

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  
5 Section 21-14 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

7 Sec. 21-14. Registration and renewal of certificates.

8 (a) A limited four-year certificate or a certificate  
9 issued after July 1, 1955, shall be renewable at its  
10 expiration or within 60 days thereafter by the county  
11 superintendent of schools having supervision and control over  
12 the school where the teacher is teaching upon certified  
13 evidence of meeting the requirements for renewal as required  
14 by this Act and prescribed by the State Board of Education in  
15 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. An  
16 elementary supervisory certificate shall not be renewed at  
17 the end of the first four-year period covered by the  
18 certificate unless the holder thereof has filed certified  
19 evidence with the State Teacher Certification Board that he  
20 has a master's degree or that he has earned 8 semester hours  
21 of credit in the field of educational administration and  
22 supervision in a recognized institution of higher learning.  
23 The holder shall continue to earn 8 semester hours of credit  
24 each four-year period until such time as he has earned a  
25 master's degree.

26 All certificates not renewed or registered as herein  
27 provided shall lapse after a period of 5 years from the  
28 expiration of the last year of registration. Such  
29 certificates may be reinstated for a one year period upon  
30 payment of all accumulated registration fees. Such  
31 reinstated certificates shall only be renewed: (1) by earning

1 5 semester hours of credit in a recognized institution of  
2 higher learning in the field of professional education or in  
3 courses related to the holder's contractual teaching duties;  
4 or (2) by presenting evidence of holding a valid regular  
5 certificate of some other type. Any certificate may be  
6 voluntarily surrendered by the certificate holder. A  
7 voluntarily surrendered certificate shall be treated as a  
8 revoked certificate.

9 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before  
10 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after  
11 February 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be  
12 exchanged for Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in  
13 subsection (c) of Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard  
14 Teaching Certificates, including those issued to persons who  
15 previously held teaching certificates issued before February  
16 15, 2000, shall be renewable under the conditions set forth  
17 in this subsection (b).

18 Initial Teaching Certificates are nonrenewable and are  
19 valid for 4 years of teaching. Standard Teaching Certificates  
20 are renewable every 5 years as provided in subsection (c) of  
21 Section 21-2 and subsection (c) of this Section. For  
22 purposes of this Section, "teaching" is defined as employment  
23 and performance of services in an Illinois public or  
24 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
25 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board  
26 of control, in a certificated teaching position, or a charter  
27 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law.

28 (c) In compliance with subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of  
29 this Code, which provides that a Standard Teaching  
30 Certificate may be renewed by the State Teacher Certification  
31 Board based upon proof of continuing professional  
32 development, the State Board of Education and the State  
33 Teacher Certification Board shall jointly:

34 (1) establish a procedure for renewing Standard

1 Teaching Certificates, which shall include but not be  
2 limited to annual timelines for the renewal process and  
3 the components set forth in subsections (d) through (k)  
4 of this Section;

5 (2) establish the standards for certificate  
6 renewal;

7 (3) approve the providers of continuing  
8 professional development activities;

9 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category  
10 of continuing professional development activities, based  
11 upon recommendations submitted by a continuing  
12 professional development activity task force, which shall  
13 consist of 6 staff members from the State Board of  
14 Education, appointed by the State Superintendent of  
15 Education, and 6 teacher representatives, 3 of whom are  
16 selected by the Illinois Education Association and 3 of  
17 whom are selected by the Illinois Federation of Teachers;

18 (5) designate the type and amount of documentation  
19 required to show that continuing professional development  
20 activities have been completed; and

21 (6) provide, on a timely basis to all Illinois  
22 teachers, certificate holders, regional superintendents  
23 of schools, school districts, and others with an interest  
24 in continuing professional development, information about  
25 the standards and requirements established pursuant to  
26 this subsection (c).

27 (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an  
28 individual employed and performing services in an Illinois  
29 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,  
30 or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or  
31 board of control in a certificated teaching position or a  
32 charter school in compliance with the Charter Schools Law  
33 must be maintained Valid and Active through certificate  
34 renewal activities specified in the certificate renewal

1 procedure established pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
2 Section, provided that a holder of a Valid and Active  
3 certificate who is only employed on either a part-time basis  
4 or day-to-day basis as a substitute teacher shall pay only  
5 the required registration fee to renew his or her certificate  
6 and maintain it as Valid and Active. All other Standard  
7 Teaching Certificates held may be maintained as Valid and  
8 Exempt through the registration process provided for in the  
9 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to  
10 subsection (c) of this Section. A Valid and Exempt  
11 certificate must be immediately activated, through procedures  
12 developed jointly by the State Board of Education and the  
13 State Teacher Certification Board, upon the certificate  
14 holder becoming employed and performing services in an  
15 Illinois public or State-operated elementary school,  
16 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement with a  
17 governing body or board of control in a certificated teaching  
18 position or a charter school operating in compliance with the  
19 Charter Schools Law. A holder of a Valid and Exempt  
20 certificate may activate his or her certificate through  
21 procedures provided for in the certificate renewal procedure  
22 established pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section.

23 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been  
24 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the  
25 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active  
26 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced  
27 degree from an approved institution in an education-related  
28 field; (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of  
29 coursework as described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3)  
30 of this subsection (e); (iii) earning at least 24 continuing  
31 education units as described in subdivision (C) of paragraph  
32 (3) of this subsection (e); (iv) completing the National  
33 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as  
34 described in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this

1 subsection (e); or (v) earning 120 continuing professional  
2 development units ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of  
3 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e). The maximum continuing  
4 professional development units for each continuing  
5 professional development activity identified in subdivisions  
6 (F) through (J) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall  
7 be jointly determined by the State Board of Education and the  
8 State Teacher Certification Board. If, however, the  
9 certificate holder has maintained the certificate as Valid  
10 and Exempt for a portion of the 5-year period of validity,  
11 the number of continuing professional development units  
12 needed to renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be  
13 proportionately reduced by the amount of time the certificate  
14 was Valid and Exempt. Furthermore, if a certificate holder is  
15 employed and performs teaching services on a part-time basis  
16 for all or a portion of the certificate's 5-year period of  
17 validity, the number of continuing professional development  
18 units needed to renew the certificate as Valid and Active  
19 shall be reduced by 50% for the amount of time the  
20 certificate holder has been employed and performed teaching  
21 services on a part-time basis. Part-time shall be defined as  
22 less than 50% of the school day or school term.

23 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary,  
24 if a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as  
25 Valid and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's  
26 validity and the certificate holder has earned 120 continuing  
27 professional development units before July 1, 2002, the  
28 certificate shall be renewed as Valid and Active regardless  
29 of the fact that the holder has not completed any other  
30 additional credits.

31 (2) Each Valid and Active Standard Teaching Certificate  
32 holder shall develop a certificate renewal plan for  
33 satisfying the continuing professional development  
34 requirement provided for in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of

1 this Code. Certificate holders with multiple certificates  
2 shall develop a certificate renewal plan that addresses only  
3 that certificate or those certificates that are required of  
4 his or her certificated teaching position, if the certificate  
5 holder is employed and performing services in an Illinois  
6 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,  
7 or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or  
8 board of control, or that certificate or those certificates  
9 most closely related to his or her teaching position, if the  
10 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except  
11 as otherwise provided in this subsection (e), a certificate  
12 renewal plan shall include a minimum of 3 individual  
13 improvement goals developed by the certificate holder and  
14 shall reflect purposes (A), (B), and (C) and may reflect  
15 purpose (D) of the following continuing professional  
16 development purposes:

17 (A) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge  
18 and skills as a teacher consistent with the Illinois  
19 Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois Content  
20 Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of  
21 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in  
22 order to keep the certificate holder current in those  
23 areas.

24 (B) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and  
25 skills in areas determined to be critical for all  
26 Illinois teachers, as defined by the State Board of  
27 Education, known as "State priorities".

28 (C) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the  
29 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if  
30 the teacher is employed in an Illinois public or  
31 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
32 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or  
33 board of control.

34 (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and

1 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the  
2 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,  
3 or relevant education degree.

4 A certificate renewal plan must include a description of how  
5 these goals are to be achieved and an explanation of selected  
6 continuing professional development activities to be  
7 completed, each of which must meet one or more of the  
8 continuing professional development purposes specified in  
9 this paragraph (2). The plan shall identify potential  
10 activities and include projected timelines for those  
11 activities that will assure completion of the plan before the  
12 expiration of the 5-year validity of the Standard Teaching  
13 Certificate. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection  
14 (e), at least 50% of continuing professional development  
15 units must relate to purposes (A) and (B) set forth in this  
16 paragraph (2): the advancement of a certificate holder's  
17 knowledge and skills as a teacher consistent with the  
18 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois  
19 Content Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of  
20 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in order  
21 to keep the certificate holder current in those areas and the  
22 development of a certificate holder's knowledge and skills in  
23 the State priorities that exist at the time the certificate  
24 renewal plan is developed.

25 A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is  
26 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and  
27 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing  
28 education requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated  
29 under that Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the  
30 continuing professional development requirements established  
31 by the State Board of Education and the Teacher Certification  
32 Board to renew a Standard Certificate.

33 (3) Continuing professional development activities  
34 included in a certificate renewal plan may include, but are

1 not limited to, the following activities:

2 (A) completion of an advanced degree from an  
3 approved institution in an education-related field;

4 (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an  
5 approved education-related program, of which at least 2  
6 semester hours relate to the continuing professional  
7 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph  
8 (2) of this subsection (e), provided that such a plan  
9 need not include any other continuing professional  
10 development activities nor reflect or contain activities  
11 related to the other continuing professional development  
12 purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection  
13 (e);

14 (C) continuing education units that satisfy the  
15 continuing professional development purposes set forth in  
16 paragraph (2) of this subsection (e), with each  
17 continuing education unit equal to 5 clock hours,  
18 provided that a plan that includes at least 24 continuing  
19 education units (or 120 clock/contact hours) need not  
20 include any other continuing professional development  
21 activities;

22 (D) completion of the National Board of  
23 Professional Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process,  
24 provided that a plan that includes completion of the  
25 NBPTS process need not include any other continuing  
26 professional development activities nor reflect or  
27 contain activities related to the continuing professional  
28 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of  
29 subsection (e) of this Section;

30 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional  
31 development units that satisfy the continuing  
32 professional development purposes set forth in paragraph  
33 (2) of this subsection (e) and may include without  
34 limitation the activities identified in subdivisions (F)



1 through (J) of this paragraph (3);

2 (F) collaboration and partnership activities  
3 related to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills  
4 as a teacher, including the following:

5 (i) participating on collaborative planning  
6 and professional improvement teams and committees;

7 (ii) peer review and coaching;

8 (iii) mentoring in a formal mentoring program,  
9 including service as a consulting teacher  
10 participating in a remediation process formulated  
11 under Section 24A-5 of this Code;

12 (iv) participating in site-based management or  
13 decision making teams, relevant committees, boards,  
14 or task forces directly related to school  
15 improvement plans;

16 (v) coordinating community resources in  
17 schools, if the project is a specific goal of the  
18 school improvement plan;

19 (vi) facilitating parent education programs  
20 for a school, school district, or regional office of  
21 education directly related to student achievement or  
22 school improvement plans;

23 (vii) participating in business, school, or  
24 community partnerships directly related to student  
25 achievement or school improvement plans; or

26 (viii) supervising a student teacher or  
27 teacher education candidate in clinical supervision,  
28 provided that the supervision may only be counted  
29 once during the course of 5 years;

30 (G) college or university coursework related to  
31 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher  
32 as follows:

33 (i) completing undergraduate or graduate  
34 credit earned from a regionally accredited

1 institution in coursework relevant to the  
2 certificate area being renewed, including coursework  
3 that incorporates induction activities and  
4 development of a portfolio of both student and  
5 teacher work that provides experience in reflective  
6 practices, provided the coursework meets Illinois  
7 Professional Teaching Standards or Illinois Content  
8 Area Standards and supports the essential  
9 characteristics of quality professional development;  
10 or

11 (ii) teaching college or university courses in  
12 areas relevant to the certificate area being  
13 renewed, provided that the teaching may only be  
14 counted once during the course of 5 years;

15 (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars,  
16 and symposiums related to improving the teacher's  
17 knowledge and skills as a teacher, including the  
18 following:

19 (i) completing non-university credit directly  
20 related to student achievement, school improvement  
21 plans, or State priorities;

22 (ii) participating in or presenting at  
23 workshops, seminars, conferences, institutes, and  
24 symposiums;

25 (iii) training as external reviewers for  
26 Quality Assurance; or

27 (iv) training as reviewers of university  
28 teacher preparation programs;

29 (I) other educational experiences related to  
30 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a  
31 teacher, including the following:

32 (i) participating in action research and  
33 inquiry projects;

34 (ii) observing programs or teaching in

1 schools, related businesses, or industry that is  
2 systematic, purposeful, and relevant to certificate  
3 renewal;

4 (iii) traveling related to ones teaching  
5 assignment, directly related to student achievement  
6 or school improvement plans and approved at least 30  
7 days prior to the travel experience, provided that  
8 the traveling shall not include time spent commuting  
9 to destinations where the learning experience will  
10 occur;

11 (iv) participating in study groups related to  
12 student achievement or school improvement plans;

13 (v) serving on a statewide education-related  
14 committee, including but not limited to the State  
15 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of  
16 Education strategic agenda teams, or the State  
17 Advisory Council on Education of Children with  
18 Disabilities;

19 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or  
20 internships; or

21 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and  
22 teacher work;

23 (J) professional leadership experiences related to  
24 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a  
25 teacher, including the following:

26 (i) participating in curriculum development or  
27 assessment activities at the school, school  
28 district, regional office of education, State, or  
29 national level;

30 (ii) participating in team or department  
31 leadership in a school or school district;

32 (iii) participating on external or internal  
33 school or school district review teams;

34 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns,

1 or books relevant to the certificate area being  
2 renewed; or

3 (v) participating in non-strike related  
4 professional association or labor organization  
5 service or activities related to professional  
6 development.

7 (4) A certificate renewal plan must initially be  
8 approved by the certificate holder's local professional  
9 development committee, as provided for in subsection (f) of  
10 this Section. If the local professional development  
11 committee does not approve the certificate renewal plan, the  
12 certificate holder may appeal that determination to the  
13 regional professional development review committee, as  
14 provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of this  
15 Section. If the regional professional development review  
16 committee disagrees with the local professional development  
17 committee's determination, the certificate renewal plan shall  
18 be deemed approved and the certificate holder may begin  
19 satisfying the continuing professional development activities  
20 set forth in the plan. If the regional professional  
21 development review committee agrees with the local  
22 professional development committee's determination, the  
23 certificate renewal plan shall be deemed disapproved and  
24 shall be returned to the certificate holder to develop a  
25 revised certificate renewal plan. In all cases, the regional  
26 professional development review committee shall immediately  
27 notify both the local professional development committee and  
28 the certificate holder of its determination.

29 (5) A certificate holder who wishes to modify the  
30 continuing professional development activities or goals in  
31 his or her certificate renewal plan must submit the proposed  
32 modifications to his or her local professional development  
33 committee for approval prior to engaging in the proposed  
34 activities. If the local professional development committee

1 does not approve the proposed modification, the certificate  
2 holder may appeal that determination to the regional  
3 professional development review committee, as set forth in  
4 paragraph (4) of this subsection (e).

5 (6) When a certificate holder changes assignments or  
6 school districts during the course of completing a  
7 certificate renewal plan, the professional development and  
8 continuing education credit earned pursuant to the plan shall  
9 transfer to the new assignment or school district and count  
10 toward the total requirements. This certificate renewal plan  
11 must be reviewed by the appropriate local professional  
12 development committee and may be modified to reflect the  
13 certificate holder's new work assignment or the school  
14 improvement plan of the new school district or school  
15 building.

16 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code,  
17 each school district, charter school, and cooperative or  
18 joint agreement with a governing body or board of control  
19 that employs certificated staff, shall establish and  
20 implement, in conjunction with its exclusive representative,  
21 if any, one or more local professional development  
22 committees, as set forth in this subsection (f), which shall  
23 perform the following functions:

24 (1) review and approve certificate renewal plans  
25 and any modifications made to these plans, including  
26 transferred plans;

27 (2) maintain a file of approved certificate renewal  
28 plans;

29 (3) monitor certificate holders' progress in  
30 completing approved certificate renewal plans, provided  
31 that a local professional development committee shall not  
32 be required to maintain materials submitted by  
33 certificate holders to demonstrate their progress in  
34 completing their certificate renewal plans after the

1 committee has reviewed the materials and the credits have  
2 been awarded;

3 (4) assist in the development of professional  
4 development plans based upon needs identified in  
5 certificate renewal plans;

6 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met  
7 the requirements of their certificate renewal plans and  
8 notify certificate holders of its determination;

9 (6) provide a certificate holder with the  
10 opportunity to address the committee when it has  
11 determined that the certificate holder has not met the  
12 requirements of his or her certificate renewal plan;

13 (7) issue and forward recommendations for renewal  
14 or nonrenewal of certificate holders' Standard Teaching  
15 Certificates to the appropriate regional superintendent  
16 of schools, based upon whether certificate holders have  
17 met the requirements of their approved certificate  
18 renewal plans, with 30-day written notice of its  
19 recommendation provided to the certificate holder prior  
20 to forwarding the recommendation to the regional  
21 superintendent of schools, provided that if the local  
22 professional development committee's recommendation is  
23 for certificate nonrenewal, the written notice provided  
24 to the certificate holder shall include a return receipt;  
25 and

26 (8) reconsider its recommendation of certificate  
27 nonrenewal, upon request of the certificate holder within  
28 30 days of receipt of written notification that the local  
29 professional development committee will make such a  
30 recommendation, and forward to the regional  
31 superintendent of schools its recommendation within 30  
32 days of receipt of the certificate holder's request.

33 Each local professional development committee shall  
34 consist of at least 3 classroom teachers; one superintendent

1 or chief administrator of the school district, charter  
2 school, or cooperative or joint agreement or his or her  
3 designee; and one at-large member who shall be either (i) a  
4 parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a  
5 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference  
6 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed  
7 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure  
8 representation of an interest not already represented on the  
9 committee. Except in a school district in a city having a  
10 population exceeding 500,000, a local professional  
11 development committee shall be responsible for no more than  
12 200 certificate renewal plans annually unless otherwise  
13 mutually agreed upon by the school district, charter school,  
14 or governing body or board of control of a cooperative or  
15 joint agreement and its exclusive representative, if any. If  
16 mutually agreed upon by the school district, charter school,  
17 or governing body or board of control of a cooperative or  
18 joint agreement and its exclusive representative, if any,  
19 additional members may be added to a local professional  
20 development committee, provided that a majority of members  
21 are classroom teachers. Except in a school district in a  
22 city having a population exceeding 500,000, if additional  
23 members are added to a local professional development  
24 committee, the maximum number of certificate renewal plans  
25 for which the committee shall annually be responsible may be  
26 increased by 50 plans for each additional member, unless  
27 otherwise mutually agreed upon by the school district,  
28 charter school, or governing body or board of control of a  
29 cooperative or joint agreement and its exclusive  
30 representative, if any. The school district, charter school,  
31 or governing body or board of control of a cooperative or  
32 joint agreement and its exclusive representative, if any,  
33 shall determine the term of service of the members of a local  
34 professional development committee. All individuals selected

1 to serve on local professional development committees must be  
2 known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or their  
3 respective field of practice.

4 The exclusive representative, if any, shall select the  
5 classroom teacher members of the local professional  
6 development committee. If no exclusive representative  
7 exists, then the classroom teacher members of a local  
8 professional development committee shall be selected by the  
9 classroom teachers that come within the local professional  
10 development committee's authority. The school district,  
11 charter school, or governing body or board of control of a  
12 cooperative or joint agreement shall select the 2  
13 non-classroom teacher members (the superintendent or chief  
14 administrator of the school district, charter school, or  
15 cooperative or joint agreement or his or her designee and the  
16 at-large member) of a local professional development  
17 committee. Vacancies in positions on a local professional  
18 development committee shall be filled in the same manner as  
19 the original selections. The members of a local professional  
20 development committee shall select a chairperson. Local  
21 professional development committee meetings shall be  
22 scheduled so as not to interfere with committee members'  
23 regularly scheduled teaching duties, except when otherwise  
24 permitted by the policies of or agreed to or approved by the  
25 school district, charter school, or governing body or board  
26 of control of a cooperative or joint agreement, or its  
27 designee.

28 The board of education or governing board shall convene  
29 the first meeting of the local professional development  
30 committee. All actions taken by the local professional  
31 development committee shall require that a majority of  
32 committee members be present, and no committee action may be  
33 taken unless 50% or more of those present are teacher  
34 members.



1           The State Board of Education and the State Teacher  
2 Certification Board shall jointly provide local professional  
3 development committee members with a training manual, and the  
4 members shall certify that they have received and read the  
5 manual.

6           Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection  
7 (f), for a teacher employed and performing services in a  
8 nonpublic or State-operated elementary or secondary school,  
9 all references to a local professional development committee  
10 shall mean the regional superintendent of schools of the  
11 regional office of education for the geographic area where  
12 the teaching is done.

13           (g)(1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall  
14 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for  
15 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he  
16 or she receives from a local professional development  
17 committee or, if a certificate holder appeals the  
18 recommendation to the regional professional development  
19 review committee, the recommendation for renewal or  
20 nonrenewal he or she receives from a regional professional  
21 development review committee and, within 14 days of receipt  
22 of the recommendation, shall provide the State Teacher  
23 Certification Board with verification of the following, if  
24 applicable:

25           (A) a certificate renewal plan was filed and  
26 approved by the appropriate local professional  
27 development committee;

28           (B) the professional development and continuing  
29 education activities set forth in the approved  
30 certificate renewal plan have been satisfactorily  
31 completed;

32           (C) the local professional development committee  
33 has recommended the renewal of the certificate holder's  
34 Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the

1 recommendation, along with all supporting documentation  
2 as jointly required by the State Board of Education and  
3 the State Teacher Certification Board, to the regional  
4 superintendent of schools;

5 (D) the certificate holder has appealed his or her  
6 local professional development committee's recommendation  
7 of nonrenewal to the regional professional development  
8 review committee and the result of that appeal;

9 (E) the regional superintendent of schools has  
10 concurred or nonconcurred with the local professional  
11 development committee's or regional professional  
12 development review committee's recommendation to renew or  
13 nonrenew the certificate holder's Standard Teaching  
14 Certificate and made a recommendation to that effect; and

15 (F) the established registration fee for the  
16 Standard Teaching Certificate has been paid.

17 At the same time the regional superintendent of schools  
18 provides the State Teacher Certification Board with the  
19 notice required by this subsection (g), he or she shall also  
20 notify the certificate holder in writing that this notice has  
21 been provided to the State Teacher Certification Board,  
22 provided that if the notice provided by the regional  
23 superintendent of schools to the State Teacher Certification  
24 Board includes a recommendation of certificate nonrenewal,  
25 the written notice provided to the certificate holder shall  
26 be by certified mail, return receipt requested.

27 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to  
28 appeal his or her local professional development committee's  
29 recommendation of nonrenewal to the regional professional  
30 development review committee, within 14 days of receipt of  
31 notice that the recommendation has been sent to the regional  
32 superintendent of schools. Each regional superintendent of  
33 schools shall establish a regional professional development  
34 review committee or committees for the purpose of advising

1 the regional superintendent of schools, upon request, and  
2 handling certificate holder appeals. This committee shall  
3 consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one  
4 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2  
5 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either  
6 (i) a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii)  
7 a community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference  
8 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed  
9 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure  
10 representation of an interest not already represented on the  
11 committee. The teacher and non-administrative certificated  
12 educational employee members of the review committee shall be  
13 selected by their exclusive representative, if any, and the  
14 administrators and at-large member shall be selected by the  
15 regional superintendent of schools. A regional  
16 superintendent of schools may add additional members to the  
17 committee, provided that the same proportion of teachers to  
18 administrators and at-large members on the committee is  
19 maintained. Any additional teacher and non-administrative  
20 certificated educational employee members shall be selected  
21 by their exclusive representative, if any. Vacancies in  
22 positions on a regional professional development review  
23 committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
24 selections. Committee members shall serve staggered 3-year  
25 terms. All individuals selected to serve on regional  
26 professional development review committees must be known to  
27 demonstrate the best practices in teaching or their  
28 respective field of practice.

29 The exclusive representative responsible for choosing the  
30 individuals that serve on a regional professional development  
31 review committee shall notify each school district, charter  
32 school, or governing body or board of control of a  
33 cooperative or joint agreement employing the individuals  
34 chosen to serve and provide their names to the appropriate

1 regional superintendent of schools. Regional professional  
2 development review committee meetings shall be scheduled so  
3 as not to interfere with the committee members' regularly  
4 scheduled teaching duties, except when otherwise permitted by  
5 the policies of or agreed to or approved by the school  
6 district, charter school, or governing body or board of  
7 control of a cooperative or joint agreement, or its designee,  
8 provided that the school district, charter school, or  
9 governing body or board of control shall not unreasonably  
10 withhold permission for a committee member to attend regional  
11 professional development review committee meetings.

12 In a city having a population exceeding 500,000 that does  
13 not have a regional office of education, one or more separate  
14 regional professional development review committees shall be  
15 established as mutually agreed upon by the board of education  
16 of the school district organized under Article 34 of this  
17 Code and the exclusive representative. The composition of  
18 each committee shall be the same as for a regional  
19 professional development review committee, except that  
20 members of the committee shall be jointly appointed by the  
21 board of education and the exclusive representative. All  
22 other provisions of this Section concerning regional  
23 professional development review committees shall apply to  
24 these committees.

25 The regional professional development review committee  
26 may require information in addition to that received from a  
27 certificate holder's local professional development committee  
28 or request that the certificate holder appear before it,  
29 shall either concur or nonconcur with a local professional  
30 development committee's recommendation of nonrenewal, and  
31 shall forward to the regional superintendent of schools its  
32 recommendation of renewal or nonrenewal. All actions taken  
33 by the regional professional development review committee  
34 shall require a quorum and be by a simple majority of those

1 present and voting. A record of all votes shall be  
2 maintained. The committee shall have 45 days from receipt of  
3 a certificate holder's appeal to make its recommendation to  
4 the regional superintendent of schools.

5 The State Board of Education and the State Teacher  
6 Certification Board shall jointly provide regional  
7 professional development review committee members with a  
8 training manual, and the members shall be required to attend  
9 one training seminar sponsored jointly by the State Board of  
10 Education and the State Teacher Certification Board.

11 (h)(1) The State Teacher Certification Board shall  
12 review the regional superintendent of schools'  
13 recommendations to renew or nonrenew Standard Teaching  
14 Certificates and notify certificate holders in writing  
15 whether their certificates have been renewed or nonrenewed  
16 within 90 days of receipt of the recommendations, unless a  
17 certificate holder has appealed a regional superintendent of  
18 schools' recommendation of nonrenewal, as provided in  
19 paragraph (2) of this subsection (h). The State Teacher  
20 Certification Board shall verify that the certificate holder  
21 has met the renewal criteria set forth in paragraph (1) of  
22 subsection (g) of this Section.

23 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to  
24 appeal a regional superintendent of school's recommendation  
25 to nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the  
26 State Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt  
27 of notice that the decision has been sent to the State  
28 Teacher Certification Board, which shall hold an appeal  
29 hearing within 60 days of receipt of the appeal. When such  
30 an appeal is taken, the certificate holder's Standard  
31 Teaching Certificate shall continue to be valid until the  
32 appeal is finally determined. The State Teacher  
33 Certification Board shall review the regional superintendent  
34 of school's recommendation, the regional professional

1 development review committee's recommendation, if any, and  
2 the local professional development committee's recommendation  
3 and all relevant documentation to verify whether the  
4 certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth in  
5 paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section. The State  
6 Teacher Certification Board may request that the certificate  
7 holder appear before it. All actions taken by the State  
8 Teacher Certification Board shall require a quorum and be by  
9 a simple majority of those present and voting. A record of  
10 all votes shall be maintained. The State Teacher  
11 Certification Board shall notify the certificate holder in  
12 writing, within 7 days of completing the review, whether his  
13 or her Standard Teaching Certificate has been renewed or  
14 nonrenewed, provided that if the State Teacher Certification  
15 Board determines to nonrenew a certificate, the written  
16 notice provided to the certificate holder shall be by  
17 certified mail, return receipt requested. All certificate  
18 renewal or nonrenewal decisions of the State Teacher  
19 Certification Board are final and subject to administrative  
20 review, as set forth in Section 21-24 of this Code.

21 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet  
22 the same requirements and follow the same procedures as  
23 holders of Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their  
24 renewal cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of  
25 Section 21-2 of this Code.

26 A holder of a teaching certificate endorsed as a  
27 speech-language pathologist who has been granted the  
28 Certificate of Clinical Competence by the American  
29 Speech-Language Hearing Association may renew his or her  
30 Standard Teaching Certificate pursuant to the 10-year renewal  
31 cycle set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this  
32 Code.

33 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master  
34 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing

1 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary  
2 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
3 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated  
4 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their  
5 certificates by developing and submitting a certificate  
6 renewal plan to the regional superintendent of schools of the  
7 regional office of education for the geographic area where  
8 their teaching is done, who, or whose designee, shall approve  
9 the plan and serve as the certificate holder's local  
10 professional development committee. These certificate  
11 holders shall follow the same renewal criteria and procedures  
12 as all other Standard and Master Teaching Certificate  
13 holders, except that their continuing professional  
14 development plans shall not be required to reflect or address  
15 the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local school  
16 improvement plan.

17 (k) Each school district, charter school, or cooperative  
18 or joint agreement shall be paid an annual amount of not less  
19 than \$1,000, as determined by a formula based on the number  
20 of Standard Teaching and Master Teaching Certificate holders,  
21 subject to renewal and established by rule, not to exceed  
22 \$1,000,000 annually for all school districts, charter  
23 schools, and cooperatives or joint agreements, for  
24 administrative costs associated with conducting the meetings  
25 of the local professional development committee, as  
26 determined in consultation with the committee. Each regional  
27 office of education shall receive \$2,000 annually to pay  
28 school districts, charter schools, or cooperatives or joint  
29 agreements for costs, as defined by rule, incurred in staff  
30 attendance at regional professional development review  
31 committee meetings and the training seminar required under  
32 paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of this Section.

33 (l) The State Board of Education and the State Teacher  
34 Certification Board shall jointly contract with an

1 independent party to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of  
2 the certificate renewal system pursuant to this Section. The  
3 first report of this evaluation shall be presented to the  
4 General Assembly on January 1, 2005 and on January 1 of every  
5 third year thereafter.

6 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 92-510, eff. 6-1-02;  
7 92-796, eff. 8-10-02.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.