

# HB5779



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5779

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-27

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

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A BILL FOR

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 Section  
5 21-27 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-27)

7 Sec. 21-27. The Illinois Teaching Excellence Program. The  
8 ~~The~~ Illinois Teaching Excellence Program is hereby established  
9 to provide categorical funding for monetary incentives and  
10 bonuses for teachers and school counselors who are employed by  
11 school districts and who hold a Master Certificate. The State  
12 Board of Education shall allocate and distribute to each school  
13 district an amount as annually appropriated by the General  
14 Assembly from federal funds for the Illinois Teaching  
15 Excellence Program. The State Board of Education's annual  
16 budget must set out by separate line item the appropriation for  
17 the program. Unless otherwise provided by appropriation, each  
18 school district's annual allocation shall be the sum of the  
19 amounts earned for the following incentives and bonuses:

20 (1) An annual payment of \$3,000 to be paid to (A) each  
21 teacher who successfully completes the program leading to  
22 and who receives a Master Certificate and is employed as a  
23 teacher by a school district and (B) each school counselor

1 who successfully completes the program leading to and who  
2 receives a Master Certificate and is employed as a school  
3 counselor by a school district. The school district shall  
4 distribute this payment to each eligible teacher or school  
5 counselor as a single payment or in not more than 3  
6 payments.

7 (2) An annual incentive equal to \$1,000 shall be paid  
8 to each teacher who holds a Master Certificate, who is  
9 employed as a teacher by a school district, and who agrees,  
10 in writing, to provide 60 hours of mentoring during that  
11 year to classroom teachers. This mentoring may include,  
12 either singly or in combination, (i) providing high quality  
13 professional development for new and experienced teachers,  
14 and (ii) assisting National Board for Professional  
15 Teaching Standards (NBPTS) candidates through the NBPTS  
16 certification process. The school district shall  
17 distribute 50% of each annual incentive payment upon  
18 completion of 30 hours of the required mentoring and the  
19 remaining 50% of the incentive upon completion of the  
20 required 60 hours of mentoring. Credit may not be granted  
21 by a school district for mentoring or related services  
22 provided during a regular school day or during the total  
23 number of days of required service for the school year.

24 (3) An annual incentive equal to \$3,000 shall be paid  
25 to each teacher who holds a Master Certificate, who is  
26 employed as a teacher by a school district, and who agrees,

1 in writing, to provide 60 hours of mentoring during that  
2 year to classroom teachers in schools on academic early  
3 warning status or in schools in which 50% or more of the  
4 students receive free or reduced price lunches, or both.  
5 The school district shall distribute 50% of each annual  
6 incentive payment upon completion of 30 hours of the  
7 required mentoring and the remaining 50% of the incentive  
8 upon completion of the required 60 hours of mentoring.  
9 Credit may not be granted by a school district for  
10 mentoring or related services provided during a regular  
11 school day or during the total number of days of required  
12 service for the school year.

13 Each regional superintendent of schools shall provide  
14 information about the Master Certificate Program of the  
15 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) and  
16 this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly to each  
17 individual seeking to register or renew a certificate under  
18 Section 21-14 of this Code.

19 (Source: P.A. 93-470, eff. 8-8-03; 94-105, eff. 7-1-05; 94-901,  
20 eff. 6-22-06.)