



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB1833

Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Bob Morgan and Stephanie A. Kifowit

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 48/45 new

Amends the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish and administer a transition to teaching program that allows competent professionals, recent college graduates, and individuals working at a school or in some other facet of teaching to train to become teachers. Provides that a person is eligible to participate in the program if the person (1) passes a written examination that demonstrates competency in relevant subjects related to the person's expected teaching position, (2) participates in a beginning teacher residency program at an elementary or secondary school in this State, and (3) receives sponsorship by the school to have an initial practitioner license issued by the State Board of Education that allows the individual to teach at the school while pursuing a Professional Educator License. As part of the transition to teaching program, requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a loan forgiveness program in which a person participating in the transition to teaching program who has student loans guaranteed by the State of Illinois is eligible to have those loans forgiven if the person successfully receives a Professional Educator License and teaches in a rural school district or a disadvantaged school district in this State for 2 consecutive school years.

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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 Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act is
5 amended by adding Section 45 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 48/45 new)

7 Sec. 45. Transition to teaching program.

8 (a) The Board of Higher Education shall establish and
9 administer a transition to teaching program that allows
10 competent professionals, recent college graduates, and
11 individuals working at a school or in some other facet of
12 teaching to train to become teachers. A person is eligible to
13 participate in the program if the person:

14 (1) passes a written examination that demonstrates
15 competency in relevant subjects related to the person's
16 expected teaching position;

17 (2) participates in a beginning teacher residency
18 program at an elementary or secondary school in this
19 State; and

20 (3) receives sponsorship by the school to have an
21 initial practitioner license issued by the State Board of
22 Education that allows the individual to teach at the
23 school while pursuing a Professional Educator License

1 under Article 21B of the School Code.

2 The State Board of Education shall create an initial
3 practitioner license by rule.

4 (b) As part of the transition to teaching program, the
5 Board of Higher Education shall establish a loan forgiveness
6 program in which a person participating in the transition to
7 teaching program who has student loans guaranteed by the State
8 of Illinois is eligible to have those loans forgiven if the
9 person successfully receives a Professional Educator License
10 under Article 21B of the School Code and teaches in a rural
11 school district or a disadvantaged school district in this
12 State for 2 consecutive school years.