

SB1451



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-20

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that a Professional Educator License may be issued to a person who holds a valid Educator License with Stipulations with a paraprofessional educator endorsement if he or she (i) has at least 5 years of practical classroom experience, (ii) has worked a minimum of 100 school days in each of those years, (iii) is paired with a mentor teacher for a minimum of one year, who must observe, guide, support, and provide the licensee feedback on his or her performance, as warranted, (iv) commits to participating in a minimum of 24 professional development hours each year, approved by the State Board of Education, or taking postsecondary courses in education geared toward the continuous improvement of his or her professional practice, and (v) has completed an approved alternative educator licensure program.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21B-20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

7 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The State Board of
8 Education shall implement a system of educator licensure,
9 whereby individuals employed in school districts who are
10 required to be licensed must have one of the following
11 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) an educator
12 license with stipulations; (iii) a substitute teaching
13 license; or (iv) until June 30, 2023, a short-term substitute
14 teaching license. References in law regarding individuals
15 certified or certificated or required to be certified or
16 certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall also include
17 individuals licensed or required to be licensed under this
18 Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June 30
19 following one full year of the license being issued.

20 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
21 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
22 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
23 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

1 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
2 have successfully completed an approved educator
3 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
4 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
5 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
6 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
7 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
8 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
9 the exceptional child, including without limitation
10 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have
11 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
12 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
13 criteria established by rule of the State Board of
14 Education shall be issued a Professional Educator License.
15 All Professional Educator Licenses are valid until June 30
16 immediately following 5 years of the license being issued.
17 The Professional Educator License shall be endorsed with
18 specific areas and grade levels in which the individual is
19 eligible to practice.

20 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this paragraph
21 (1), a Professional Educator License may be issued to a
22 person who holds a valid Educator License with Stipulations
23 with a paraprofessional educator endorsement if he or she
24 (i) has at least 5 years of practical classroom experience,
25 (ii) has worked a minimum of 100 school days in each of
26 those years, (iii) is paired with a mentor teacher for a

1 minimum of one year, who must observe, guide, support, and
2 provide the licensee feedback on his or her performance, as
3 warranted, (iv) commits to participating in a minimum of 24
4 professional development hours each year, approved by the
5 State Board of Education, or taking postsecondary courses
6 in education geared toward the continuous improvement of
7 his or her professional practice, and (v) has completed an
8 approved alternative educator licensure program under
9 Section 21B-50.

10 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
11 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
12 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
13 in the endorsement area and passage of the applicable
14 content area test, unless otherwise specified by rule.

15 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
16 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
17 that limits the license holder to one particular position
18 or does not require completion of an approved educator
19 program or both.

20 An individual with an Educator License with
21 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
22 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
23 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

24 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
25 with the following endorsements:

26 (A) (Blank). ~~A A provisional educator endorsement~~

1 ~~for a service member or a spouse of a service member is~~
2 ~~valid until June 30 immediately following 3 years of~~
3 ~~the license being issued, provided that any remaining~~
4 ~~testing and coursework deficiencies are met under this~~
5 ~~Section. In this Section, "spouse of a service member"~~
6 ~~means any person who, at the time of application under~~
7 ~~this Section, is the spouse of an active duty member of~~
8 ~~the United States Armed Forces or any reserve component~~
9 ~~of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard~~
10 ~~of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United~~
11 ~~States or the District of Columbia.~~

12 ~~Except as otherwise provided under this~~
13 ~~subparagraph, a~~

14 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
15 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
16 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
17 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
18 endorsement, has done all of the following:

19 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
20 college or university with a minimum of a
21 bachelor's degree.

22 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
23 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
24 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
25 Code.

26 (iii) Passed a test of basic skills and content

1 area test, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
2 Code.

3 The alternative provisional educator endorsement is
4 valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for a
5 third year by an individual meeting the requirements set
6 forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

7 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An
8 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
9 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
10 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant
11 superintendent in a school district's central office.
12 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
13 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
14 done all of the following:

15 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
16 college or university with a minimum of a master's
17 degree in a management field other than education.

18 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
19 years in a management level position in a field
20 other than education.

21 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
22 of an alternative route to superintendent
23 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
24 of this Code.

25 (iv) Passed a test of basic skills and content
26 area tests required under Section 21B-30 of this

1 Code.

2 The endorsement is valid for 2 fiscal years in
3 order to complete one full year of serving as a
4 superintendent or assistant superintendent.

5 (D) (Blank).

6 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
7 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
8 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has
9 a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
10 regionally accredited institution of higher education
11 or an accredited trade and technical institution and
12 has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside of
13 education in each area to be taught.

14 The career and technical educator endorsement on
15 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
16 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
17 endorsement being issued and may be renewed. For
18 individuals who were issued the career and technical
19 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
20 Stipulations on or after January 1, 2015, the license
21 may be renewed if the individual passes a test of basic
22 skills or test of work proficiency, as required under
23 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

24 An individual who holds a valid career and
25 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
26 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's degree

1 may substitute teach in career and technical education
2 classrooms.

3 (F) Part-time provisional career and technical
4 educator or provisional career and technical educator.
5 A part-time provisional career and technical educator
6 endorsement or a provisional career and technical
7 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
8 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who has a
9 minimum of 8,000 hours of work experience in the skill
10 for which the applicant is seeking the endorsement. It
11 is the responsibility of each employing school board
12 and regional office of education to provide
13 verification, in writing, to the State Superintendent
14 of Education at the time the application is submitted
15 that no qualified teacher holding a Professional
16 Educator License or an Educator License with
17 Stipulations with a career and technical educator
18 endorsement is available and that actual circumstances
19 require such issuance.

20 The provisional career and technical educator
21 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
22 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
23 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5
24 years. For individuals who were issued the provisional
25 career and technical educator endorsement on an
26 Educator License with Stipulations on or after January

1 1, 2015, the license may be renewed if the individual
2 passes a test of basic skills or test of work
3 proficiency, as required under Section 21B-30 of this
4 Code.

5 A part-time provisional career and technical
6 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
7 Stipulations may be issued for teaching no more than 2
8 courses of study for grades 6 through 12. The part-time
9 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
10 on an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
11 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
12 endorsement being issued and may be renewed for 5 years
13 if the individual makes application for renewal.

14 An individual who holds a provisional or part-time
15 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
16 on an Educator License with Stipulations but does not
17 hold a bachelor's degree may substitute teach in career
18 and technical education classrooms.

19 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
20 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
21 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
22 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
23 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
24 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all
25 of the following requirements:

26 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and

1 writing ability in the language other than English
2 in which transitional bilingual education is
3 offered.

4 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
5 communicate in English.

6 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
7 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
8 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
9 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
10 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
11 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
12 a foreign country that the State Educator
13 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
14 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
15 regionally accredited institution of higher
16 learning in the United States.

17 A transitional bilingual educator endorsement
18 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12, is
19 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
20 the endorsement being issued, and shall not be renewed.

21 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
22 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
23 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
24 replaced for any reason.

25 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
26 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language

1 other than English in the public schools, an individual
2 who holds an Educator License with Stipulations may
3 also apply for a language endorsement, provided that
4 the applicant provides satisfactory evidence that he
5 or she meets all of the following requirements:

6 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
7 endorsement.

8 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
9 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
10 by passing the applicable language content test
11 required by the State Board of Education.

12 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
13 a regionally accredited institution of higher
14 education or, for individuals educated in a
15 country other than the United States, holds a
16 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
17 foreign country that the State Educator
18 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
19 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
20 regionally accredited institution of higher
21 learning in the United States.

22 (iv) Has passed a test of basic skills, as
23 required under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

24 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
25 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
26 grade 12 for the same validity period as the

1 individual's transitional bilingual educator
2 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
3 and shall not be renewed.

4 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
5 international educator endorsement on an Educator
6 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
7 individual who is being recruited by a particular
8 school district that conducts formal recruitment
9 programs outside of the United States to secure the
10 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of the
11 following requirements:

12 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
13 bachelor's degree issued in the United States.

14 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the
15 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

16 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
17 subject to be taught.

18 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
19 language.

20 A holder of a visiting international educator
21 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
22 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
23 programs in the language that was the medium of
24 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
25 provided that he or she passes the English Language
26 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing

1 skills in English identified by the State Board of
2 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
3 Preparation and Licensure Board.

4 A visiting international educator endorsement on
5 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 3
6 years and shall not be renewed.

7 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
8 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
9 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
10 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
11 either holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
12 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
13 institution of higher education or has passed a test of
14 basic skills required under Section 21B-30 of this
15 Code. The paraprofessional educator endorsement is
16 valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of
17 the endorsement being issued and may be renewed through
18 application and payment of the appropriate fee, as
19 required under Section 21B-40 of this Code. An
20 individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator
21 endorsement is not subject to additional requirements
22 in order to renew the endorsement.

23 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
24 business official endorsement on an Educator License
25 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who
26 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2

1 years of full-time administrative experience in school
2 business management or 2 years of university-approved
3 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
4 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
5 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
6 business administrators and by passage of the
7 applicable State tests, including a test of basic
8 skills and applicable content area test.

9 The chief school business official endorsement may
10 also be affixed to the Educator License with
11 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
12 master's degree in business administration, finance,
13 accounting, or public administration and who completes
14 an additional 6 semester hours of internship in school
15 business management from a regionally accredited
16 institution of higher education and passes the
17 applicable State tests, including a test of basic
18 skills and applicable content area test. This
19 endorsement shall be required for any individual
20 employed as a chief school business official.

21 The chief school business official endorsement on
22 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
23 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
24 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the
25 license holder completes renewal requirements as
26 required for individuals who hold a Professional

1 Educator License endorsed for chief school business
2 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such
3 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of
4 Education.

5 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules
6 necessary to implement Public Act 100-288.

7 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
8 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
9 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
10 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation
11 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
12 and who has not successfully completed an
13 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
14 who meets all of the following requirements:

15 (i) Holds at least a bachelor's degree.

16 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
17 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

18 (iii) Has passed a test of basic skills and
19 applicable content area test, as required by
20 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

21 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
22 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a
23 minimum score on that assessment, as established
24 by the State Board of Education in consultation
25 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
26 Board.

1 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
2 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
3 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
4 be renewed.

5 (M) School support personnel intern. A school
6 support personnel intern endorsement on an Educator
7 License with Stipulations may be issued as specified by
8 rule.

9 (N) Special education area. A special education
10 area endorsement on an Educator License with
11 Stipulations may be issued as defined and specified by
12 rule.

13 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
14 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
15 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
16 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
17 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
18 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's degree
19 or higher from a regionally accredited institution of
20 higher education.

21 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

22 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
23 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
24 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
25 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked,
26 then that individual is not eligible to obtain a Substitute

1 Teaching License.

2 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
3 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
4 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
5 contract because of an emergency situation, then a district
6 may employ a substitute teacher for no longer than 30
7 calendar days per each vacant position in the district if
8 the district notifies the appropriate regional office of
9 education within 5 business days after the employment of
10 the substitute teacher in the emergency situation. An
11 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy
12 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unable to fulfill his or
13 her contractual duties or (ii) teacher capacity needs of
14 the district exceed previous indications, and the district
15 is actively engaged in advertising to hire a fully licensed
16 teacher for the vacant position.

17 There is no limit on the number of days that a
18 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
19 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
20 than 90 school days for any one licensed teacher under
21 contract in the same school year. A substitute teacher who
22 holds a Professional Educator License or Educator License
23 with Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school
24 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
25 same school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on
26 the number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do

1 not apply to any school district operating under Article 34
2 of this Code.

3 A school district may not require an individual who
4 holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator
5 License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute
6 Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

7 (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning
8 on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2023, the State Board of
9 Education may issue a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
10 License. A Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may be
11 issued to a qualified applicant for substitute teaching in
12 all grades of the public schools, prekindergarten through
13 grade 12. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not
14 eligible for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term
15 Substitute Teaching License must hold an associate's
16 degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a
17 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

18 Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for
19 substitute teaching in every county of this State. If an
20 individual has had his or her Professional Educator License
21 or Educator License with Stipulations suspended or
22 revoked, then that individual is not eligible to obtain a
23 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License.

24 The provisions of Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of this
25 Code apply to short-term substitute teachers.

26 An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching

1 License may teach no more than 5 consecutive days per
2 licensed teacher who is under contract. For teacher
3 absences lasting 6 or more days per licensed teacher who is
4 under contract, a school district may not hire an
5 individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
6 License. An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute
7 Teaching License must complete the training program under
8 Section 10-20.67 or 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to
9 teach at a public school. This paragraph (4) is inoperative
10 on and after July 1, 2023.

11 (Source: P.A. 99-35, eff. 1-1-16; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-143,
12 eff. 7-27-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17; 100-8,
13 eff. 7-1-17; 100-13, eff. 7-1-17; 100-288, eff. 8-24-17;
14 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-821, eff. 9-3-18; 100-863, eff.
15 8-14-18; revised 10-1-18.)