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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1488

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1488 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21B-30 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-30)

7 Sec. 21B-30. Educator testing.

8 (a) (Blank).

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

1 Education may adopt such rules as may be necessary to
2 implement and administer this Section.

3 (c) (Blank).

4 (c-5) The State Board must adopt rules to implement a
5 paraprofessional competency test. This test would allow an
6 applicant seeking an Educator License with Stipulations with a
7 paraprofessional educator endorsement to obtain the
8 endorsement if he or she passes the test and meets the other
9 requirements of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (2) of Section
10 21B-20 other than the higher education requirements.

11 (d) All applicants seeking a State license shall be
12 required to pass a test of content area knowledge for each area
13 of endorsement for which there is an applicable test. There
14 shall be no exception to this requirement. No candidate shall
15 be allowed to student teach or serve as the teacher of record
16 until he or she has passed the applicable content area test.

17 (e) (Blank).

18 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Article,
19 beginning on September 1, 2015, all candidates completing
20 teacher preparation programs in this State and all candidates
21 subject to Section 21B-35 of this Code are required to pass an
22 evidence-based ~~a teacher performance~~ assessment approved by
23 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
24 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. Each teacher
25 preparation program in this State may use any evidence-based
26 assessment of teacher effectiveness that aligns to current

1 State teaching standards in order for a candidate to meet the
2 requirements of this subsection (f). A candidate may not be
3 required to submit test materials by video submission. Subject
4 to appropriation, an individual who holds a Professional
5 Educator License and is employed for a minimum of one school
6 year by a school district designated as Tier 1 under Section
7 18-8.15 may, after application to the State Board, receive
8 from the State Board a refund for any costs associated with
9 completing the teacher performance assessment under this
10 subsection.

11 (g) The content area knowledge test and the teacher
12 performance assessment shall be the tests that from time to
13 time are designated by the State Board of Education, in
14 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
15 Board, and may be tests prepared by an educational testing
16 organization or tests designed by the State Board of
17 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation
18 and Licensure Board. The test of content area knowledge shall
19 assess content knowledge in a specific subject field. The
20 tests must be designed to be racially neutral to ensure that no
21 person taking the tests is discriminated against on the basis
22 of race, color, national origin, or other factors unrelated to
23 the person's ability to perform as a licensed employee. The
24 score required to pass the tests shall be fixed by the State
25 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
26 Preparation and Licensure Board. The tests shall be

1 administered not fewer than 3 times a year at such time and
2 place as may be designated by the State Board of Education, in
3 consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
4 Board.

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

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

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

25 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-220, eff. 8-7-19;
26 101-594, eff. 12-5-19; 102-301, eff. 8-26-21.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 2023.".