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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1647

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1647, AS AMENDED, by  
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
6 21-25 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-25) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-25)

8 Sec. 21-25. School service personnel certificate.

9 (a) For purposes of this Section, "school service  
10 personnel" means persons employed and performing appropriate  
11 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary  
12 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
13 with a governing body or board of control or a charter school  
14 operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law in a  
15 position requiring a school service personnel certificate.

16 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, a school

1 service personnel certificate shall be issued to those  
2 applicants of good character, good health, a citizen of the  
3 United States and at least 19 years of age who have a  
4 Bachelor's degree with not fewer than 120 semester hours from a  
5 regionally accredited institution of higher learning and who  
6 meets the requirements established by the State Superintendent  
7 of Education in consultation with the State Teacher  
8 Certification Board. A school service personnel certificate  
9 with a school nurse endorsement may be issued to a person who  
10 holds a bachelor of science degree from an institution of  
11 higher learning accredited by the North Central Association or  
12 other comparable regional accrediting association. Persons  
13 seeking any other endorsement on the school service personnel  
14 certificate shall be recommended for the endorsement by a  
15 recognized teacher education institution as having completed a  
16 program of preparation approved by the State Superintendent of  
17 Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification  
18 Board.

19 (b) Until August 30, 2002, a school service personnel  
20 certificate endorsed for school social work may be issued to a  
21 student who has completed a school social work program that has  
22 not been approved by the State Superintendent of Education,  
23 provided that each of the following conditions is met:

24 (1) The program was offered by a recognized, public  
25 teacher education institution that first enrolled students  
26 in its master's degree program in social work in 1998;

1           (2) The student applying for the school service  
2 personnel certificate was enrolled in the institution's  
3 master's degree program in social work on or after May 11,  
4 1998;

5           (3) The State Superintendent verifies that the student  
6 has completed coursework that is substantially similar to  
7 that required in approved school social work programs,  
8 including (i) not fewer than 600 clock hours of a  
9 supervised internship in a school setting or (ii) if the  
10 student has completed part of a supervised internship in a  
11 school setting prior to the effective date of this  
12 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and receives  
13 the prior approval of the State Superintendent, not fewer  
14 than 300 additional clock hours of supervised work in a  
15 public school setting under the supervision of a certified  
16 school social worker who certifies that the supervised work  
17 was completed in a satisfactory manner; and

18           (4) The student has passed a test of basic skills and  
19 the test of subject matter knowledge required by Section  
20 21-1a.

21           This subsection (b) does not apply after August 29, 2002.

22           (c) A school service personnel certificate shall be  
23 endorsed with the area of Service as determined by the State  
24 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State  
25 Teacher Certification Board.

26           The holder of such certificate shall be entitled to all of

1 the rights and privileges granted holders of a valid teaching  
2 certificate, including teacher benefits, compensation and  
3 working conditions.

4 When the holder of such certificate has earned a master's  
5 degree, including 8 semester hours of graduate professional  
6 education from a recognized institution of higher learning, and  
7 has at least 2 years of successful school experience while  
8 holding such certificate, the certificate may be endorsed for  
9 supervision.

10 (d) Persons who have successfully achieved National Board  
11 certification through the National Board for Professional  
12 Teaching Standards shall be issued a Master School Service  
13 Personnel Certificate, valid for 10 years and renewable  
14 thereafter every 10 years through compliance with requirements  
15 set forth by the State Board of Education, in consultation with  
16 the State Teacher Certification Board. However, each holder of  
17 a Master School Service Personnel Certificate shall be eligible  
18 for a corresponding position in this State in the areas for  
19 which he or she holds a Master Certificate without satisfying  
20 any other requirements of this Code, except for those  
21 requirements pertaining to criminal background checks.

22 (e) School service personnel certificates are renewable  
23 every 5 years and may be renewed as provided in this Section.  
24 Requests for renewals must be submitted, in a format prescribed  
25 by the State Board of Education, to the regional office of  
26 education responsible for the school where the holder is

1 employed.

2 Upon completion of at least 80 hours of continuing  
3 professional development as provided in this subsection (e), a  
4 person who holds a valid school service personnel certificate  
5 shall have his or her certificate renewed for a period of 5  
6 years. A person who (i) holds an active license issued by the  
7 State as a clinical professional counselor, a professional  
8 counselor, a clinical social worker, a social worker, or a  
9 speech-language pathologist; (ii) holds national certification  
10 as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist from the National  
11 School Psychology Certification Board; (iii) is nationally  
12 certified as a National Certified School Nurse from the  
13 National Board for Certification of School Nurses; (iv) is  
14 nationally certified as a National Certified Counselor or  
15 National Certified School Counselor from the National Board for  
16 Certified Counselors; or (v) holds a Certificate of Clinical  
17 Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing  
18 Association shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing  
19 professional development requirements established by the State  
20 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board to  
21 renew a school service personnel certificate.

22 School service personnel certificates may be renewed by the  
23 State Teacher Certification Board based upon proof of  
24 continuing professional development. The State Board of  
25 Education shall (i) establish a procedure for renewing school  
26 service personnel certificates, which shall include without

1 limitation annual timelines for the renewal process and the  
2 components set forth in this Section; (ii) approve or  
3 disapprove the providers of continuing professional  
4 development activities; and (iii) provide, on a timely basis to  
5 all school service personnel certificate holders, regional  
6 superintendents of schools, school districts, and others with  
7 an interest in continuing professional development,  
8 information about the standards and requirements established  
9 pursuant to this subsection (e).

10 Any school service personnel certificate held by an  
11 individual employed and performing services in an Illinois  
12 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,  
13 or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or  
14 board of control in a certificated school service personnel  
15 position or in a charter school in compliance with the Charter  
16 Schools Law must be maintained Valid and Active through  
17 certificate renewal activities specified in the certificate  
18 renewal procedure established pursuant to this Section,  
19 provided that a holder of a Valid and Active certificate who is  
20 only employed on either a part-time basis or day-to-day basis  
21 as a substitute shall pay only the required registration fee to  
22 renew his or her certificate and maintain it as Valid and  
23 Active. All other school service personnel certificates held  
24 may be maintained as Valid and Exempt through the registration  
25 process provided for in the certificate renewal procedure  
26 established pursuant to Section 21-14 of this Code. A Valid and

1 Exempt certificate must be immediately activated, through  
2 procedures developed by the State Board of Education upon the  
3 certificate holder becoming employed and performing services  
4 in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary school,  
5 secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement with a  
6 governing body or board of control in a certificated school  
7 service personnel position or in a charter school operating in  
8 compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A holder of a Valid  
9 and Exempt certificate may activate his or her certificate  
10 through procedures provided for in the certificate renewal  
11 procedure established pursuant to this Section.

12 A school service personnel certificate that has been  
13 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the  
14 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active  
15 upon the certificate holder (i) completing the National Board  
16 for Professional Teaching Standards process in an area of  
17 concentration comparable to the holder's school service  
18 personnel certificate of endorsement or (ii) earning 80  
19 continuing professional development units as described in this  
20 Section. If, however, the certificate holder has maintained the  
21 certificate as Valid and Exempt for a portion of the 5-year  
22 period of validity, the number of continuing professional  
23 development units needed to renew the certificate as Valid and  
24 Active must be proportionately reduced by the amount of time  
25 the certificate was Valid and Exempt. If a certificate holder  
26 is employed and performs services requiring the holder's school

1 service personnel certificate on a part-time basis for all or a  
2 portion of the certificate's 5-year period of validity, the  
3 number of continuing professional development units needed to  
4 renew the certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by  
5 50% for the amount of time the certificate holder has been  
6 employed and performing such services on a part-time basis.  
7 "Part-time" means less than 50% of the school day or school  
8 term.

9 Beginning July 1, 2008, in order to satisfy the  
10 requirements for continuing professional development provided  
11 for in this Section, each Valid and Active school service  
12 personnel certificate holder shall complete professional  
13 development activities that address the certificate or those  
14 certificates that are required of his or her certificated  
15 position, if the certificate holder is employed and performing  
16 services in an Illinois public or State operated elementary  
17 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
18 with a governing body or board of control, or that certificate  
19 or those certificates most closely related to his or her  
20 teaching position, if the certificate holder is employed in a  
21 charter school. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection  
22 (e), the certificate holder's activities must address and must  
23 reflect the following continuing professional development  
24 purposes:

25 (1) Advance both the certificate holder's knowledge  
26 and skills consistent with the Illinois Standards for the



1 service area in which the certificate is endorsed in order  
2 to keep the certificate holder current in that area.

3 (2) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and  
4 skills in areas determined by the State Board of Education  
5 to be critical for all school service personnel.

6 (3) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the  
7 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if the  
8 certificate holder is employed in an Illinois public or  
9 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
10 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or  
11 board of control.

12 (4) Address the needs of serving students with  
13 disabilities, including adapting and modifying clinical or  
14 professional practices to meet the needs of students with  
15 disabilities and serving such students in the least  
16 restrictive environment.

17 The coursework or continuing professional development  
18 units ("CPDU") required under this subsection (e) must total 80  
19 CPDUs or the equivalent and must address 3 of the 4 purposes  
20 described in items (1) through (4) of this subsection (e).  
21  Holders of school service personnel certificates may fulfill  
22 this obligation with any combination of semester hours or CPDUs  
23 as follows:

24 (A) Collaboration and partnership activities related  
25 to improving the school service personnel certificate  
26 holder's knowledge and skills, including (i) participating

1 on collaborative planning and professional improvement  
2 teams and committees; (ii) peer review and coaching; (iii)  
3 mentoring in a formal mentoring program, including service  
4 as a consulting teacher participating in a remediation  
5 process formulated under Section 24A-5 of this Code; (iv)  
6 participating in site-based management or decision-making  
7 teams, relevant committees, boards, or task forces  
8 directly related to school improvement plans; (v)  
9 coordinating community resources in schools, if the  
10 project is a specific goal of the school improvement plan;  
11 (vi) facilitating parent education programs for a school,  
12 school district, or regional office of education directly  
13 related to student achievement or school improvement  
14 plans; (vii) participating in business, school, or  
15 community partnerships directly related to student  
16 achievement or school improvement plans; or (viii)  
17 supervising a student teacher (student services personnel)  
18 or teacher education candidate in clinical supervision,  
19 provided that the supervision may be counted only once  
20 during the course of 5 years.

21 (B) Coursework from a regionally accredited  
22 institution of higher learning related to one of the  
23 purposes listed in items (1) through (4) of this subsection  
24 (e), which shall apply at the rate of 15 continuing  
25 professional development units per semester hour of credit  
26 earned during the previous 5-year period when the status of

1       the holder's school service personnel certificate was  
2       Valid and Active. Proportionate reductions shall apply  
3       when the holder's status was Valid and Active for less than  
4       the 5-year period preceding the renewal.

5       (C) Teaching college or university courses in areas  
6       relevant to the certificate area being renewed, provided  
7       that the teaching may be counted only once during the  
8       course of 5 years.

9       (D) Conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, or  
10       symposiums designed to improve the certificate holder's  
11       knowledge and skills in the service area and applicable to  
12       the purposes listed in items (1) through (4) of this  
13       subsection (e). One CPDU shall be awarded for each hour of  
14       attendance. No one shall receive credit for conferences,  
15       workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are  
16       designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial  
17       purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.  
18       The State Superintendent of Education and regional  
19       superintendents of schools are authorized to review the  
20       activities and events provided or to be provided under this  
21       subdivision (D) and to investigate complaints regarding  
22       those activities and events. Either the State  
23       Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent  
24       of schools may recommend that the State Board of Education  
25       disapprove those activities and events considered to be  
26       inconsistent with this subdivision (D).

1           (E) Completing non-university credit directly related  
2           to student achievement, school improvement plans, or State  
3           priorities.

4           (F) Participating in or presenting at workshops,  
5           seminars, conferences, institutes, or symposiums.

6           (G) Training as external reviewers for quality  
7           assurance.

8           (H) Training as reviewers of university teacher  
9           preparation programs.

10           (I) Other educational experiences related to improving  
11           the school service personnel's knowledge and skills as a  
12           teacher, including (i) participating in action research  
13           and inquiry projects; (ii) traveling related to one's  
14           assignment and directly related to school service  
15           personnel achievement or school improvement plans and  
16           approved by the regional superintendent of schools or his  
17           or her designee at least 30 days prior to the travel  
18           experience, provided that the traveling shall not include  
19           time spent commuting to destinations where the learning  
20           experience will occur; (iii) participating in study groups  
21           related to student achievement or school improvement  
22           plans; (iv) serving on a statewide education-related  
23           committee, including without limitation the State Teacher  
24           Certification Board, State Board of Education strategic  
25           agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council on Education of  
26           Children with Disabilities; (v) participating in

1 work/learn programs or internships; or (vi) developing a  
2 portfolio of student and teacher work.

3 (J) Professional leadership experiences related to  
4 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,  
5 including (i) participating in curriculum development or  
6 assessment activities at the school, school district,  
7 regional office of education, State, or national level;  
8 (ii) participating in team or department leadership in a  
9 school or school district; (iii) participating on external  
10 or internal school or school district review teams; (iv)  
11 publishing educational articles, columns, or books  
12 relevant to the certificate area being renewed; or (v)  
13 participating in non-strike-related professional  
14 association or labor organization service or activities  
15 related to professional development.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-105, eff. 7-1-05.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
18 2008.".