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HB5455

Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Sharon Chung

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-10
105 ILCS 5/21B-105

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. Provides that the operating procedures of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board may provide for the inclusion of nonvoting, ex officio members on the Board. With respect to a for-profit or not-for-profit entity being recognized as an educator preparation institution, provides that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity with a presence in this State must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education or the Illinois Community College Board (instead of providing that any for-profit or not-for-profit entity must also be approved by the Board of Higher Education).

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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 Sections
5 21B-10 and 21B-105 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-10)

7 Sec. 21B-10. State Educator Preparation and Licensure
8 Board.

9 (a) The State Teacher Certification Board, which had been
10 established under Section 21-13 of the School Code prior to
11 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, shall be
12 renamed the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.
13 References in law to the State Teacher Certification Board
14 shall mean the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

15 The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall
16 consist of the State Superintendent of Education or a
17 representative appointed by him or her, who shall be
18 ex-officio chairperson, 5 administrative or faculty members of
19 public or private colleges or universities located in this
20 State, 3 administrators and 10 classroom teachers employed in
21 the public schools (5 of whom must be members of and nominated
22 by a statewide professional teachers' organization and 5 of
23 whom must be members of and nominated by a different statewide

1 professional teachers' organization), and one regional
2 superintendent of schools, all of whom shall be appointed by
3 the State Board of Education; provided that at least one of the
4 administrators and at least 3 of the classroom teachers so
5 appointed must be employees of a school district that is
6 subject to the provisions of Article 34 of this Code. A
7 statewide professional teachers' organization and a different
8 statewide professional teachers' organization shall submit to
9 the State Board of Education for consideration at least 3
10 names of accomplished teachers for every one vacancy or
11 expiring term in a classroom teacher position. The nominations
12 submitted to the State Board of Education under this Section
13 to fill a vacancy or an expiring term shall be advisory.
14 Nomination for State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
15 members must be submitted to the State Board of Education
16 within 30 days after the vacancy or vacancies occur.
17 Nominations to fill an expiring term must be submitted to the
18 State Board of Education at least 30 days before the
19 expiration of that term. Notwithstanding any other provisions
20 of this Section, if a sufficient number of nominations are not
21 received by the State Board of Education for a vacancy or
22 expiring term within the 30-day period, then the State Board
23 of Education may appoint any qualified person, in the same
24 manner as the original appointment, to fill the vacancy or
25 expiring term. The regular term of each member is 3 years, and
26 an individual may be appointed for no more than 2 consecutive

1 terms. The term of an appointed member of the State Educator
2 Preparation and Licensure Board shall expire on June 30 of his
3 or her final year.

4 The operating procedures of the State Educator Preparation
5 and Licensure Board may provide for the inclusion of
6 nonvoting, ex officio members on the Board.

7 (b) The State Board of Education shall appoint a secretary
8 of the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board.

9 (c) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
10 shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly and such other
11 special meetings as may be necessary.

12 (d) The necessary expenses of the State Educator
13 Preparation and Licensure Board shall be provided through the
14 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, in
15 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
16 Board, may adopt such rules as may be necessary for the
17 administration of this Article.

18 (e) (Blank).

19 (Source: P.A. 100-596, eff. 7-1-18.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/21B-105)

21 Sec. 21B-105. Granting of recognition; regional
22 accreditation; definitions.

23 (a) "Recognized", as used in this Article in connection
24 with the word "school" or "institution", means such college,
25 university, or for-profit or not-for-profit entity that meets

1 requirements set by the State Board of Education, in
2 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
3 Board. Application for recognition of the school or
4 institution as an educator preparation institution must be
5 made to the State Board of Education. The State Board of
6 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
7 and Licensure Board, shall set the criteria by which the
8 school or institution is to be judged and, through the
9 secretary of the State Board, arrange for an official
10 inspection and shall grant recognition of such school or
11 institution as may meet the required standards. If the
12 standards include requirements with regard to education in
13 acquiring skills in working with culturally distinctive
14 students, as defined by the State Board of Education, then the
15 rules of the State Board of Education shall include the
16 criteria used to evaluate compliance with this requirement. No
17 school or institution may make assignments of student teachers
18 or teachers for practice teaching so as to promote segregation
19 on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, or national
20 origin.

21 Any for-profit or not-for-profit entity with a presence in
22 this State must also be approved by the Board of Higher
23 Education or the Illinois Community College Board.

24 All recommendations or entitlements for educator licensure
25 shall be made by a recognized institution operating a program
26 of preparation for the license that is approved by the State

1 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
2 Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board of Education,
3 in consultation with the State Educator Preparation and
4 Licensure Board, shall have the power to define a major or
5 minor when used as a basis for recognition and licensure
6 purposes.

7 (b) "Regionally accredited", or "accredited", as used in
8 this Article in connection with a university or institution,
9 means an institution of higher education accredited by the
10 North Central Association or other comparable regional
11 accrediting association.

12 (Source: P.A. 100-596, eff. 7-1-18.)