

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections  
5 10-22.39, 21-14, and 34-18.7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.39)

7 Sec. 10-22.39. In-service training programs.

8 (a) To conduct in-service training programs for teachers.

9 (b) In addition to other topics at in-service training  
10 programs, school guidance counselors, teachers, school social  
11 workers, and other school personnel who work with pupils in  
12 grades 7 through 12 shall be trained to identify the warning  
13 signs of suicidal behavior in adolescents and teens and shall  
14 be taught appropriate intervention and referral techniques.

15 (c) School guidance counselors, nurses, teachers and other  
16 school personnel who work with pupils may be trained to have a  
17 basic knowledge of matters relating to acquired  
18 immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), including the nature of the  
19 disease, its causes and effects, the means of detecting it and  
20 preventing its transmission, and the availability of  
21 appropriate sources of counseling and referral, and any other  
22 information that may be appropriate considering the age and  
23 grade level of such pupils. The School Board shall supervise

1 such training. The State Board of Education and the Department  
2 of Public Health shall jointly develop standards for such  
3 training.

4 (d) In this subsection (d):

5 "Domestic violence" means abuse by a family or household  
6 member, as "abuse" and "family or household members" are  
7 defined in Section 103 of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of  
8 1986.

9 "Sexual violence" means sexual assault, abuse, or stalking  
10 of an adult or minor child proscribed in the Criminal Code of  
11 1961 in Sections 12-7.3, 12-7.4, 12-7.5, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14,  
12 12-14.1, 12-15, and 12-16, including sexual violence committed  
13 by perpetrators who are strangers to the victim and sexual  
14 violence committed by perpetrators who are known or related by  
15 blood or marriage to the victim.

16 At least once every 2 years, an in-service training program  
17 for school personnel who work with pupils, including, but not  
18 limited to, school and school district administrators,  
19 teachers, school guidance counselors, school social workers,  
20 school counselors, school psychologists, and school nurses,  
21 must be conducted by persons with expertise in domestic and  
22 sexual violence and the needs of expectant and parenting youth  
23 and shall include training concerning (i) communicating with  
24 and listening to youth victims of domestic or sexual violence  
25 and expectant and parenting youth, (ii) connecting youth  
26 victims of domestic or sexual violence and expectant and

1 parenting youth to appropriate in-school services and other  
2 agencies, programs, and services as needed, and (iii)  
3 implementing the school district's policies, procedures, and  
4 protocols with regard to such youth, including  
5 confidentiality. At a minimum, school personnel must be trained  
6 to understand, provide information and referrals, and address  
7 issues pertaining to youth who are parents, expectant parents,  
8 or victims of domestic or sexual violence.

9 (e) At least every 2 years, an in-service training program  
10 for school personnel who work with pupils must be conducted by  
11 persons with expertise in anaphylactic reactions and  
12 management.

13 (f) ~~(e)~~ At least once every 2 years, a school board shall  
14 conduct in-service training on educator ethics,  
15 teacher-student conduct, and school employee-student conduct  
16 for all personnel.

17 (Source: P.A. 95-558, eff. 8-30-07; 96-349, eff. 8-13-09;  
18 96-431, eff. 8-13-09; revised 9-4-09.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

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

21 (a) A limited four-year certificate or a certificate issued  
22 after July 1, 1955, shall be renewable at its expiration or  
23 within 60 days thereafter by the county superintendent of  
24 schools having supervision and control over the school where  
25 the teacher is teaching upon certified evidence of meeting the

1 requirements for renewal as required by this Act and prescribed  
2 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State  
3 Teacher Certification Board. An elementary supervisory  
4 certificate shall not be renewed at the end of the first  
5 four-year period covered by the certificate unless the holder  
6 thereof has filed certified evidence with the State Teacher  
7 Certification Board that he has a master's degree or that he  
8 has earned 8 semester hours of credit in the field of  
9 educational administration and supervision in a recognized  
10 institution of higher learning. The holder shall continue to  
11 earn 8 semester hours of credit each four-year period until  
12 such time as he has earned a master's degree.

13 All certificates not renewed or registered as herein  
14 provided shall lapse after a period of 5 years from the  
15 expiration of the last year of registration. Such certificates  
16 may be reinstated for a one year period upon payment of all  
17 accumulated registration fees. Such reinstated certificates  
18 shall only be renewed: (1) by earning 5 semester hours of  
19 credit in a recognized institution of higher learning in the  
20 field of professional education or in courses related to the  
21 holder's contractual teaching duties; or (2) by presenting  
22 evidence of holding a valid regular certificate of some other  
23 type. Any certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the  
24 certificate holder. A voluntarily surrendered certificate  
25 shall be treated as a revoked certificate.

26 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before

1 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after February  
2 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be exchanged for  
3 Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in subsection (c) of  
4 Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard Teaching Certificates,  
5 including those issued to persons who previously held teaching  
6 certificates issued before February 15, 2000, shall be  
7 renewable under the conditions set forth in this subsection  
8 (b).

9 Initial Teaching Certificates are valid for 4 years of  
10 teaching, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this  
11 Code, and are renewable every 4 years until the person  
12 completes 4 years of teaching. If the holder of an Initial  
13 Certificate has completed 4 years of teaching but has not  
14 completed the requirements set forth in paragraph (2) of  
15 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, then the Initial  
16 Certificate may be reinstated for one year, during which the  
17 requirements must be met. A holder of an Initial Certificate  
18 who has not completed 4 years of teaching may continuously  
19 register the certificate for additional 4-year periods without  
20 penalty. Initial Certificates that are not registered shall  
21 lapse consistent with subsection (a) of this Section and may be  
22 reinstated only in accordance with subsection (a). Standard  
23 Teaching Certificates are renewable every 5 years as provided  
24 in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and subsection (c) of this  
25 Section. For purposes of this Section, "teaching" is defined as  
26 employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or

1 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
2 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board  
3 of control, in a certificated teaching position, or a charter  
4 school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law.

5 (c) In compliance with subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of  
6 this Code, which provides that a Standard Teaching Certificate  
7 may be renewed by the State Teacher Certification Board based  
8 upon proof of continuing professional development, the State  
9 Board of Education and the State Teacher Certification Board  
10 shall jointly:

11 (1) establish a procedure for renewing Standard  
12 Teaching Certificates, which shall include but not be  
13 limited to annual timelines for the renewal process and the  
14 components set forth in subsections (d) through (k) of this  
15 Section;

16 (2) establish the standards for certificate renewal;

17 (3) approve or disapprove the providers of continuing  
18 professional development activities;

19 (4) determine the maximum credit for each category of  
20 continuing professional development activities, based upon  
21 recommendations submitted by a continuing professional  
22 development activity task force, which shall consist of 6  
23 staff members from the State Board of Education, appointed  
24 by the State Superintendent of Education, and 6 teacher  
25 representatives, 3 of whom are selected by the Illinois  
26 Education Association and 3 of whom are selected by the

1 Illinois Federation of Teachers;

2 (5) designate the type and amount of documentation  
3 required to show that continuing professional development  
4 activities have been completed; and

5 (6) provide, on a timely basis to all Illinois  
6 teachers, certificate holders, regional superintendents of  
7 schools, school districts, and others with an interest in  
8 continuing professional development, information about the  
9 standards and requirements established pursuant to this  
10 subsection (c).

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

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

15 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been  
16 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the  
17 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active  
18 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing an advanced degree  
19 from an approved institution in an education-related field;  
20 (ii) completing at least 8 semester hours of coursework as  
21 described in subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this  
22 subsection (e); (iii) (blank); (iv) completing the National  
23 Board for Professional Teaching Standards process as described  
24 in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or  
25 (v) earning 120 continuing professional development units  
26 ("CPDU") as described in subdivision (E) of paragraph (3) of



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

21 Notwithstanding any other requirements to the contrary, if  
22 a Standard Teaching Certificate has been maintained as Valid  
23 and Active for the 5 years of the certificate's validity and  
24 the certificate holder has completed his or her certificate  
25 renewal plan before July 1, 2002, the certificate shall be  
26 renewed as Valid and Active.

1           (2) Beginning July 1, 2004, in order to satisfy the  
2 requirements for continuing professional development provided  
3 for in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code, each Valid  
4 and Active Standard Teaching Certificate holder shall complete  
5 professional development activities that address the  
6 certificate or those certificates that are required of his or  
7 her certificated teaching position, if the certificate holder  
8 is employed and performing services in an Illinois public or  
9 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or  
10 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or board  
11 of control, or that certificate or those certificates most  
12 closely related to his or her teaching position, if the  
13 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except as  
14 otherwise provided in this subsection (e), the certificate  
15 holder's activities must address purposes (A), (B), (C), or (D)  
16 and must reflect purpose (E) of the following continuing  
17 professional development purposes:

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

25           (B) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and  
26 skills in areas determined to be critical for all Illinois

1 teachers, as defined by the State Board of Education, known  
2 as "State priorities".

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

8 (D) Expand the certificate holder's knowledge and  
9 skills in an additional teaching field or toward the  
10 acquisition of another teaching certificate, endorsement,  
11 or relevant education degree.

12 (E) Address the needs of serving students with  
13 disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general  
14 curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to  
15 meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving  
16 such students in the least restrictive environment.  
17 Teachers who hold certificates endorsed for special  
18 education must devote at least 50% of their continuing  
19 professional development activities to this purpose.  
20 Teachers holding other certificates must devote at least  
21 20% of their activities to this purpose.

22 A speech-language pathologist or audiologist who is  
23 licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and  
24 Audiology Practice Act and who has met the continuing education  
25 requirements of that Act and the rules promulgated under that  
26 Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing

1 professional development requirements established by the State  
2 Board of Education and the Teacher Certification Board to renew  
3 a Standard Certificate.

4 (3) Continuing professional development activities may  
5 include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

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

8 (B) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an  
9 approved education-related program, of which at least 2  
10 semester hours relate to the continuing professional  
11 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph  
12 (2) of this subsection (e), completion of which means no  
13 other continuing professional development activities are  
14 required;

15 (C) (blank);

16 (D) completion of the National Board for Professional  
17 Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process for certification or  
18 recertification, completion of which means no other  
19 continuing professional development activities are  
20 required;

21 (E) completion of 120 continuing professional  
22 development units that satisfy the continuing professional  
23 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this  
24 subsection (e) and may include without limitation the  
25 activities identified in subdivisions (F) through (J) of  
26 this paragraph (3);

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

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

6 (ii) peer review and coaching;

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

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

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

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

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

25 (viii) supervising a student teacher or teacher  
26 education candidate in clinical supervision, provided

1           that the supervision may only be counted once during  
2           the course of 5 years;

3           (G) college or university coursework related to  
4           improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher  
5           as follows:

6                   (i) completing undergraduate or graduate credit  
7                   earned from a regionally accredited institution in  
8                   coursework relevant to the certificate area being  
9                   renewed, including coursework that incorporates  
10                  induction activities and development of a portfolio of  
11                  both student and teacher work that provides experience  
12                  in reflective practices, provided the coursework meets  
13                  Illinois Professional Teaching Standards or Illinois  
14                  Content Area Standards and supports the essential  
15                  characteristics of quality professional development;  
16                  or

17                   (ii) teaching college or university courses in  
18                  areas relevant to the certificate area being renewed,  
19                  provided that the teaching may only be counted once  
20                  during the course of 5 years;

21           (H) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars, and  
22           symposiums related to improving the teacher's knowledge  
23           and skills as a teacher, subject to disapproval of the  
24           activity or event by the State Teacher Certification Board  
25           acting jointly with the State Board of Education, including  
26           the following:

1 (i) completing non-university credit directly  
2 related to student achievement, school improvement  
3 plans, or State priorities;

4 (ii) participating in or presenting at workshops,  
5 seminars, conferences, institutes, and symposiums;

6 (iii) training as external reviewers for Quality  
7 Assurance; ~~or~~

8 (iv) training as reviewers of university teacher  
9 preparation programs; or

10 (v) participating in or presenting at in-service  
11 training programs on suicide prevention.

12 A teacher, however, may not receive credit for conferences,  
13 workshops, institutes, seminars, or symposiums that are  
14 designed for entertainment, promotional, or commercial  
15 purposes or that are solely inspirational or motivational.

16 The State Superintendent of Education and regional  
17 superintendents of schools are authorized to review the  
18 activities and events provided or to be provided under this  
19 subdivision (H) and to investigate complaints regarding  
20 those activities and events, and either the State  
21 Superintendent of Education or a regional superintendent  
22 of schools may recommend that the State Teacher  
23 Certification Board and the State Board of Education  
24 jointly disapprove those activities and events considered  
25 to be inconsistent with this subdivision (H);

26 (I) other educational experiences related to improving

1 the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher, including  
2 the following:

3 (i) participating in action research and inquiry  
4 projects;

5 (ii) observing programs or teaching in schools,  
6 related businesses, or industry that is systematic,  
7 purposeful, and relevant to certificate renewal;

8 (iii) traveling related to one's teaching  
9 assignment, directly related to student achievement or  
10 school improvement plans and approved by the regional  
11 superintendent of schools or his or her designee at  
12 least 30 days prior to the travel experience, provided  
13 that the traveling shall not include time spent  
14 commuting to destinations where the learning  
15 experience will occur;

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

18 (v) serving on a statewide education-related  
19 committee, including but not limited to the State  
20 Teacher Certification Board, State Board of Education  
21 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory Council  
22 on Education of Children with Disabilities;

23 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or  
24 internships; or

25 (vii) developing a portfolio of student and  
26 teacher work;



1 (J) professional leadership experiences related to  
2 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher,  
3 including the following:

4 (i) participating in curriculum development or  
5 assessment activities at the school, school district,  
6 regional office of education, State, or national  
7 level;

8 (ii) participating in team or department  
9 leadership in a school or school district;

10 (iii) participating on external or internal school  
11 or school district review teams;

12 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns, or  
13 books relevant to the certificate area being renewed;  
14 or

15 (v) participating in non-strike related  
16 professional association or labor organization service  
17 or activities related to professional development;

18 (K) receipt of a subsequent Illinois certificate or  
19 endorsement pursuant to this Article;

20 (L) completion of requirements for meeting the  
21 Illinois criteria for becoming "highly qualified" (for  
22 purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public  
23 Law 107-110) in an additional teaching area;

24 (M) successful completion of 4 semester hours of  
25 graduate-level coursework on the assessment of one's own  
26 performance in relation to the Illinois Teaching

1 Standards, as described in clause (B) of paragraph (2) of  
2 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code; or

3 (N) successful completion of a minimum of 4 semester  
4 hours of graduate-level coursework addressing preparation  
5 to meet the requirements for certification by the National  
6 Board for Professional Teaching Standards, as described in  
7 clause (C) of paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Section  
8 21-2 of this Code.

9 (4) A person must complete the requirements of this  
10 subsection (e) before the expiration of his or her Standard  
11 Teaching Certificate and must submit assurance to the regional  
12 superintendent of schools or, if applicable, a local  
13 professional development committee authorized by the regional  
14 superintendent to submit recommendations to him or her for this  
15 purpose. The statement of assurance shall contain a list of the  
16 activities completed, the provider offering each activity, the  
17 number of credits earned for each activity, and the purposes to  
18 which each activity is attributed. The certificate holder shall  
19 maintain the evidence of completion of each activity for at  
20 least one certificate renewal cycle. The certificate holder  
21 shall affirm under penalty of perjury that he or she has  
22 completed the activities listed and will maintain the required  
23 evidence of completion. The State Board of Education or the  
24 regional superintendent of schools for each region shall  
25 conduct random audits of assurance statements and supporting  
26 documentation.

1 (5) (Blank).

2 (6) (Blank).

3 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, a  
4 school district is authorized to enter into an agreement with  
5 the exclusive bargaining representative, if any, to form a  
6 local professional development committee (LPDC). The  
7 membership and terms of members of the LPDC may be determined  
8 by the agreement. Provisions regarding LPDCs contained in a  
9 collective bargaining agreement in existence on the effective  
10 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly  
11 between a school district and the exclusive bargaining  
12 representative shall remain in full force and effect for the  
13 term of the agreement, unless terminated by mutual agreement.  
14 The LPDC shall make recommendations to the regional  
15 superintendent of schools on renewal of teaching certificates.  
16 The regional superintendent of schools for each region shall  
17 perform the following functions:

18 (1) review recommendations for certificate renewal, if  
19 any, received from LPDCs;

20 (2) (blank);

21 (3) (blank);

22 (4) (blank);

23 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met the  
24 requirements for certificate renewal and notify  
25 certificate holders if the decision is not to renew the  
26 certificate;

1           (6) provide a certificate holder with the opportunity  
2           to appeal a recommendation made by a LPDC, if any, not to  
3           renew the certificate to the regional professional  
4           development review committee;

5           (7) issue and forward recommendations for renewal or  
6           nonrenewal of certificate holders' Standard Teaching  
7           Certificates to the State Teacher Certification Board; and

8           (8) (blank).

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

20                (A) the certificate holder has satisfactorily  
21                completed professional development and continuing  
22                education activities set forth in paragraph (3) of  
23                subsection (e) of this Section;

24                (B) the certificate holder has submitted the statement  
25                of assurance required under paragraph (4) of subsection (e)  
26                of this Section, and this statement has been attached to

1 the application for renewal;

2 (C) the local professional development committee, if  
3 any, has recommended the renewal of the certificate  
4 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the  
5 recommendation to the regional superintendent of schools;

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

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

17 (F) the established registration fee for the Standard  
18 Teaching Certificate has been paid.

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

26 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal

1 his or her local professional development committee's  
2 recommendation of nonrenewal, if any, to the regional  
3 professional development review committee, within 14 days of  
4 receipt of notice that the recommendation has been sent to the  
5 regional superintendent of schools. Each regional  
6 superintendent of schools shall establish a regional  
7 professional development review committee or committees for  
8 the purpose of advising the regional superintendent of schools,  
9 upon request, and handling certificate holder appeals. This  
10 committee shall consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one  
11 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2  
12 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either (i)  
13 a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a  
14 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference  
15 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed  
16 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure representation  
17 of an interest not already represented on the committee. The  
18 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational  
19 employee members of the review committee shall be selected by  
20 their exclusive representative, if any, and the administrators  
21 and at-large member shall be selected by the regional  
22 superintendent of schools. A regional superintendent of  
23 schools may add additional members to the committee, provided  
24 that the same proportion of teachers to administrators and  
25 at-large members on the committee is maintained. Any additional  
26 teacher and non-administrative certificated educational

1 employee members shall be selected by their exclusive  
2 representative, if any. Vacancies in positions on a regional  
3 professional development review committee shall be filled in  
4 the same manner as the original selections. Committee members  
5 shall serve staggered 3-year terms. All individuals selected to  
6 serve on regional professional development review committees  
7 must be known to demonstrate the best practices in teaching or  
8 their respective field of practice.

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

20 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to appeal  
21 a regional superintendent of school's recommendation to  
22 nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the State  
23 Teacher Certification Board, within 14 days of receipt of  
24 notice that the decision has been sent to the State Teacher  
25 Certification Board, which shall hold an appeal hearing within  
26 60 days of receipt of the appeal. When such an appeal is taken,

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

25 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet the  
26 same requirements and follow the same procedures as holders of



1 Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their renewal  
2 cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of Section 21-2  
3 of this Code and their renewal requirements shall be subject to  
4 paragraph (8) of subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of this Code.

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

11 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master  
12 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing  
13 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary  
14 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement  
15 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated  
16 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their certificates  
17 through the regional superintendent of schools of the regional  
18 office of education for the geographic area where their  
19 teaching is done. These certificate holders shall follow the  
20 same renewal criteria and procedures as all other Standard and  
21 Master Teaching Certificate holders, except that their  
22 continuing professional development activities need not  
23 reflect or address the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local  
24 school improvement plan.

25 (k) (Blank).

26 (l) (Blank).

1 (m) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act  
2 of the 93rd General Assembly that affect renewal of Standard  
3 and Master Certificates shall apply to those persons who hold  
4 Standard or Master Certificates on or after the effective date  
5 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly and shall  
6 be given effect upon renewal of those certificates.

7 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-793, eff. 1-1-09.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.7) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.7)

9 Sec. 34-18.7. Adolescent and teen suicide detection and  
10 intervention. School guidance counselors, teachers, school  
11 social workers, and other school personnel who work with pupils  
12 in grades 7 through 12 shall be trained to identify the warning  
13 signs of suicidal behavior in adolescents and teens and shall  
14 be taught various intervention techniques. Such training shall  
15 be provided within the framework of existing in-service  
16 training programs offered by the Board or as part of the  
17 professional development activities required under Section  
18 21-14 of this Code.

19 (Source: P.A. 85-297.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law.