

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1026

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1026 on page 1, by
3 replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:

4 "AN ACT concerning education."; and

5 on page 1, line 6, by replacing "14C-8" with "14C-8, 21-1,";
6 and

7 on page 6, immediately below line 3, by inserting the
8 following:

9 "(105 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1)

10 Sec. 21-1. Qualification of teachers. No one may be
11 certified to teach or supervise in the public schools of this
12 State who is not of good character, good health, a citizen of
13 the United States or legally present and authorized for
14 employment, and at least 19 years of age. If the holder of a
15 certificate under this Section is not a citizen of the United
16 States 6 years after the date of the issuance of the original
17 certificate, any certificate held by such person on that date
18 shall be cancelled by the board of education and no other
19 certificate to teach shall be issued to such person until
20 such person is a citizen of the United States. However, the
21 State Superintendent of Education may extend this 6-year time
22 limit for a period of 2 years if the person certifies his or

1 her intention to become a United States citizen and furnishes
2 proof that he or she has filed an application for United
3 States citizenship. Upon the expiration of this extension
4 period, the State Superintendent of Education may grant an
5 additional extension of 2 years upon proof that the person's
6 application for citizenship is pending. If the person is not
7 a United States citizen by the end of this additional
8 extension period, any certificate held by that person at the
9 end of this period shall be cancelled by the board of
10 education and no other certificate may be issued until the
11 person furnishes proof that he or she is a United States
12 citizen.

13 Citizenship is not required for the issuance of a
14 temporary part-time certificate to participants in approved
15 training programs for exchange students as described in
16 Section 21-10.2. A certificate issued under this plan shall
17 expire on June 30 following the date of issue. One renewal
18 for one year is authorized if the holder remains as an
19 official participant in an approved exchange program.

20 In determining good character under this Section, any
21 felony conviction of the applicant may be taken into
22 consideration, but such a conviction shall not operate as a
23 bar to registration.

24 No person otherwise qualified shall be denied the right
25 to be certified, to receive training for the purpose of
26 becoming a teacher or to engage in practice teaching in any
27 school because of a physical disability including but not
28 limited to visual and hearing disabilities; nor shall any
29 school district refuse to employ a teacher on such grounds,
30 provided that the person is able to carry out the duties of
31 the position for which he applies.

32 No person may be granted or continue to hold a teaching
33 certificate who has knowingly altered or misrepresented his
34 or her teaching qualifications in order to acquire the

1 certificate. Any other certificate held by such person may
2 be suspended or revoked by the State Teacher Certification
3 Board, depending upon the severity of the alteration or
4 misrepresentation.

5 No one may teach or supervise in the public schools nor
6 receive for teaching or supervising any part of any public
7 school fund, who does not hold a certificate of qualification
8 granted by the State Board of Education or by the State
9 Teacher Certification Board and a regional superintendent of
10 schools as hereinafter provided, or by the board of education
11 of a city having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants
12 except as provided in Section 34-6 and in Section 10-22.34 or
13 Section 10-22.34b. However, the provisions of this Article do
14 not apply to a member of the armed forces who is employed as
15 a teacher of subjects in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps
16 of any school. Sections 21-2 through 21-24 do not apply to
17 cities having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants,
18 until July 1, 1988.

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the
20 board of education of any school district may grant to a
21 teacher of the district a leave of absence with full pay for
22 a period of not more than one year to permit such teacher to
23 teach in a foreign state under the provisions of the Exchange
24 Teacher Program established under Public Law 584, 79th
25 Congress, and Public Law 402, 80th Congress, as amended. The
26 school board granting such leave of absence may employ with
27 or without pay a national of the foreign state wherein the
28 teacher on leave of absence will teach, if the national is
29 qualified to teach in that foreign state, and if that
30 national will teach in a grade level similar to the one which
31 was taught in such foreign state. The State Board of
32 Education shall promulgate and enforce such reasonable rules
33 as may be necessary to effectuate this paragraph.

34 (Source: P.A. 88-189; 89-159, eff. 1-1-96; 89-397, eff.

1 8-20-95; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.)".