g) Prior to the commencement of any student teaching experience or required internship (which is referred to as 4 5 student teaching in this Section) in the public schools, a student teacher is required to authorize a fingerprint-based 6 criminal history records check. Authorization for and payment 7 of the costs of the check must be furnished by the student 8 9 teacher to the school district. Upon receipt of this 10 authorization and payment, the school district shall submit the 11 student teacher's name, sex, race, date of birth, social 12 security number, fingerprint images, and other identifiers, as 13 prescribed by the Department of State Police, to the Department 14 of State Police. The Department of State Police and the Federal 15 Bureau of Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to а 16 fingerprint-based criminal history records check, records of 17 convictions, forever and hereinafter, until expunded, to the president of the board. The Department shall charge the school 18 district a fee for conducting the check, which fee must not 19 20 exceed the cost of the inquiry and must be deposited into the State Police Services Fund. The school district shall further 21 22 perform a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database, as 23 authorized by the Sex Offender Community Notification Law, and of the Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth 24 25 Database, as authorized by the Murderer and Violent Offender 26 Against Youth Registration Act, for each student teacher. The

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board may not knowingly allow a person to student teach for whom a criminal history records check, a Statewide Sex Offender Database check, and a Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database check have not been completed and reviewed by the district.

6 A copy of the record of convictions obtained from the 7 Department of State Police must be provided to the student 8 teacher. Any information concerning the record of convictions 9 obtained by the president of the board is confidential and may 10 only be transmitted to the general superintendent of schools or 11 his or her designee, the State Superintendent of Education, the 12 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, or, for 13 clarification purposes, the Department of State Police or the Statewide Sex Offender Database or Statewide Murderer and 14 15 Violent Offender Against Youth Database. Any unauthorized 16 release of confidential information may be a violation of 17 Section 7 of the Criminal Identification Act.

The board may not knowingly allow a person to student teach 18 19 who has been convicted of any offense that would subject him or 20 her to license suspension or revocation pursuant to subsection 21 (c) of Section 21B-80 of this Code, except as provided under 22 subsection (b) of Section 21B-80. Further, the board may not 23 allow a person to student teach if he or she or who has been 24 found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of a 25 minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. The board may not 26

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1 knowingly allow a person to student teach who has been issued 2 an indicated finding of abuse or neglect of a child by the 3 Department of Children and Family Services under the Abused and 4 Neglected Child Reporting Act or by a child welfare agency of 5 another jurisdiction.

6 (h) (Blank).

7 (Source: P.A. 99-21, eff. 1-1-16; 99-667, eff. 7-29-16.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/34-84b) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-84b)

9 Sec. 34-84b. Conviction of <u>criminal</u> sex or narcotics
10 offense, first degree murder, attempted first degree murder, or
11 Class X felony as grounds for revocation of certificate.

12 (a) Whenever the holder of any certificate issued by the board of education has been convicted of any criminal sex 13 offense or narcotics offense as defined in this Section, the 14 15 board of education shall forthwith suspend the certificate. If 16 the conviction is reversed and the holder is acquitted of the offense in a new trial or the charges against him are 17 dismissed, the board shall forthwith terminate the suspension 18 of the certificate. When the conviction becomes final, the 19 board shall forthwith revoke the certificate. "Criminal Sex 20 21 offense" as used in this Section means any one or more of the 22 following offenses: (1) any offense defined in Sections 11-6, 11-9 through 11-9.5, inclusive, and 11-30 (if punished as a 23 24 Class 4 felony) of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal 25 Code of 2012; - Sections 11-14.1 11-14 through 11-21, inclusive,

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of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012; 1 2 Sections 11-23 (if punished as a Class 3 felony), 11-24, 11-25, 3 and 11-26 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012; Section 10-5.1, subsection (c) of Section 10-9, and 4 Sections 11-6.6, 11-11, 12-3.05, 12-3.3, 12-6.4, 12-7.1, 5 12-34, 12-34.5, and 12-35 of the Criminal Code of 2012; and and 6 7 Sections 11-1.20, 11-1.30, 11-1.40, 11-1.50, 11-1.60, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15 and 12-16, 12-32, 12-33, 12C-45, and 26-4 8 9 (if punished pursuant to subdivision (4) or (5) of subsection 10 (d) of Section 26-4) of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012; (2) any attempt to commit any of the 11 12 foregoing offenses, and (3) any offense committed or attempted 13 in any other state which, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as one or more of the 14 foregoing offenses. "Narcotics offense" as used in this Section 15 16 means any one or more of the following offenses: (1) any 17 offense defined in the Cannabis Control Act except those defined in Sections 4(a), 4(b) and 5(a) of that Act and any 18 offense for which the holder of any certificate is placed on 19 20 probation under the provisions of Section 10 of that Act and fulfills the terms and conditions of probation as may be 21 22 required by the court; (2) any offense defined in the Illinois 23 Controlled Substances Act except any offense for which the holder of any certificate is placed on probation under the 24 provisions of Section 410 of that Act and fulfills the terms 25 26 and conditions of probation as may be required by the court;

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1 (3) any offense defined in the Methamphetamine Control and 2 Community Protection Act except any offense for which the holder of any certificate is placed on probation under the 3 provision of Section 70 of that Act and fulfills the terms and 4 5 conditions of probation as may be required by the court; (4) any attempt to commit any of the foregoing offenses; and (5) 6 7 any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States which, if committed or 8 9 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as one or more of the foregoing offenses. 10

11 (a-5) Whenever the holder of a license issued pursuant to 12 Article 21B or applicant for a license to be issued pursuant to 13 Article 21B has been charged with attempting to commit, 14 conspiring to commit, soliciting, or committing a criminal offense, first degree murder, or a Class X felony or any 15 16 offense committed or attempted in any other state or against 17 the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as one or more of the 18 19 foregoing offenses, the State Superintendent of Education 20 shall immediately suspend the license or deny the application 21 until the person's criminal charges are adjudicated through a 22 court of competent jurisdiction. If the person is acquitted, 23 the license or application shall be immediately reinstated.

(b) Whenever the holder of any certificate issued by the
 board of education or pursuant to Article <u>21B</u> 21 or any other
 provisions of the School Code has been convicted of first

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degree murder, attempted first degree murder, or a Class X 1 2 felony, the board of education or the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith suspend the certificate. If the 3 conviction is reversed and the holder is acquitted of that 4 5 offense in a new trial or the charges that he or she committed 6 that offense are dismissed, the State Superintendent of Education suspending authority shall forthwith terminate the 7 8 suspension of the certificate. When the conviction becomes 9 final, the State Superintendent of Education shall forthwith revoke the certificate. The stated offenses of "first degree 10 11 murder", "attempted first degree murder", and "Class X felony" 12 referred to in this Section include any offense committed in 13 another state that, if committed in this State, would have been punishable as any one of the stated offenses. 14

15 (Source: P.A. 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)