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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4688

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4688 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)

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

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

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

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

3 (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as  
4 provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that  
5 year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, if  
6 a license holder's electronic mail address is available, the  
7 State Board of Education shall send him or her notification  
8 electronically that his or her license will lapse if not  
9 renewed, to be sent no more than 6 months prior to the license  
10 lapsing. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon

11 (i) payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State  
12 Board of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by  
13 completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally  
14 accredited institution of higher education in the content area  
15 that most aligns with one or more of the educator's  
16 endorsement areas. Any and all back fees, including without  
17 limitation registration fees owed from the time of expiration  
18 of the license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid  
19 and kept in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this  
20 Code concerning an institute fund and the provisions in  
21 Article 21B of this Code concerning fees and requirements for  
22 registration. Licenses not registered in accordance with  
23 Section 21B-40 of this Code shall lapse after a period of 6  
24 months from the expiration of the last year of registration or  
25 on January 1 of the fiscal year following initial issuance of  
26 the license. An unregistered license is invalid after

1 September 1 for employment and performance of services in an  
2 Illinois public or State-operated school or cooperative and in  
3 a charter school. Any license or endorsement may be  
4 voluntarily surrendered by the license holder. A voluntarily  
5 surrendered license shall be treated as a revoked license. An  
6 Educator License with Stipulations with only a  
7 paraprofessional endorsement does not lapse.

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

15 (c-5) All licenses issued by the State Board of Education  
16 under this Article that expire on June 30, 2020 and have not  
17 been renewed by the end of the 2020 renewal period shall be  
18 extended for one year and shall expire on June 30, 2021.

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

1 charter school, the plan shall address that endorsement or  
2 those endorsements most closely related to his or her educator  
3 position. Licensees employed and performing services in any  
4 other Illinois schools may participate in the renewal  
5 requirements by adhering to the same process.

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

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

13 (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's  
14 performance;

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

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

18 (5) higher education coursework.

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

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

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

13           (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement  
14 who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or  
15 an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in  
16 an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall  
17 complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as  
18 described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in  
19 addition to 100 hours of professional development per  
20 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.

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

26           (5) Licensees working in a position that does not

1       require educator licensure or working in a position for  
2       less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be  
3       exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration  
4       fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the  
5       license.

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

1 that year. A license in retired status cannot lapse.  
2 Beginning on January 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public  
3 Act 99-920) through December 31, 2017, any licensee who  
4 has retired and whose license has lapsed for failure to  
5 renew as provided in this Section may reinstate that  
6 license and maintain it in retired status upon providing  
7 proof to the State Board of Education using ELIS that the  
8 licensee is retired and is not working in a position that  
9 requires a Professional Educator License.

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

25 (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the  
26 professional development renewal requirements set forth in

1           this Section at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is  
2           ineligible to register his or her license and may submit  
3           an appeal to the State Superintendent of Education for  
4           reinstatement of the license.

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

13          (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to  
14          December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act  
15          98-610) shall commence the annual renewal process with the  
16          first scheduled registration due after December 27, 2013  
17          (the effective date of Public Act 98-610).

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



1       (e-5) The number of professional development hours  
2 required under subsection (e) is reduced by 20% for any  
3 renewal cycle that includes the 2021-2022 school year.

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

6       (f-5) The State Board of Education shall conduct random  
7 audits of licensees to verify a licensee's fulfillment of the  
8 professional development hours required under this Section.  
9 Upon completion of a random audit, if it is determined by the  
10 State Board of Education that the licensee did not complete  
11 the required number of professional development hours or did  
12 not provide sufficient proof of completion, the licensee shall  
13 be notified that his or her license has lapsed. A license that  
14 has lapsed under this subsection may be reinstated as provided  
15 in subsection (b).

16       (g) The following entities shall be designated as approved  
17 to provide professional development activities for the renewal  
18 of Professional Educator Licenses:

19           (1) The State Board of Education.

20           (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate  
21 service centers.

22           (3) Illinois professional associations representing  
23 the following groups that are approved by the State  
24 Superintendent of Education:

25                   (A) school administrators;

26                   (B) principals;

1 (C) school business officials;

2 (D) teachers, including special education  
3 teachers;

4 (E) school boards;

5 (F) school districts;

6 (G) parents; and

7 (H) school service personnel.

8 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher  
9 education that offer Illinois-approved educator  
10 preparation programs and public community colleges subject  
11 to the Public Community College Act.

12 (5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools  
13 authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint  
14 educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this  
15 Code for the purposes of providing career and technical  
16 education or special education services.

17 (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December  
18 31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147), has  
19 had or has a grant from or a contract with the State Board  
20 of Education to provide professional development services  
21 in the area of English Learning to Illinois school  
22 districts, teachers, or administrators.

23 (7) State agencies, State boards, and State  
24 commissions.

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

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

4 (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and  
5 district leaders who guide continuous professional  
6 development;

7 (2) improve the learning of students;

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

10 (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;

11 (5) provide educators with research-based  
12 instructional strategies to assist students in meeting  
13 rigorous academic standards;

14 (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various  
15 types of classroom assessments;

16 (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the  
17 intended goals;

18 (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to  
19 collaborate;

20 (9) prepare educators to apply research to decision  
21 making;

22 (10) provide educators with training on inclusive  
23 practices in the classroom that examines instructional and  
24 behavioral strategies that improve academic and  
25 social-emotional outcomes for all students, with or  
26 without disabilities, in a general education setting; or

1           (11) beginning on July 1, 2022, provide educators with  
2 training on the physical and mental health needs of  
3 students, student safety, educator ethics, professional  
4 conduct, and other topics that address the well-being of  
5 students and improve the academic and social-emotional  
6 outcomes of students.

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

9           (1) align professional development activities to the  
10 State-approved national standards for professional  
11 learning;

12           (2) meet the professional development criteria for  
13 Illinois licensure renewal;

14           (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains  
15 how it aligns to State standards and identify the  
16 assessment for determining the expected impact on student  
17 learning or school improvement;

18           (4) maintain original documentation for completion of  
19 activities;

20           (5) provide license holders with evidence of  
21 completion of activities;

22           (6) request an Illinois Educator Identification Number  
23 (IEIN) for each educator during each professional  
24 development activity; and

25           (7) beginning on July 1, 2019, register annually with  
26 the State Board of Education prior to offering any

1 professional development opportunities in the current  
2 fiscal year.

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

12 (1) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

24 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review  
25 the annual data collected by the State Board of Education,  
26 regional offices of education, and intermediate service

1 centers in audits to determine if the approved provider  
2 has met the criteria and should continue to be an approved  
3 provider or if further action should be taken as provided  
4 in rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for

1 nonrenewal of the license.

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

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

12 (Source: P.A. 101-85, eff. 1-1-20; 101-531, eff. 8-23-19;  
13 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 102-676, eff. 12-3-21.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law."