**Section 1085.10 Purpose**

The purpose of this Part is to provide for the distribution of grant funds through a competitive process *to prepare highly skilled, committed teachers who will teach in hard-to-staff schools, including within the Department of Juvenile Justice School District, and hard-to-staff teaching positions and who will remain in these schools for substantial periods of time. The initiative shall ensure educational rigor by effectively preparing candidates in accredited bachelor's degree programs in teaching, through which graduates shall meet the requirements to secure an Illinois initial teaching* license/*certificate.* (Section 5 of the Act)