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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5510

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5510 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that, to
5 address the increasing mental health and behavioral health
6 needs of students in our schools, a new social work associate
7 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations is needed
8 to expand the availability of qualified social workers to work
9 within school settings. The new endorsement created under this
10 Act is designed for Master of Social Work professionals who
11 hold current licenses issued by the Department of Financial
12 and Professional Regulation under the Clinical Social Work and
13 Social Work Practice Act as either a licensed clinical social
14 worker or a licensed social worker. The intent of this Act is
15 to expand the availability of qualified social workers in our
16 schools, not to replace or supplant professional educator
17 license holders or to fill professional educator license

1 vacancies. This Act is also intended to encourage social work
2 associates to pursue a Professional Educator License with a
3 school support personnel endorsement in the area of school
4 social work.

5 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing
6 Sections 21B-20, 21B-30, and 21B-40 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

8 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The State Board of
9 Education shall implement a system of educator licensure,
10 whereby individuals employed in school districts who are
11 required to be licensed must have one of the following
12 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) an
13 educator license with stipulations; (iii) a substitute
14 teaching license; or (iv) until June 30, 2028, a short-term
15 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
16 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
17 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
18 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed
19 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
20 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

21 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
22 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
23 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
24 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. For an early childhood education
20 endorsement, an individual may satisfy the student
21 teaching requirement of his or her early childhood teacher
22 preparation program through placement in a setting with
23 children from birth through grade 2, and the individual
24 may be paid and receive credit while student teaching. The
25 student teaching experience must meet the requirements of
26 and be approved by the individual's early childhood

1 teacher preparation program.

2 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
3 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
4 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
5 in the endorsement area and passage of the applicable
6 content area test, unless otherwise specified by rule.

7 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
8 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
9 that limits the license holder to one particular position
10 or does not require completion of an approved educator
11 program or both.

12 An individual with an Educator License with
13 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
14 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
15 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

16 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
17 with the following endorsements:

18 (A) (Blank).

19 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
20 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
21 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
22 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
23 endorsement, has done all of the following:

24 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
25 college or university with a minimum of a
26 bachelor's degree.

1 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
2 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
3 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
4 Code.

5 (iii) Passed a content area test, as required
6 under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

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

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

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

22 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
23 years in a management level position in a field
24 other than education.

25 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
26 of an alternative route to superintendent

1 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
2 of this Code.

3 (iv) Passed a content area test required under
4 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

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

8 (D) (Blank).

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

17 The career and technical educator endorsement on
18 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
19 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
20 endorsement being issued and may be renewed.

21 An individual who holds a valid career and
22 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
23 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's
24 degree may substitute teach in career and technical
25 education classrooms.

26 (F) (Blank).

1 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
2 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
3 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
4 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
5 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
6 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets
7 all of the following requirements:

8 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
9 writing ability in the language other than English
10 in which transitional bilingual education is
11 offered.

12 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
13 communicate in English.

14 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
15 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
16 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
17 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
18 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
19 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
20 a foreign country that the State Educator
21 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
22 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
23 regionally accredited institution of higher
24 learning in the United States.

25 A transitional bilingual educator endorsement
26 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12,

1 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years
2 of the endorsement being issued, and shall not be
3 renewed.

4 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
5 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
6 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
7 replaced for any reason.

8 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
9 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
10 other than English in the public schools, an
11 individual who holds an Educator License with
12 Stipulations may also apply for a language
13 endorsement, provided that the applicant provides
14 satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all of the
15 following requirements:

16 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
17 endorsement.

18 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
19 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
20 by passing the applicable language content test
21 required by the State Board of Education.

22 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
23 a regionally accredited institution of higher
24 education or, for individuals educated in a
25 country other than the United States, holds a
26 degree from an institution of higher learning in a

1 foreign country that the State Educator
2 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
3 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
4 regionally accredited institution of higher
5 learning in the United States.

6 (iv) (Blank).

7 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
8 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
9 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
10 individual's transitional bilingual educator
11 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations
12 and shall not be renewed.

13 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
14 international educator endorsement on an Educator
15 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
16 individual who is being recruited by a particular
17 school district that conducts formal recruitment
18 programs outside of the United States to secure the
19 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of
20 the following requirements:

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

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

25 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
26 subject to be taught.

1 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
2 language.

3 A holder of a visiting international educator
4 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
5 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
6 programs in the language that was the medium of
7 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
8 provided that he or she passes the English Language
9 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
10 skills in English identified by the State Board of
11 Education, in consultation with the State Educator
12 Preparation and Licensure Board.

13 A visiting international educator endorsement on
14 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 5
15 years and shall not be renewed.

16 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
17 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
18 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
19 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
20 (i) holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
21 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
22 institution of higher education; (ii) has passed a
23 paraprofessional competency test under subsection
24 (c-5) of Section 21B-30; or (iii) is at least 18 years
25 of age and will be using the Educator License with
26 Stipulations exclusively for grades prekindergarten

1 through grade 8, until the individual reaches the age
2 of 19 years and otherwise meets the criteria for a
3 paraprofessional educator endorsement pursuant to this
4 subparagraph (J). The paraprofessional educator
5 endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately
6 following 5 years of the endorsement being issued and
7 may be renewed through application and payment of the
8 appropriate fee, as required under Section 21B-40 of
9 this Code. An individual who holds only a
10 paraprofessional educator endorsement is not subject
11 to additional requirements in order to renew the
12 endorsement.

13 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
14 business official endorsement on an Educator License
15 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who
16 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2
17 years of full-time administrative experience in school
18 business management or 2 years of university-approved
19 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
20 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
21 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
22 business administrators and by passage of the
23 applicable State tests, including an applicable
24 content area test.

25 The chief school business official endorsement may
26 also be affixed to the Educator License with

1 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
2 master's degree in business administration, finance,
3 accounting, or public administration and who completes
4 an additional 6 semester hours of internship in school
5 business management from a regionally accredited
6 institution of higher education and passes the
7 applicable State tests, including an applicable
8 content area test. This endorsement shall be required
9 for any individual employed as a chief school business
10 official.

11 The chief school business official endorsement on
12 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
13 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
14 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the
15 license holder completes renewal requirements as
16 required for individuals who hold a Professional
17 Educator License endorsed for chief school business
18 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such
19 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of
20 Education.

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

23 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
24 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
25 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
26 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation

1 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
2 and who has not successfully completed an
3 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
4 who meets all of the following requirements:

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

6 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
7 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

8 (iii) Has passed an applicable content area
9 test, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.

10 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
11 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a
12 minimum score on that assessment, as established
13 by the State Board of Education in consultation
14 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
15 Board.

16 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
17 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
18 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
19 be renewed.

20 (M) (Blank).

21 (N) Specialized services. A specialized services
22 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
23 may be issued as defined and specified by rule.

24 (O) Provisional career and technical educator. A
25 provisional career and technical educator endorsement
26 on an Educator License with Stipulations may be issued

1 to an applicant who has a minimum of 8,000 hours of
2 work experience in the skill for which the applicant
3 is seeking the endorsement. Each employing school
4 board and regional office of education shall provide
5 verification, in writing, to the State Superintendent
6 of Education at the time the application is submitted
7 that no qualified teacher holding a Professional
8 Educator License or an Educator License with
9 Stipulations with a career and technical educator
10 endorsement is available to teach and that actual
11 circumstances require such issuance.

12 A provisional career and technical educator
13 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
14 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years
15 of the endorsement being issued and may be renewed.

16 An individual who holds a provisional career and
17 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
18 with Stipulations may teach as a substitute teacher in
19 career and technical education classrooms.

20 (P) Social work associate. A social work associate
21 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
22 may be issued to an applicant who meets all of the
23 following requirements:

24 (i) Holds a degree from a graduate program of
25 social work that has been approved by the Council
26 on Social Work Education.

1 (ii) Has an active license through the
2 Department of Financial and Professional
3 Regulation under the Clinical Social Work and
4 Social Work Practice Act as either a licensed
5 clinical social worker or a licensed social
6 worker.

7 A social work associate under this subparagraph
8 (P) shall be authorized to perform responsibilities
9 associated with traditional social work practice,
10 subject to the restrictions in the Clinical Social
11 Work and Social Work Practice Act regarding
12 independent clinical practice, including Tier 1 and
13 Tier 2 interventions in a multi-tiered system of
14 supports (MTSS). All responsibilities of a social work
15 associate shall be performed in consultation with an
16 individual who holds a Professional Educator License
17 with a school support personnel endorsement in the
18 area of school social work. A social work associate is
19 not authorized to perform Tier 3 MTSS interventions or
20 participate in the individualized education program
21 process or the federal Section 504 plan process for
22 any student with a disability.

23 A social work associate under this subparagraph
24 (P) may not be employed by a school district or any
25 other entity to replace any presently employed
26 Professional Educator License holder with a school

1 support personnel endorsement who otherwise would not
2 be replaced for any reason.

3 An applicant for a social work associate
4 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
5 is not required to pass a content area test under
6 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

7 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
8 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
9 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
10 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
11 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
12 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's
13 degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution
14 of higher education or must be enrolled in an approved
15 educator preparation program in this State and have earned
16 at least 90 credit hours.

17 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

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

24 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
25 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
26 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under

1 contract because of an emergency situation, then a
2 district may employ a substitute teacher for no longer
3 than 30 calendar days per each vacant position in the
4 district if the district notifies the appropriate regional
5 office of education within 5 business days after the
6 employment of the substitute teacher in that vacant
7 position. A district may continue to employ that same
8 substitute teacher in that same vacant position for 90
9 calendar days or until the end of the semester, whichever
10 is greater, if, prior to the expiration of the
11 30-calendar-day period then current, the district files a
12 written request with the appropriate regional office of
13 education for a 30-calendar-day extension on the basis
14 that the position remains vacant and the district
15 continues to actively seek qualified candidates and
16 provides documentation that it has provided training
17 specific to the position, including training on meeting
18 the needs of students with disabilities and English
19 learners if applicable. Each extension request shall be
20 granted in writing by the regional office of education. An
21 emergency situation is one in which an unforeseen vacancy
22 has occurred and (i) a teacher is unexpectedly unable to
23 fulfill his or her contractual duties or (ii) teacher
24 capacity needs of the district exceed previous indications
25 or vacancies are unfilled due to a lack of qualified
26 candidates, and the district is actively engaged in

1 advertising to hire a fully licensed teacher for the
2 vacant position.

3 There is no limit on the number of days that a
4 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
5 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
6 than 120 days beginning with the 2021-2022 school year
7 through the 2022-2023 school year, otherwise 90 school
8 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
9 same school year. A substitute teacher who holds a
10 Professional Educator License or Educator License with
11 Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school days
12 for any one licensed teacher under contract in the same
13 school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on the
14 number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do not
15 apply to any school district operating under Article 34 of
16 this Code.

17 A school district may not require an individual who
18 holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator
19 License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute
20 Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

21 (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning
22 on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2028, applicants may
23 apply to the State Board of Education for issuance of a
24 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. A Short-Term
25 Substitute Teaching License may be issued to a qualified
26 applicant for substitute teaching in all grades of the

1 public schools, prekindergarten through grade 12.
2 Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not eligible
3 for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term Substitute
4 Teaching License must hold an associate's degree or have
5 completed at least 60 credit hours from a regionally
6 accredited institution of higher education.

7 Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for
8 substitute teaching in every county of this State. If an
9 individual has had his or her Professional Educator
10 License or Educator License with Stipulations suspended or
11 revoked, then that individual is not eligible to obtain a
12 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License.

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

15 An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
16 License may teach no more than 15 consecutive days per
17 licensed teacher who is under contract. For teacher
18 absences lasting 6 or more days per licensed teacher who
19 is under contract, a school district may not hire an
20 individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
21 License, unless the Governor has declared a disaster due
22 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
23 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. An individual
24 holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License must
25 complete the training program under Section 10-20.67 or
26 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to teach at a public

1 school. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses under this
2 Section are valid for 5 years.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-711, eff. 1-1-23; 102-712, eff. 4-27-22;
4 102-713, eff. 1-1-23; 102-717, eff. 4-29-22; 102-894, eff.
5 5-20-22; 103-111, eff. 6-29-23; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23;
6 103-193, eff. 1-1-24; 103-564, eff. 11-17-23.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

8 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

9 (a) (Blank).

10 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
11 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall design
12 and implement a system of examinations, which shall be
13 required prior to the issuance of educator licenses. These
14 examinations and indicators must be based on national and
15 State professional teaching standards, as determined by the
16 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
17 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. The State Board of
18 Education may adopt such rules as may be necessary to
19 implement and administer this Section.

20 (c) (Blank).

21 (c-5) The State Board must adopt rules to implement a
22 paraprofessional competency test. This test would allow an
23 applicant seeking an Educator License with Stipulations with a
24 paraprofessional educator endorsement to obtain the
25 endorsement if he or she passes the test and meets the other

1 requirements of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (2) of Section
2 21B-20 other than the higher education requirements.

3 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
4 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
5 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. However,
6 no applicant for a Professional Educator License under the
7 short-term approval program for school support personnel under
8 Section 25.432 of Title 23 of the Illinois Administrative Code
9 is required to pass a test of content area knowledge as a
10 requirement for short-term approval, and an applicant for a
11 social work associate endorsement on an Educator License with
12 Stipulations is not required to pass a content area test.
13 ~~There shall be no exception to this requirement.~~ No candidate
14 shall be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of
15 record until he or she has passed the applicable content area
16 test.

17 (d-5) The State Board shall consult with any applicable
18 vendors within 90 days after July 28, 2023 (the effective date
19 of Public Act 103-402) ~~this amendatory Act of the 103rd~~
20 ~~General Assembly~~ to develop a plan to transition the test of
21 content area knowledge in the endorsement area of elementary
22 education, grades one through 6, by July 1, 2026 to a content
23 area test that contains testing elements that cover
24 bilingualism, biliteracy, oral language development,
25 foundational literacy skills, and developmentally appropriate
26 higher-order comprehension and on which a valid and reliable

1 language and literacy subscore can be determined. The State
2 Board shall base its rules concerning the passing subscore on
3 the language and literacy portion of the test on the
4 recommended cut-score determined in the formal
5 standard-setting process. Candidates need not achieve a
6 particular subscore in the area of language and literacy. The
7 State Board shall aggregate and publish the number of
8 candidates in each preparation program who take the test and
9 the number who pass the language and literacy portion.

10 (e) (Blank).

11 (f) Beginning on August 4, 2023 (the effective date of
12 Public Act 103-488) ~~this amendatory Act of the 103rd General~~
13 ~~Assembly~~ through August 31, 2025, no candidate completing a
14 teacher preparation program in this State or candidate subject
15 to Section 21B-35 of this Code is required to pass a teacher
16 performance assessment. Except as otherwise provided in this
17 Article, beginning on September 1, 2015 until August 4, 2023
18 (the effective date of Public Act 103-488) ~~this amendatory Act~~
19 ~~of the 103rd General Assembly~~ and beginning again on September
20 1, 2025, all candidates completing teacher preparation
21 programs in this State and all candidates subject to Section
22 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass a teacher performance
23 assessment approved by the State Board of Education, in
24 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
25 Board. A candidate may not be required to submit test
26 materials by video submission. Subject to appropriation, an

1 individual who holds a Professional Educator License and is
2 employed for a minimum of one school year by a school district
3 designated as Tier 1 under Section 18-8.15 may, after
4 application to the State Board, receive from the State Board a
5 refund for any costs associated with completing the teacher
6 performance assessment under this subsection.

7 (f-5) The Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force is
8 created to evaluate potential performance-based and objective
9 teacher performance assessment systems for implementation
10 across all educator preparation programs in this State, with
11 the intention of ensuring consistency across programs and
12 supporting a thoughtful and well-rounded licensure system.
13 Members appointed to the Task Force must reflect the racial,
14 ethnic, and geographic diversity of this State. The Task Force
15 shall consist of all of the following members:

16 (1) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
17 President of the Senate.

18 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
19 Minority Leader of the Senate.

20 (3) One member of the House of Representatives,
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

22 (4) One member of the House of Representatives,
23 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
24 Representatives.

25 (5) One member who represents a statewide professional
26 teachers' organization, appointed by the State

1 Superintendent of Education.

2 (6) One member who represents a different statewide
3 professional teachers' organization, appointed by the
4 State Superintendent of Education.

5 (7) One member from a statewide organization
6 representing school principals, appointed by the State
7 Superintendent of Education.

8 (8) One member from a statewide organization
9 representing regional superintendents of schools,
10 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

11 (9) One member from a statewide organization
12 representing school administrators, appointed by the State
13 Superintendent of Education.

14 (10) One member representing a school district
15 organized under Article 34 of this Code, appointed by the
16 State Superintendent of Education.

17 (11) One member of an association representing rural
18 and small schools, appointed by the State Superintendent
19 of Education.

20 (12) One member representing a suburban school
21 district, appointed by the State Superintendent of
22 Education.

23 (13) One member from a statewide organization
24 representing school districts in the southern suburbs of
25 the City of Chicago, appointed by the State Superintendent
26 of Education.

1 (14) One member from a statewide organization
2 representing large unit school districts, appointed by the
3 State Superintendent of Education.

4 (15) One member from a statewide organization
5 representing school districts in the collar counties of
6 the City of Chicago, appointed by the State Superintendent
7 of Education.

8 (16) Three members, each representing a different
9 public university in this State and each a current member
10 of the faculty of an approved educator preparation
11 program, appointed by the State Superintendent of
12 Education.

13 (17) Three members, each representing a different
14 4-year nonpublic university or college in this State and
15 each a current member of the faculty of an approved
16 educator preparation program, appointed by the State
17 Superintendent of Education.

18 (18) One member of the Board of Higher Education,
19 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

20 (19) One member representing a statewide policy
21 organization advocating on behalf of multilingual students
22 and families, appointed by the State Superintendent of
23 Education.

24 (20) One member representing a statewide organization
25 focused on research-based education policy to support a
26 school system that prepares all students for college, a

1 career, and democratic citizenship, appointed by the State
2 Superintendent of Education.

3 (21) Two members representing an early childhood
4 advocacy organization, appointed by the State
5 Superintendent of Education.

6 (22) One member representing a statewide organization
7 that partners with educator preparation programs and
8 school districts to support the growth and development of
9 preservice teachers, appointed by the State Superintendent
10 of Education.

11 (23) One member representing a statewide organization
12 that advocates for educational equity and racial justice
13 in schools, appointed by the State Superintendent of
14 Education.

15 (24) One member representing a statewide organization
16 that represents school boards, appointed by the State
17 Superintendent of Education.

18 (25) One member who has, within the last 5 years,
19 served as a cooperating teacher, appointed by the State
20 Superintendent of Education.

21 Members of the Task Force shall serve without
22 compensation. The Task Force shall first meet at the call of
23 the State Superintendent of Education, and each subsequent
24 meeting shall be called by the chairperson of the Task Force,
25 who shall be designated by the State Superintendent of
26 Education. The State Board of Education shall provide

1 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

2 On or before August 1, 2024, the Task Force shall report on
3 its work, including recommendations on a teacher performance
4 assessment system in this State, to the State Board of
5 Education and the General Assembly. The Task Force is
6 dissolved upon submission of this report.

7 (g) The content area knowledge test and the teacher
8 performance assessment shall be the tests that from time to
9 time are designated by the State Board of Education, in
10 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
11 Board, and may be tests prepared by an educational testing
12 organization or tests designed by the State Board of
13 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
14 and Licensure Board. The test of content area knowledge shall
15 assess content knowledge in a specific subject field. The
16 tests must be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no
17 person taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis
18 of race, color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to
19 the person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The
20 score required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State
21 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
22 Preparation and Licensure Board. The tests shall be
23 administered not fewer than 3 times a year at such time and
24 place as may be designated by the State Board of Education, in
25 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
26 Board.

1 The State Board shall implement a test or tests to assess
2 the speaking, reading, writing, and grammar skills of
3 applicants for an endorsement or a license issued under
4 subdivision (G) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of this
5 Code in the English language and in the language of the
6 transitional bilingual education program requested by the
7 applicant.

8 (h) Except as provided in Section 34-6 of this Code, the
9 provisions of this Section shall apply equally in any school
10 district subject to Article 34 of this Code.

11 (i) The rules developed to implement and enforce the
12 testing requirements under this Section shall include, without
13 limitation, provisions governing test selection, test
14 validation, and determination of a passing score,
15 administration of the tests, frequency of administration,
16 applicant fees, frequency of applicants taking the tests, the
17 years for which a score is valid, and appropriate special
18 accommodations. The State Board of Education shall develop
19 such rules as may be needed to ensure uniformity from year to
20 year in the level of difficulty for each form of an assessment.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-301, eff. 8-26-21; 103-402, eff. 7-28-23;
22 103-488, eff. 8-4-23; revised 9-1-23.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

24 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

25 (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system

1 established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall
2 be charged to applicants:

3 (1) A \$100 application fee for a Professional Educator
4 License or an Educator License with Stipulations.

5 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching
6 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching
7 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
8 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
9 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
10 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
11 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
12 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
13 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
14 within one year of issuance.

15 (1.7) A \$25 application fee for a Short-Term
16 Substitute Teaching License. The Short-Term Substitute
17 Teaching License must be registered in at least one region
18 in this State, but does not require a registration fee.
19 The licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
20 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
21 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
22 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
23 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
24 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full
25 school days within one year of issuance. The application
26 fee for a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License shall be

1 waived when the Governor has declared a disaster due to a
2 public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
3 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

4 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have
5 not been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator
6 preparation program at an Illinois institution of higher
7 education and are seeking any of the licenses set forth in
8 subdivision (1) of this subsection (a) or for a social
9 work associate endorsement on an Educator License with
10 Stipulations.

11 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
12 approval.

13 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
14 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
15 paid to the regional office of education having
16 supervision and control over the school in which the
17 individual holding the license is to be employed. If the
18 individual holding the license is not yet employed, then
19 the license may be registered in any county in this State.
20 The registration fee must be paid in its entirety the
21 first time the individual registers the license for a
22 particular validity period in a single region. No
23 additional fee may be charged for that validity period
24 should the individual subsequently register the license in
25 additional regions. An individual must register the
26 license (i) immediately after initial issuance of the

1 license and (ii) at the beginning of each renewal cycle if
2 the individual has satisfied the renewal requirements
3 required under this Code.

4 Beginning on July 1, 2017, at the beginning of each
5 renewal cycle, individuals who hold a Substitute Teaching
6 License may apply for a reimbursement of the registration
7 fee within 18 months of renewal and shall be issued that
8 reimbursement by the State Board of Education from funds
9 appropriated for that purpose if the licensee provides
10 evidence to the State Board of Education that the licensee
11 has taught pursuant to the Substitute Teaching License at
12 least 10 full school days within one year of renewal.

13 (5) The license renewal fee for an Educator License
14 with Stipulations with a paraprofessional educator
15 endorsement is \$25.

16 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
17 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
18 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
19 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
20 Education to provide the technology and human resources
21 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
22 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available
23 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be
24 used by the State Board of Education to support the
25 recruitment and retention of educators, to support educator
26 preparation programs as they seek national accreditation, and

1 to provide professional development aligned with the
2 requirements set forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A
3 majority of the funds in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
4 Fund must be dedicated to the timely and efficient processing
5 of applications and for the renewal of licenses. The Teacher
6 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to
7 administrative charge transfers, authorized under Section 8h
8 of the State Finance Act, from the Teacher Certificate Fee
9 Revolving Fund into any other fund of this State, and moneys in
10 the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund shall not revert
11 back to the General Revenue Fund at any time.

12 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
13 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of
14 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
15 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

16 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
17 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
18 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
19 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
20 amount required by the credit card processing company or
21 vendor that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
22 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee
23 must be paid to that company or vendor.

24 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
25 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
26 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of

1 the validity period of the certificate and these years have
2 not expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees
3 must be applied to the registration of the new license.

4 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-570, eff. 8-23-19;
5 102-867, eff. 5-13-22.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law."