

1 AN ACT in relation to 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
5 Section 21-5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-5) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-5)

7 Sec. 21-5. High school certificate.

8 (a) A high school certificate shall be valid for 4 years
9 for teaching in grades 6 to 12 inclusive of the common
10 schools. Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, it shall
11 be issued to persons who have graduated from a recognized
12 institution of higher learning with a bachelor's degree and
13 with not fewer than 120 semester hours including 16 semester
14 hours in professional education, 5 of which shall be in
15 student teaching under competent and close supervision and
16 with one or more teaching fields. These Such persons shall
17 be recommended for the high school certificate by a
18 recognized institution as having completed an approved
19 program of preparation which includes the academic and
20 professional courses approved by the State Superintendent of
21 Education in consultation with the State Teacher
22 Certification Board.

23 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard
24 Secondary Certificates shall be issued to persons who meet
25 all of the criteria established by the State Board of
26 Education for secondary education.

27 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;
28 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)