

1 AN ACT relating to certification of school personnel.

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 Sections 2-3.11, 10-21.9, 10-22.20a, 10-22.24a, 10-22.34,
6 14-1.09.1, 14-8.05, 14C-2, 21-1, 21-1a, 21-1b, 21-1c, 21-2,
7 21-2.1, 21-2b, 21-3, 21-4, 21-5, 21-5a, 21-5b, 21-5c, 21-5d,
8 21-7.1, 21-9, 21-10, 21-11.1, 21-11.2, 21-11.3, 21-11.4,
9 21-12, 21-14, 21-16, 21-17, 21-19, 21-21, 21-21.1, 21-23,
10 21-23b, 21-24, 21-25, 34-18.5, and 34-83 and adding Section
11 21-0.05 as follows:

12 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.11)

13 Sec. 2-3.11. Report to Governor and General Assembly.
14 To report to the Governor and General Assembly annually on or
15 before January 14 the condition of the schools of the State
16 for the preceding year, ending on June 30.

17 Such annual report shall contain reports of the-State
18 ~~Teacher--Certification--Board~~; the schools of the State
19 charitable institutions; reports on driver education, special
20 education, and transportation; and for such year the annual
21 statistical reports of the State Board of Education,
22 including the number and kinds of school districts; number of
23 school attendance centers; number of men and women teachers;
24 enrollment by grades; total enrollment; total days
25 attendance; total days absence; average daily attendance;
26 number of elementary and secondary school graduates; assessed
27 valuation; tax levies and tax rates for various purposes;
28 amount of teachers' orders, anticipation warrants, and bonds
29 outstanding; and number of men and women teachers and total
30 enrollment of private schools. The report shall give for all
31 school districts receipts from all sources and expenditures

1 for all purposes for each fund; the total operating expense
2 and the per capita cost; federal and state aids and
3 reimbursements; new school buildings, and recognized schools;
4 together with such other information and suggestions as the
5 State Board of Education may deem important in relation to
6 the schools and school laws and the means of promoting
7 education throughout the state.
8 (Source: P.A. 84-1308; 84-1424.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-21.9)

10 Sec. 10-21.9. Criminal background investigations.

11 (a) After August 1, 1985, certified and noncertified
12 applicants for employment with a school district, except
13 school bus driver applicants, are required as a condition of
14 employment to authorize an investigation to determine if such
15 applicants have been convicted of any of the enumerated
16 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) of this Section
17 or have been convicted, within 7 years of the application for
18 employment with the school district, of any other felony
19 under the laws of this State or of any offense committed or
20 attempted in any other state or against the laws of the
21 United States that, if committed or attempted in this State,
22 would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this
23 State. Authorization for the investigation shall be furnished
24 by the applicant to the school district, except that if the
25 applicant is a substitute teacher seeking employment in more
26 than one school district, a teacher seeking concurrent
27 part-time employment positions with more than one school
28 district (as a reading specialist, special education teacher
29 or otherwise), or an educational support personnel employee
30 seeking employment positions with more than one district, any
31 such district may require the applicant to furnish
32 authorization for the investigation to the regional
33 superintendent of the educational service region in which are

1 located the school districts in which the applicant is
2 seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time
3 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee.
4 Upon receipt of this authorization, the school district or
5 the appropriate regional superintendent, as the case may be,
6 shall submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date of birth
7 and social security number to the Department of State Police
8 on forms prescribed by the Department. The regional
9 superintendent submitting the requisite information to the
10 Department of State Police shall promptly notify the school
11 districts in which the applicant is seeking employment as a
12 substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent
13 educational support personnel employee that the investigation
14 of the applicant has been requested. The Department of State
15 Police shall conduct an investigation to ascertain if the
16 applicant being considered for employment has been convicted
17 of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in
18 subsection (c) or has been convicted, within 7 years of the
19 application for employment with the school district, of any
20 other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense
21 committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws
22 of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this
23 State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws
24 of this State. The Department shall charge the school
25 district or the appropriate regional superintendent a fee for
26 conducting such investigation, which fee shall be deposited
27 in the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the
28 cost of the inquiry; and the applicant shall not be charged a
29 fee for such investigation by the school district or by the
30 regional superintendent. The regional superintendent may
31 seek reimbursement from the State Board of Education or the
32 appropriate school district or districts for fees paid by the
33 regional superintendent to the Department for the criminal
34 background investigations required by this Section.

1 (b) The Department shall furnish, pursuant to positive
2 identification, records of convictions, until expunged, to
3 the president of the school board for the school district
4 which requested the investigation, or to the regional
5 superintendent who requested the investigation. Any
6 information concerning the record of convictions obtained by
7 the president of the school board or the regional
8 superintendent shall be confidential and may only be
9 transmitted to the superintendent of the school district or
10 his designee, the appropriate regional superintendent if the
11 investigation was requested by the school district, the
12 presidents of the appropriate school boards if the
13 investigation was requested from the Department of State
14 Police by the regional superintendent, the State
15 Superintendent of Education, the Professional Teacher
16 Standards Board ~~State--Teacher--Certification--Board~~ or any
17 other person necessary to the decision of hiring the
18 applicant for employment. A copy of the record of
19 convictions obtained from the Department of State Police
20 shall be provided to the applicant for employment. If an
21 investigation of an applicant for employment as a substitute
22 or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent educational
23 support personnel employee in more than one school district
24 was requested by the regional superintendent, and the
25 Department of State Police upon investigation ascertains that
26 the applicant has not been convicted of any of the enumerated
27 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or has not been
28 convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment
29 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws
30 of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any
31 other state or against the laws of the United States that, if
32 committed or attempted in this State, would have been
33 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State and so
34 notifies the regional superintendent, then the regional

1 superintendent shall issue to the applicant a certificate
2 evidencing that as of the date specified by the Department of
3 State Police the applicant has not been convicted of any of
4 the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or
5 has not been convicted, within 7 years of the application for
6 employment with the school district, of any other felony
7 under the laws of this State or of any offense committed or
8 attempted in any other state or against the laws of the
9 United States that, if committed or attempted in this State,
10 would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this
11 State. The school board of any school district located in
12 the educational service region served by the regional
13 superintendent who issues such a certificate to an applicant
14 for employment as a substitute teacher in more than one such
15 district may rely on the certificate issued by the regional
16 superintendent to that applicant, or may initiate its own
17 investigation of the applicant through the Department of
18 State Police as provided in subsection (a). Any person who
19 releases any confidential information concerning any criminal
20 convictions of an applicant for employment shall be guilty of
21 a Class A misdemeanor, unless the release of such information
22 is authorized by this Section.

23 (c) No school board shall knowingly employ a person who
24 has been convicted for committing attempted first degree
25 murder or for committing or attempting to commit first degree
26 murder or a Class X felony or any one or more of the
27 following offenses: (i) those defined in Sections 11-6, 11-9,
28 11-14, 11-15, 11-15.1, 11-16, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19, 11-19.1,
29 11-19.2, 11-20, 11-20.1, 11-21, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15
30 and 12-16 of the "Criminal Code of 1961"; (ii) those defined
31 in the "Cannabis Control Act" except those defined in
32 Sections 4(a), 4(b) and 5(a) of that Act; (iii) those defined
33 in the "Illinois Controlled Substances Act"; and (iv) any
34 offense committed or attempted in any other state or against

1 the laws of the United States, which if committed or
2 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as one or
3 more of the foregoing offenses. Further, no school board
4 shall knowingly employ a person who has been found to be the
5 perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of any minor under 18
6 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the
7 Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

8 (d) No school board shall knowingly employ a person for
9 whom a criminal background investigation has not been
10 initiated.

11 (e) Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a
12 finding of child abuse by a holder of any certificate issued
13 pursuant to Article 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the
14 School Code, the appropriate regional superintendent of
15 schools or the State Superintendent of Education shall
16 initiate the certificate suspension and revocation
17 proceedings authorized by law.

18 (f) After January 1, 1990 the provisions of this Section
19 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding
20 contracts with any school district including, but not limited
21 to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other
22 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with
23 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of
24 criminal background investigations on employees of persons or
25 firms holding contracts with more than one school district
26 and assigned to more than one school district, the regional
27 superintendent of the educational service region in which the
28 contracting school districts are located may, at the request
29 of any such school district, be responsible for receiving the
30 authorization for investigation prepared by each such
31 employee and submitting the same to the Department of State
32 Police. Any information concerning the record of conviction
33 of any such employee obtained by the regional superintendent
34 shall be promptly reported to the president of the

1 appropriate school board or school boards.

2 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98; 91-885, eff. 7-6-00.)

3 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.20a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.20a)

4 Sec. 10-22.20a. Advanced vocational training program,
5 and career education. To enter into joint agreements with
6 community college districts and other school districts for
7 the purpose of providing career education or advanced
8 vocational training of students in the 11th and higher grades
9 who desire preparation for a trade. Transportation for
10 students to any facility covered by a joint agreement as
11 described in this Section shall be provided by the
12 participating school district, or by the participating school
13 district in conjunction with other school districts. Joint
14 agreements entered into under this Section may include
15 provisions for joint authority to acquire and improve sites,
16 construct and equip facilities thereon and lease and equip
17 facilities deemed necessary by the parties to the joint
18 agreement, to maintain programs and to provide for financing
19 of the foregoing jointly by the respective parties, all in
20 accordance with the terms of the joint agreement.

21 Nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrict
22 or prohibit the rights of community college districts or
23 school districts to enter into joint agreements under the
24 provisions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, as now
25 or hereinafter amended.

26 The duration of the career education or advanced
27 vocational training program shall be such period as the
28 school district may approve but it may not exceed 2 years for
29 any school district pupil. Participation in the program is
30 accorded the same credit toward a high school diploma as time
31 spent in other courses.

32 The participating community college shall bill each
33 participating student's school district for an amount equal

1 to the per capita cost of operating the community college
 2 attended or a charge for participation may be made in
 3 accordance with the joint agreement between the community
 4 college district and the student's school district. Such
 5 agreement shall not provide for payments in excess of the
 6 actual cost of operating the course or courses in which the
 7 student is enrolled. Participating high schools may use
 8 State aid monies to pay the charges.

9 The community college instructors teaching in such
 10 programs need not be certified by the Professional Teacher
 11 Standards Board State-Teacher-Certification-Board.

12 (Source: P.A. 79-76.)

13 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.24a)

14 Sec. 10-22.24a. School counselor. To employ school
 15 counselors. A school counselor is a qualified guidance
 16 specialist who holds or is qualified for an elementary,
 17 secondary, or special K-12 certificate issued by the
 18 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Teacher
 19 Certification--Board and a School Service Personnel
 20 certificate endorsed in guidance issued by the Professional
 21 Teacher Standards Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board.
 22 Individuals who have completed approved programs in other
 23 states may apply for a School Service Personnel certificate
 24 endorsed in guidance if a review of their credentials
 25 indicates that they hold or qualify for an elementary, high
 26 school, or special certificate in their own state.

27 (Source: P.A. 91-70, eff. 7-9-99.)

28 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.34) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.34)

29 Sec. 10-22.34. Non-certificated personnel.

30 (a) School Boards may employ non-teaching personnel or
 31 utilize volunteer personnel for: (1) non-teaching duties not
 32 requiring instructional judgment or evaluation of pupils; and

1 (2) supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception
2 areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by
3 electronic media such as computers, video, and audio, and
4 detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored
5 extracurricular activities.

6 (b) School boards may further utilize volunteer
7 non-certificated personnel or employ non-certificated
8 personnel to assist in the instruction of pupils under the
9 immediate supervision of a teacher, holding a valid
10 certificate, directly engaged in teaching subject matter or
11 conducting activities. The teacher shall be continuously
12 aware of the non-certificated persons' activities and shall
13 be able to control or modify them. The State Board of
14 Education, in consultation with the Professional Teacher
15 Standards Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board, shall
16 determine qualifications of such personnel and shall
17 prescribe rules for determining the duties and activities to
18 be assigned to such personnel. In the determination of
19 qualifications of such personnel, the State Board of
20 Education shall accept coursework earned in a recognized
21 institution or from an institution of higher learning
22 accredited by the North Central Association or other
23 comparable regional accrediting association.

24 (c) School boards may also employ students holding a
25 bachelor's degree from a recognized institution of higher
26 learning as part time teaching interns when such students are
27 enrolled in a college or university internship program, which
28 has prior approval by the Professional Teacher Standards
29 Board State-Board-of-Education-in-consultation-with-the-State
30 Teacher-Certification-Board, leading to a masters degree.

31 (d) Nothing in this Section shall require constant
32 supervision of a student teacher enrolled in a student
33 teaching course at a college or university, provided such
34 activity has the prior approval of the representative of the

1 higher education institution and teaching plans have
 2 previously been discussed with and approved by the
 3 supervising teacher and further provided that such teaching
 4 is within guidelines established by the Professional Teacher
 5 Standards Board State-Board-of-Education-in-consultation-with
 6 the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.

7 (Source: P.A. 88-89; 89-159, eff. 1-1-96.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/14-1.09.1)

9 Sec. 14-1.09.1. School psychological services. In the
 10 public schools, school psychological services provided by
 11 qualified specialists who hold Type 73 School Service
 12 Personnel Certificates endorsed for school psychology issued
 13 by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Teacher
 14 Certification--Board may include, but are not limited to: (i)
 15 administration and interpretation of psychological and
 16 educational evaluations; (ii) developing school-based
 17 prevention programs, including violence prevention programs;
 18 (iii) counseling with students, parents, and teachers on
 19 educational and mental health issues; (iv) acting as liaisons
 20 between public schools and community agencies; (v) evaluating
 21 program effectiveness; (vi) providing crisis intervention
 22 within the school setting; (vii) helping teachers, parents,
 23 and others involved in the educational process to provide
 24 optimum teaching and learning conditions for all students;
 25 (viii) supervising school psychologist interns enrolled in
 26 school psychology programs that meet the standards
 27 established by the State Board of Education; and (ix)
 28 screening of school enrollments to identify children who
 29 should be referred for individual study. Nothing in this
 30 Section prohibits other qualified professionals from
 31 providing those services listed for which they are
 32 appropriately trained.

33 (Source: P.A. 89-339, eff. 8-17-95.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/14-8.05) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-8.05)
2 Sec. 14-8.05. Behavioral intervention.

3 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that
4 principals and teachers of students with disabilities require
5 training and guidance that provide ways for working
6 successfully with children who have difficulties conforming
7 to acceptable behavioral patterns in order to provide an
8 environment in which learning can occur. It is the intent of
9 the General Assembly:

10 (1) That when behavioral interventions are used,
11 they be used in consideration of the pupil's physical
12 freedom and social interaction, and be administered in a
13 manner that respects human dignity and personal privacy
14 and that ensures a pupil's right to placement in the
15 least restrictive educational environment.

16 (2) That behavioral management plans be developed
17 and used, to the extent possible, in a consistent manner
18 when a local educational agency has placed the pupil in a
19 day or residential setting for education purposes.

20 (3) That a statewide study be conducted of the use
21 of behavioral interventions with students with
22 disabilities receiving special education and related
23 services.

24 (4) That training programs be developed and
25 implemented in institutions of higher education that
26 train teachers, and that in-service training programs be
27 made available as necessary in school districts, in
28 educational service centers, and by regional
29 superintendents of schools to assure that adequately
30 trained staff are available to work effectively with the
31 behavioral intervention needs of students with
32 disabilities.

33 (b) On or before September 30, 1993, the State
34 Superintendent of Education shall conduct a statewide study

1 of the use of behavioral interventions with students with
2 disabilities receiving special education and related
3 services. The study shall include, but not necessarily be
4 limited to identification of the frequency in the use of
5 behavioral interventions; the number of districts with
6 policies in place for working with children exhibiting
7 continuous serious behavioral problems; how policies, rules,
8 or regulations within districts differ between emergency and
9 routine behavioral interventions commonly practiced; the
10 nature and extent of costs for training provided to personnel
11 for implementing a program of nonaversive behavioral
12 interventions; and the nature and extent of costs for
13 training provided to parents of students with disabilities
14 who would be receiving behavioral interventions. The scope
15 of the study shall be developed by the State Board of
16 Education, in consultation with individuals and groups
17 representing parents, teachers, administrators, and
18 advocates. On or before June 30, 1994, the State Board of
19 Education shall issue guidelines based on the study's
20 findings. The guidelines shall address, but not be limited
21 to, the following: (i) appropriate behavioral interventions,
22 and (ii) how to properly document the need for and use of
23 behavioral interventions in the process of developing
24 individualized education plans for students with
25 disabilities. The guidelines shall be used as a reference to
26 assist school boards in developing local policies and
27 procedures in accordance with this Section. The State Board
28 of Education, with the advice of parents of students with
29 disabilities and other parents, teachers, administrators,
30 advocates for persons with disabilities, and individuals with
31 knowledge or expertise in the development and implementation
32 of behavioral interventions for persons with disabilities,
33 shall review its behavioral intervention guidelines at least
34 once every 3 years to determine their continuing

1 appropriateness and effectiveness and shall make such
2 modifications in the guidelines as it deems necessary.

3 (c) Each school board must establish and maintain a
4 committee to develop policies and procedures on the use of
5 behavioral interventions for students with disabilities who
6 require behavioral intervention. The policies and procedures
7 shall be adopted and implemented by school boards by January
8 1, 1996, shall be amended as necessary to comply with the
9 rules established by the State Board of Education under
10 Section 2-3.130 ~~2-3-126~~ of this Code not later than one month
11 after commencement of the school year after the State Board
12 of Education's rules are adopted, and shall: (i) be developed
13 with the advice of parents with students with disabilities
14 and other parents, teachers, administrators, advocates for
15 persons with disabilities, and individuals with knowledge or
16 expertise in the development and implementation of behavioral
17 interventions for persons with disabilities; (ii) emphasize
18 positive interventions that are designed to develop and
19 strengthen desirable behaviors; (iii) incorporate procedures
20 and methods consistent with generally accepted practice in
21 the field of behavioral intervention; (iv) include criteria
22 for determining when a student with disabilities may require
23 a behavioral intervention plan; (v) reflect that the
24 guidelines of the State Board of Education have been reviewed
25 and considered and provide the address of the State Board of
26 Education so that copies of the State Board of Education
27 behavioral guidelines may be requested; and (vi) include
28 procedures for monitoring the use of restrictive behavioral
29 interventions. Each school board shall (i) furnish a copy of
30 its local policies and procedures to parents and guardians of
31 all students with individualized education plans within 15
32 days after the policies and procedures have been adopted by
33 the school board, or within 15 days after the school board
34 has amended its policies and procedures, or at the time an

1 individualized education plan is first implemented for the
 2 student, and (ii) require that each school inform its
 3 students of the existence of the policies and procedures
 4 annually. Provided, at the annual individualized education
 5 plan review, the school board shall (1) explain the local
 6 policies and procedures, (2) furnish a copy of the local
 7 policies to parents and guardians, and (3) make available,
 8 upon request of any parents and guardians, a copy of local
 9 procedures.

10 (d) The State Superintendent of Education shall consult
 11 with representatives of institutions of higher education and
 12 the Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Teacher
 13 Certification---Board in regard to the current training
 14 requirements for teachers to ensure that sufficient training
 15 is available in appropriate behavioral interventions
 16 consistent with professionally accepted practices and
 17 standards for people entering the field of education.

18 (Source: P.A. 90-63, eff. 7-3-97; 91-600, eff. 8-14-99;
 19 revised 11-8-99.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/14C-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 14C-2)
 21 Sec. 14C-2. Definitions. Unless the context indicates
 22 otherwise, the terms used in this Article have the following
 23 meanings:

- 24 (a) "State Board" means the State Board of Education.
- 25 (b) "Certification Board" means the Professional Teacher
 26 Standards Board State-Teacher-Certification-Board.
- 27 (c) "School District" means any school district
 28 established under this Code.
- 29 (d) "Children of limited English-speaking ability" means
 30 (1) children who were not born in the United States whose
 31 native tongue is a language other than English and who are
 32 incapable of performing ordinary classwork in English; and
 33 (2) children who were born in the United States of parents

1 possessing no or limited English-speaking ability and who are
2 incapable of performing ordinary classwork in English.

3 (e) "Teacher of transitional bilingual education" means
4 a teacher with a speaking and reading ability in a language
5 other than English in which transitional bilingual education
6 is offered and with communicative skills in English.

7 (f) "Program in transitional bilingual education" means
8 a full-time program of instruction (1) in all those courses
9 or subjects which a child is required by law to receive and
10 which are required by the child's school district which shall
11 be given in the native language of the children of limited
12 English-speaking ability who are enrolled in the program and
13 also in English, (2) in the reading and writing of the native
14 language of the children of limited English-speaking ability
15 who are enrolled in the program and in the oral
16 comprehension, speaking, reading and writing of English, and
17 (3) in the history and culture of the country, territory or
18 geographic area which is the native land of the parents of
19 children of limited English-speaking ability who are enrolled
20 in the program and in the history and culture of the United
21 States; or a part-time program of instruction based on the
22 educational needs of those children of limited
23 English-speaking ability who do not need a full-time program
24 of instruction.

25 (Source: P.A. 86-1028.)

26 (105 ILCS 5/21-0.05 new)

27 Sec. 21-0.05. Professional Teacher Standards Board.

28 (a) The Professional Teacher Standards Board is hereby
29 created. The Professional Teacher Standards Board shall
30 consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor. Of the
31 members so appointed, 2 shall be administrative or faculty
32 members of public or private colleges or universities located
33 in the State, one shall be a regional superintendent of

1 schools who has been nominated by a regional superintendent
2 organization, 3 shall be school administrators employed in
3 the public schools of the State who have each been nominated
4 by an administrator organization, 8 shall be classroom
5 teachers employed in the public schools of the State, with 4
6 nominated by one professional teachers' organization and 4
7 nominated by another professional teachers' organization, and
8 one shall be private sector member who is either a parent of
9 a student attending a public school of the State, who has
10 been nominated by a statewide parent organization, or a
11 representative of the business community of the State. At
12 least one of the school administrators and 2 of the classroom
13 teachers so appointed shall be employees of a school district
14 that is subject to the provisions of Article 34. Whenever a
15 vacancy in a classroom teacher position on the Professional
16 Teacher Standards Board is to be filled as provided in this
17 Section, the professional teachers' organization that
18 nominated the member who vacated the office is entitled to
19 nominate a candidate for the vacancy. The nominations of a
20 professional teachers' organization shall be submitted by the
21 organization to the Governor not less than 60 days prior to
22 the expiration of the term of a person holding a classroom
23 teacher position on the Professional Teacher Standards Board
24 or not more than 60 days after a vacancy in such a position
25 occurs for any other reason. The nominations shall be in
26 writing and shall be signed by the president and secretary of
27 the organization submitting the nominations. Of the members
28 initially appointed to the Professional Teacher Standards
29 Board: one of the 2 administrative or faculty members of
30 public or private colleges or universities shall be appointed
31 to serve a term expiring on the third Monday of January, 2004
32 and the other administrative or faculty member shall be
33 appointed to serve a term expiring on the third Monday of
34 January, 2006; the regional superintendent of schools shall

1 be appointed to serve a term expiring on the third Monday of
2 January, 2004; one of the 2 school administrators shall be
3 appointed to serve a term expiring on the third Monday of
4 January, 2004 and the other school administrator shall be
5 appointed to serve a term expiring on the third Monday of
6 January, 2006; 4 of the 8 classroom teachers shall be
7 appointed to serve terms expiring on the third Monday of
8 January, 2004 with the remaining 4 classroom teachers being
9 appointed to serve terms expiring on the third Monday of
10 January, 2006; and one of the private sector members shall be
11 appointed to serve a term expiring on the third Monday of
12 January, 2004 and the other private sector member shall be
13 appointed to serve a term expiring on the third Monday of
14 January, 2006. The successors in office of the members
15 initially appointed under this subsection shall each serve
16 terms of 4 years, commencing on the third Monday of January
17 of the appropriate odd-numbered year. All members shall
18 serve until a successor is appointed, and any vacancy shall
19 be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same
20 manner as an appointment for a full term is made.

21 (b) The State Teacher Certification Board is abolished
22 and the terms of its members are terminated when 8 of the
23 initial members of the Professional Teacher Standards Board,
24 which shall constitute a quorum of that Board, are appointed
25 as provided in subsection (a). The members of the
26 Professional Teacher Standards Board shall take office and
27 assume, exercise, and perform the powers, duties, and
28 responsibilities of that Board under this Article when a
29 quorum of the initial members of that Board is appointed.
30 Until the State Teacher Certification Board is abolished upon
31 the appointment of 8 persons to serve as initial members of
32 the Professional Teacher Standards Board, but not thereafter,
33 the State Teacher Certification Board shall exercise the
34 powers and duties that it was authorized or required to

1 exercise and perform under this Article prior to its
2 abolition.

3 (c) The chairperson of the Professional Teacher
4 Standards Board shall be elected by the members of the Board
5 from among their number to serve for a term of one year. A
6 person elected to serve as chairperson of the Board may be
7 reelected by the members of the Board to succeed himself or
8 herself in that office. The members of the Professional
9 Teacher Standards Board shall meet promptly upon the
10 appointment of a quorum of the members to organize
11 themselves, elect from their number a chairperson and such
12 other officers as they deem necessary, and establish the
13 dates of the regular meetings of the Board. The Board shall
14 hold special meetings upon the call of the chairperson or a
15 majority of its members. Members of the Professional Teacher
16 Standards Board shall be reimbursed for all ordinary and
17 necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties as
18 members of the Board.

19 (d) The Professional Teacher Standards Board, as a State
20 agency that is eligible for appropriations, shall comply with
21 the provisions of the Bureau of the Budget Act applicable to
22 State agencies.

23 (e) The Professional Teacher Standards Board, acting in
24 accordance with the provisions of this Article and exercising
25 the exclusive powers granted to it under Section 21-1c, shall
26 have the power and authority to do all of the following:

27 (1) set standards for teaching, supervising, or
28 holding other certificated employment in the public
29 schools, and administer the certification process as
30 provided in this Article;

31 (2) approve and evaluate teacher and administrator
32 preparation programs;

33 (3) revoke and suspend certificates issued for
34 teaching, supervising, or holding other certificated

1 employment in the public schools;

2 (4) enter into agreements with other states
3 relative to reciprocal approval of teacher and
4 administrator preparation programs;

5 (5) establish standards for the issuance of new
6 types of certificates;

7 (6) employ and direct an Executive Director and
8 such other staff as the Board deems necessary to exercise
9 its powers and duties under this Article, subject to the
10 following conditions: all employees of the State Board of
11 Education who shall lose their employment with the State
12 Board of Education as the result of the establishment of
13 the Professional Teacher Standards Board and the
14 attendant transfer of power and duties to the
15 Professional Teacher Standards Board shall be afforded
16 the right to transfer their employment without
17 interruption from the State Board of Education to the
18 Professional Teacher Standards Board, retaining their
19 seniority status and salary as it then exists with the
20 State Board of Education;

21 (7) establish standards for induction, mentoring,
22 and professional development programs;

23 (8) take such other action relating to the
24 improvement of instruction in the public schools through
25 teacher education and professional development and that
26 attracts qualified candidates into teacher training
27 programs as is appropriate and consistent with applicable
28 laws; and

29 (9) make and prescribe rules and regulations that
30 are necessary for the administration of this Article.

31 (f) The Board may create standing committees, comprised
32 solely of Board members, when deemed necessary by the Board
33 to carry out its functions and responsibilities under this
34 Article. In addition the Board may establish advisory

1 committees if the Board determines that such action may be
2 necessary or appropriate.

3 (105 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1)

4 Sec. 21-1. Qualification of teachers. No one may be
5 certified to teach or supervise in the public schools of this
6 State who is not of good character, good health, a citizen of
7 the United States or legally present and authorized for
8 employment, and at least 19 years of age. If the holder of a
9 certificate under this Section is not a citizen of the United
10 States 6 years after the date of the issuance of the original
11 certificate, any certificate held by such person on that date
12 shall be cancelled by the board of education and no other
13 certificate to teach shall be issued to such person until
14 such person is a citizen of the United States.

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

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

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

1 No person may be granted or continue to hold a teaching
2 certificate who has knowingly altered or misrepresented his
3 or her teaching qualifications in order to acquire the
4 certificate. Any other certificate held by such person may
5 be suspended or revoked by the Professional Teacher Standards
6 Board State-Teacher-Certification-Board, depending upon the
7 severity of the alteration or misrepresentation.

8 No one may teach or supervise in the public schools nor
9 receive for teaching or supervising any part of any public
10 school fund, who does not hold a certificate of qualification
11 granted, on or after January 1, 2003 by the Professional
12 Teacher Standards Board, or granted prior to that date by the
13 State Board of Education or by the State Teacher
14 Certification Board and a regional superintendent of schools
15 ~~as hereinafter provided~~, or by the board of education of a
16 city having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants,
17 except as provided in Section 34-6 and in Section 10-22.34 or
18 Section 10-22.34b. However, the provisions of this Article do
19 not apply to a member of the armed forces who is employed as
20 a teacher of subjects in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps
21 of any school. Sections 21-2 through 21-24 ~~do not~~ apply to
22 cities having a population exceeding 500,000 inhabitants,
23 beginning until July 1, 1988.

24 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the
25 board of education of any school district may grant to a
26 teacher of the district a leave of absence with full pay for
27 a period of not more than one year to permit such teacher to
28 teach in a foreign state under the provisions of the Exchange
29 Teacher Program established under Public Law 584, 79th
30 Congress, and Public Law 402, 80th Congress, as amended. The
31 school board granting such leave of absence may employ with
32 or without pay a national of the foreign state wherein the
33 teacher on leave of absence will teach, if the national is
34 qualified to teach in that foreign state, and if that

1 national will teach in a grade level similar to the one which
2 was taught in such foreign state. The Professional Teacher
3 Standards Board State-Board-of-Education shall promulgate and
4 enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as may be
5 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Article or may
6 adopt for such purposes any of the rules and regulations
7 promulgated prior to July 1, 2002 by the State Board of
8 Education or by the State Teacher Certification Board prior
9 to the abolition of that Board paragraph.

10 (Source: P.A. 88-189; 89-159, eff. 1-1-96; 89-397, eff.
11 8-20-95; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.)

12 (105 ILCS 5/21-1a) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1a)

13 Sec. 21-1a. Tests required for certification.

14 (a) After July 1, 1988, in addition to all other
15 requirements, early childhood, elementary, special, high
16 school, school service personnel, or, except as provided in
17 Section 34-6, administrative certificates shall be issued to
18 persons who have satisfactorily passed a test of basic skills
19 and subject matter knowledge. The tests of basic skills and
20 subject matter knowledge shall be the tests which from time
21 to time are designated by the Professional Teacher Standards
22 Board State-Board-of-Education-in-consultation-with-the-State
23 Teacher--Certification--Board and may be tests prepared by an
24 educational testing organization or tests designed by the
25 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education
26 in--consultation--with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.
27 The areas to be covered by the test of basic skills shall
28 include the basic skills of reading, writing, grammar and
29 mathematics. The test of subject matter knowledge shall
30 assess content knowledge in the specific subject field. The
31 tests shall be designed to be racially neutral to assure that
32 no person in taking the tests is thereby discriminated
33 against on the basis of race, color, national origin or other

1 factors unrelated to the person's ability to perform as a
 2 certificated employee. The score required to pass the tests
 3 of basic skills and subject matter knowledge shall be fixed
 4 by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
 5 Education---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
 6 Certification-Board. The tests shall be held not fewer than
 7 3 times a year at such time and place as may be designated by
 8 the Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board-of
 9 Education---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
 10 Certification-Board.

11 (b) Except as provided in Section 34-6, the provisions
 12 of subsection (a) of this Section shall apply equally in any
 13 school district subject to Article 34, provided that the
 14 State-Board-of-Education-shall-determine--which--certificates
 15 issued--under-Sections-34-8.1-and-34-83-prior-to-July-1, 1988
 16 are-comparable-to-any-early-childhood-certificate, elementary
 17 school--certificate, special--certificate, high--school
 18 certificate, school--service--personnel--certificate--or
 19 administrative-certificate-issued-under-this--Article--as--of
 20 July-1, 1988.

21 (c) A person who holds an early childhood, elementary,
 22 special, high school or school service personnel certificate
 23 issued under this Article on or at any time before July 1,
 24 1988, including a person who has been issued any such
 25 certificate pursuant to Section 21-11.1 or in exchange for a
 26 comparable certificate theretofore issued under Section
 27 34-8.1 or Section 34-83, shall not be required to take or
 28 pass the tests in order to thereafter have such certificate
 29 renewed.

30 (d) (Blank). The---State---Board---of---Education---in
 31 consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board-shall
 32 conduct--a-pilot-administration-of-the-tests-by-administering
 33 the-test-to-students-completing-teacher-education-programs-in
 34 the-1986-87-school-year-for-the-purpose--of--determining--the

1 effect-and-impact-of-testing-candidates-for-certification-

2 (e) The rules and regulations developed to implement the
 3 required test of basic skills and subject matter knowledge
 4 shall include the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and
 5 (c) and shall include specific regulations to govern test
 6 selection; test validation and determination of a passing
 7 score; administration of the tests; frequency of
 8 administration; applicant fees; frequency of applicants'
 9 taking the tests; the years for which a score is valid; and,
 10 waiving certain additional tests for additional certificates
 11 to individuals who have satisfactorily passed the test of
 12 basic skills and subject matter knowledge as required in
 13 subsection (a). The Professional Teacher Standards Board
 14 State--Board--of--Education shall provide, by rule, specific
 15 policies that assure uniformity in the difficulty level of
 16 each form of the basic skills test and each subject matter
 17 knowledge test from test-to-test and year-to-year. The
 18 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education
 19 shall also set a passing score for the tests.

20 (f) (Blank). The-State-Teacher-Certification--Board--may
 21 issue--a--nonrenewable--temporary-certificate-between-July-1,
 22 1988-and-August-31, 1988-to-individuals-who--have--taken--the
 23 tests-of-basic-skills-and-subject-matter-knowledge-prescribed
 24 by--this--Section--but--have-not-received-such-test-scores-by
 25 August-31, 1988.--Such-temporary-certificates-shall-expire-on
 26 December-31, 1988.

27 (g) Beginning February 15, 1999 and until July 1, 2002,
 28 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
 29 Teacher Certification Board, shall implement and administer
 30 the a--new system of certification for teachers in the State
 31 of Illinois. Beginning on July 1, 2002 the Professional
 32 Teachers Standards Board shall implement and administer this
 33 system of certification. The Professional Teacher Standards
 34 Board State--Board--of--Education, in consultation with the

1 State-Teacher-Certification-Board, shall design and implement
2 a system of examinations and various other criteria which
3 shall be required prior to the issuance of Initial Teaching
4 Certificates and Standard Teaching Certificates. These
5 examinations and indicators shall be based on national and
6 State professional teaching standards, as determined by the
7 Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
8 Education,---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
9 Certification-Board. The Professional Teacher Standards Board
10 The--State--Board--of--Education may adopt any and all
11 regulations necessary to implement and administer this
12 Section.

13 (h) The State Board of Education shall report to the
14 Illinois General Assembly and the Governor with
15 recommendations for further changes and improvements to the
16 teacher certification system no later than July 1, 1999 and
17 on an annual basis until July 1, 2001.

18 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;
19 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/21-1b) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1b)
21 Sec. 21-1b. Subject endorsement on certificates. All
22 certificates initially issued under this Article after June
23 30, 1986, shall be specifically endorsed by-the-State-Board
24 of-Education for each subject the holder of the certificate
25 is legally qualified to teach, such endorsements to be made
26 in accordance with standards promulgated by the Professional
27 Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of--Education--in
28 consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board. All
29 certificates which are issued under this Article prior to
30 July 1, 1986 may, by application to the Professional Teacher
31 Standards Board State-Board--of--Education, be specifically
32 endorsed for each subject the holder is legally qualified to
33 teach. All subject endorsements made on or after July 1,

1 2002 to new or existing certificates as provided in this
 2 Section shall be made by the Professional Teacher Standards
 3 Board. Endorsements issued under this Section shall not
 4 apply to substitute teacher's certificates issued under
 5 Section 21-9 of this Code.

6 Commencing July 1, 1999, each application for endorsement
 7 of an existing teaching certificate shall be accompanied by a
 8 \$30 nonrefundable fee. There is hereby created a Teacher
 9 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund as a special fund within the
 10 State Treasury. The proceeds of each \$30 fee shall be paid
 11 into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund; and the
 12 moneys in that Fund shall be appropriated to the Professional
 13 Teacher Standards Board and used by that Board to provide the
 14 technology and other resources necessary for the timely and
 15 efficient processing of certification requests.

16 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/21-1c) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-1c)

18 Sec. 21-1c. Exclusive certificate authority. Only the
 19 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education
 20 and-State-Teacher-Certification-Board, acting in accordance
 21 with the applicable provisions of this Act and the rules,
 22 regulations and standards promulgated thereunder, shall have
 23 the authority to issue or endorse any certificate required
 24 for teaching, supervising or holding certificated employment
 25 in the public schools; and no other State agency shall have
 26 any power or authority (i) to establish or prescribe any
 27 qualifications or other requirements applicable to teacher or
 28 administrator training and certification or to the issuance
 29 or endorsement of any such certificate, required for
 30 teaching, supervising, or holding certified employment in the
 31 public schools, or (ii) to establish or prescribe any
 32 licensure or equivalent requirement which must be satisfied
 33 in order to teach, supervise or hold certificated employment

1 in the public schools. This Section does not prohibit the
 2 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Board--- of
 3 Education,---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
 4 Certification---Board, from delegating to regional
 5 superintendents of schools the authority to grant temporary
 6 employment authorizations to teacher applicants whose
 7 qualifications have been confirmed by the Professional
 8 Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of--Education,--in
 9 consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.
 10 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/21-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2)
 12 Sec. 21-2. Grades of certificates.

13 (a) Until February 15, 2000, all certificates issued
 14 under this Article shall be State certificates valid, except
 15 as limited in Section 21-1, in every school district coming
 16 under the provisions of this Act and shall be limited in time
 17 and designated as follows: Provisional vocational
 18 certificate, temporary provisional vocational certificate,
 19 early childhood certificate, elementary school certificate,
 20 special certificate, high school certificate, school service
 21 personnel certificate, administrative certificate,
 22 provisional certificate, and substitute certificate. The
 23 requirement of student teaching under close and competent
 24 supervision for obtaining a teaching certificate may be
 25 waived by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 26 Teacher-Certification-Board upon presentation to that the
 27 Board by the teacher of evidence of 5 years successful
 28 teaching experience on a valid certificate and graduation
 29 from a recognized institution of higher learning with a
 30 bachelor's degree with not less than 120 semester hours and a
 31 minimum of 16 semester hours in professional education.

32 (b) Initial Teaching Certificate. Beginning February
 33 15, 2000, persons who (1) have completed an approved teacher

1 preparation program, (2) are recommended by an approved
 2 teacher preparation program, (3) have successfully completed
 3 the Initial Teaching Certification examinations required by
 4 the Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board-of
 5 Education, and (4) have met all other criteria established by
 6 the Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
 7 Education----in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
 8 Certification-Board, shall be issued an Initial Teaching
 9 Certificate valid for 4 years of teaching, as defined in
 10 Section 21-14 of this Code. Initial Teaching Certificates
 11 shall be issued for categories corresponding to Early
 12 Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, and Special K-12, with
 13 special certification designations for Special Education,
 14 Bilingual Education, fundamental learning areas (including
 15 Language Arts, Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Science,
 16 Physical Development and Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign
 17 Language), and other areas designated by the Professional
 18 Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of--Education,--in
 19 consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.

20 (c) Standard Certificate. Beginning February 15, 2000,
 21 persons who (1) have completed 4 years of teaching, as
 22 defined in Section 21-14 of this Code, with an Initial
 23 Certificate or an Initial Alternative Teaching Certificate
 24 and have met all other criteria established by the State
 25 Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher
 26 Certification Board before July 1, 2002 and by the
 27 Professional Teachers Standards Board on and after July 1,
 28 2002, (2) have completed 4 years of teaching on a valid
 29 equivalent certificate in another State or territory of the
 30 United States, or have completed 4 years of teaching in a
 31 nonpublic Illinois elementary or secondary school with an
 32 Initial Certificate or an Initial Alternative Teaching
 33 Certificate, and have met all other criteria established by
 34 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State

1 Teacher Certification Board, before July 1, 2002 and by the
 2 Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,
 3 2002, or (3) were issued teaching certificates prior to
 4 February 15, 2000 and are renewing those certificates after
 5 February 15, 2000, shall be issued a Standard Certificate
 6 valid for 5 years, which may be renewed thereafter every 5
 7 years by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 8 ~~Teacher-Certification-Board~~ based on proof of continuing
 9 ~~education--or~~ professional development. Beginning July 1,
 10 2003, persons who have completed 4 years of teaching, as
 11 described in clauses (1) and (2) of this subsection (c), have
 12 successfully completed the Standard Teaching Certificate
 13 Examinations, and have met all other criteria established by
 14 the Professional Teacher Standards State-Board-of--Education,
 15 ~~in--consultation--with--the--State--Teacher--Certification~~ Board,
 16 shall be issued Standard Certificates. Standard Certificates
 17 shall be issued for categories corresponding to Early
 18 Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, and Special K-12, with
 19 special certification designations for Special Education,
 20 Bilingual Education, fundamental learning areas (including
 21 Language Arts, Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Science,
 22 Physical Development and Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign
 23 Language), and other areas designated by the Professional
 24 Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of---Education,---in
 25 ~~consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.~~

26 (d) Master Certificate. Beginning February 15, 2000,
 27 persons who have successfully achieved National Board
 28 certification through the National Board for Professional
 29 Teaching Standards shall be issued a Master Certificate,
 30 valid for 10 years and renewable thereafter every 10 years
 31 through compliance with requirements set forth by the State
 32 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
 33 Certification Board, before July 1, 2002 and by the
 34 Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,

1 2002. However, each teacher who holds a Master Certificate
 2 shall be eligible for a teaching position in this State in
 3 the areas for which he or she holds a Master Certificate
 4 without satisfying any other requirements of this Code,
 5 except for those requirements pertaining to criminal
 6 background checks. A teacher who holds a Master Certificate
 7 shall be deemed to meet State certification renewal
 8 requirements in the area or areas for which he or she holds a
 9 Master Certificate for the 10-year term of the teacher's
 10 Master Certificate.

11 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98;
 12 90-811, eff. 1-26-99; 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 91-606, eff.
 13 8-16-99; 91-609, eff. 1-1-00; revised 10-7-99.)

14 (105 ILCS 5/21-2.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2.1)

15 Sec. 21-2.1. Early childhood certificate.

16 (a) An early childhood certificate shall be valid for 4
 17 years for teaching children up to 6 years of age, exclusive
 18 of children enrolled in kindergarten, in facilities approved
 19 by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 20 Superintendent--of--Education. Beginning July 1, 1988, such
 21 certificate shall be valid for 4 years for Teaching children
 22 through grade 3 in facilities approved by the State
 23 Superintendent of Education before July 1, 2002 and by the
 24 Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,
 25 2002. Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, it shall
 26 be issued to persons who have graduated from a recognized
 27 institution of higher learning with a bachelor's degree and
 28 with not fewer than 120 semester hours including professional
 29 education or human development or, until July 1, 1992, to
 30 persons who have early childhood education instruction and
 31 practical experience involving supervised work with children
 32 under 6 years of age or with children through grade 3. Such
 33 persons shall be recommended for the early childhood

1 certificate by a recognized institution as having completed
 2 an approved program of preparation which includes the
 3 requisite hours and academic and professional courses and
 4 practical experience approved by the Professional Teacher
 5 Standards Board State--Superintendent---of---Education---in
 6 ~~consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.~~

7 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard
 8 Early Childhood Education Certificates shall be issued to
 9 persons who meet the criteria established by the State Board
 10 of Education before July 1, 2002 and by the Professional
 11 Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1, 2002.

12 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;
 13 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

14 (105 ILCS 5/21-2b) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-2b)
 15 Sec. 21-2b. Teacher education program entrance. In
 16 ~~consultation--with--the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board~~ The
 17 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education
 18 shall develop procedures which ensure that all students
 19 entering approved teacher education programs are proficient
 20 in the areas of reading, mathematics and language arts. Each
 21 institution of higher learning shall submit to the
 22 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Teacher
 23 ~~Certification-Board~~ a plan which sets forth procedures for
 24 implementation of this Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 84-126.)

26 (105 ILCS 5/21-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-3)
 27 Sec. 21-3. Elementary certificate.
 28 (a) An elementary school certificate shall be valid for
 29 4 years for teaching in the kindergarten and lower 9 grades
 30 of the common schools. Subject to the provisions of Section
 31 21-1a, it shall be issued to persons who have graduated from
 32 a recognized institution of higher learning with a bachelor's

1 degree and with not fewer than 120 semester hours and with a
2 minimum of 16 semester hours in professional education,
3 including 5 semester hours in student teaching under
4 competent and close supervision. Such persons shall be
5 recommended for the elementary certificate by a recognized
6 institution as having completed an approved program of
7 preparation which includes intensive preservice training in
8 the humanities, natural sciences, mathematics, and the
9 academic and professional courses approved by the
10 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Superintendent-of
11 Education---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
12 Certification-Board.

13 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, Initial and Standard
14 Elementary Certificates shall be issued to persons who meet
15 all of the criteria established by the State Board of
16 Education for elementary education before July 1, 2002 and by
17 the Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,
18 2002.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;
20 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/21-4) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-4)
22 Sec. 21-4. Special certificate.

23 (a) A special certificate shall be valid for 4 years for
24 teaching the special subjects named therein in all grades of
25 the common schools. Subject to the provisions of Section
26 21-1a, it shall be issued to persons who have graduated from
27 a recognized institution of higher learning with a bachelor's
28 degree and with not fewer than 120 semester hours including a
29 minimum of 16 semester hours in professional education, 5 of
30 which shall be in student teaching under competent and close
31 supervision. When the holder of such certificate has earned a
32 master's degree, including 8 ~~eight~~ semester hours of graduate
33 professional education from a recognized institution of

1 higher learning and with 2 two years' teaching experience, it
2 may be endorsed for supervision.

3 Such persons shall be recommended for the special
4 certificate by a recognized institution as having completed
5 an approved program of preparation which includes academic
6 and professional courses approved by the Professional Teacher
7 Standards Board State---Superintendent--of--Education--in
8 eonsultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.

9 (b) Those persons holding special certificates on
10 February 15, 2000 shall be eligible for one of the following:

11 (1) The issuance of Standard Elementary and
12 Standard Secondary Certificates with appropriate special
13 certification designations as determined by the State
14 Board of Education, in consultation with the State
15 Teacher Certification Board, before July 1, 2002 and by
16 the Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after
17 July 1, 2002 and consistent with rules adopted by the
18 State Board of Education before July 1, 2002 and by the
19 Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,
20 2002. These certificates shall be renewed as provided in
21 subsection (c) of Section 21-2.

22 (2) The issuance of Standard Special K-12
23 Certificates with appropriate special certification
24 designations, which shall be renewed as provided in
25 subsection (c) of Section 21-2. These certificates shall
26 not be eligible for additional certification designations
27 except as approved by the Professional Teacher Standards
28 Board State-Board-of-Education,--in-consultation-with-the
29 State-Teacher-Certification-Board.

30 (c) Those persons eligible to receive K-12 certification
31 after February 15, 2000 shall be issued Initial Elementary
32 and Initial Secondary Certificates with appropriate special
33 certification designations pursuant to this Section or
34 Initial Special K-12 Certificates with appropriate special

1 certification designations pursuant to this Section. These
 2 Initial K-12 Special Certificates shall not be eligible for
 3 additional certification designations except as approved by
 4 the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
 5 Teacher Certification Board, before July 1, 2002 and by the
 6 Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,
 7 2002.

8 (d) All persons holding a special certificate with a
 9 special education endorsement are exempt from the provisions
 10 of Section 2-3.71 of this Code, provided they meet all the
 11 other requirements for teaching as established by the
 12 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Board---of
 13 Education,---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
 14 Certification-Board.

15 Beginning February 15, 2000, all persons exchanging a
 16 special certificate pursuant to subsection (b) of this
 17 Section with a special education endorsement or receiving a
 18 special education designation on either a special certificate
 19 or an elementary certificate issued pursuant to subsection
 20 (c) of this Section are exempt from the provisions of Section
 21 2-3.71 of this Code, provided they meet all the other
 22 requirements for teaching as established by the State Board
 23 of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
 24 Certification Board, before July 1, 2002 and by the
 25 Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,
 26 2002.

27 Certificates exchanged or issued pursuant to this
 28 subsection (d) shall be valid for teaching children with
 29 disabilities, as defined in Section 14-1.02 of this Code, and
 30 these special certificates shall be called Initial or
 31 Standard Special Preschool - Age 21 Certificates. Nothing in
 32 this subsection (d) shall be construed to adversely affect
 33 the rights of any person presently certificated, any person
 34 whose certification is currently pending, or any person who

1 is currently enrolled or enrolls prior to February 15, 2000
2 in an approved Special K-12 certification program.

3 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98;
4 90-811, eff. 1-26-99; 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 91-765, eff.
5 6-9-00.)

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. Such persons shall be
17 recommended for the high school certificate by a recognized
18 institution as having completed an approved program of
19 preparation which includes the academic and professional
20 courses approved by the Professional Teacher Standards Board
21 ~~State-Superintendent-of-Education-in--consultation--with--the~~
22 ~~State-Teacher-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 before July 1, 2002 and by the Professional Teacher
27 Standards Board on and after July 1, 2002 for secondary
28 education.

29 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-811, eff. 1-26-99;
30 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

31 (105 ILCS 5/21-5a) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-5a)

32 Sec. 21-5a. Alternative math-science certification. The

1 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Board---of
2 Education,---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
3 Certification---Board, shall establish--and implement and
4 administer an alternative certification program under which
5 persons who qualify for admission to, and who successfully
6 complete the program and meet the additional requirements
7 established by this Section shall be issued an initial
8 teaching certificate for teaching mathematics, science or
9 mathematics and science in grades 9 through 12 of the common
10 schools. In establishing an alternative certification
11 program under this Section, the Professional Teacher
12 Standards Board State-Board-of-Education shall designate an
13 appropriate area within the State where the program shall be
14 offered and made available to persons qualified for admission
15 to the program. In addition, the Professional Teacher
16 Standards Board State-Board-of-Education, in cooperation with
17 one or more recognized institutions of higher learning, shall
18 develop, evaluate, and revise as necessary a comprehensive
19 course of study that persons admitted to the program must
20 successfully complete in order to satisfy one criterion for
21 issuance of an initial certificate under this Section. The
22 comprehensive course of study so developed shall include one
23 semester of practice teaching.

24 An initial teaching certificate, valid for 4 years for
25 teaching mathematics, science, or mathematics and science in
26 grades 9 through 12 of the common schools and renewable as
27 provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under this Section
28 21-5a to persons who qualify for admission to the alternative
29 certification program and who at the time of applying for an
30 initial teaching certificate under this Section:

31 (1) have graduated with a master's degree in
32 mathematics or any science discipline from an institution
33 of higher learning whose scholarship standards are
34 approved by the Professional Teacher Standards Board

1 State-Board-of-Education for purposes of the alternative
2 certification program;

3 (2) have been employed for at least 10 years in an
4 area requiring knowledge and practical application of
5 their academic background in mathematics or a science
6 discipline;

7 (3) have successfully completed the alternative
8 certification program and the course of comprehensive
9 study, including one semester of practice teaching,
10 developed as part of the program as provided in this
11 Section and approved by the Professional Teacher
12 Standards Board State-Board-of-Education; and

13 (4) have passed the examinations required by
14 Section 21-1a.

15 The alternative certification program shall be
16 implemented at the commencement of the 1992-1993 academic
17 year.

18 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
19 Education shall establish criteria for admission to the
20 alternative certification program and shall adopt rules and
21 regulations that are consistent with this Section and that
22 the Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
23 Education deems necessary to establish--and implement and
24 administer the program.

25 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

26 (105 ILCS 5/21-5b)

27 Sec. 21-5b. Alternative certification. The Professional
28 Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of---Education,---in
29 consultation--with--the--State--Teacher--Certification-Board,
30 shall establish and implement an alternative certification
31 program under which persons who meet the requirements of and
32 successfully complete the program established by this Section
33 shall be issued an alternative teaching certificate for

1 teaching in the schools. The program shall be limited to not
 2 more than 260 new participants during each year that the
 3 program is in effect. The Professional Teacher Standards
 4 Board ~~State--Board--of--Education~~, in cooperation with a
 5 partnership formed with a university that offers 4-year
 6 baccalaureate and masters degree programs and that is a
 7 recognized institution as defined in Section 21-21 and one or
 8 more not-for-profit organizations in the State which support
 9 excellence in teaching, shall within 30 days after submission
 10 by the partnership approve a course of study developed by the
 11 partnership that persons in the program must successfully
 12 complete in order to satisfy one criterion for issuance of an
 13 alternative certificate under this Section. The Alternative
 14 Teacher Certification program course of study must include
 15 the current content and skills contained in the university's
 16 current courses for State certification which have been
 17 approved by the Professional Teacher Standards Board ~~State~~
 18 ~~Board--of--Education~~, ~~in consultation with the State Teacher~~
 19 ~~Certification Board~~, as the requirement for State teacher
 20 certification.

21 The alternative certification program established under
 22 this Section shall be known as the Alternative Teacher
 23 Certification program. The Alternative Teacher Certification
 24 Program shall be offered by the submitting partnership and
 25 may be offered in conjunction with one or more not-for-profit
 26 organizations in the State which support excellence in
 27 teaching. The program shall be comprised of the following 3
 28 phases: (a) the first phase is the course of study offered on
 29 an intensive basis in education theory, instructional
 30 methods, and practice teaching; (b) the second phase is the
 31 person's assignment to a full-time teaching position for one
 32 school year; and (c) the third phase is a comprehensive
 33 assessment of the person's teaching performance by school
 34 officials and the partnership participants and a

1 recommendation by the partner institution of higher education
2 to the Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of
3 ~~Education~~ that the person be issued a standard alternative
4 teaching certificate. Successful completion of the
5 Alternative Teacher Certification program shall be deemed to
6 satisfy any other practice or student teaching and subject
7 matter requirements established by law.

8 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for
9 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,
10 shall be issued under this Section 21-5b to persons who at
11 the time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching
12 certificate under this Section:

13 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
14 university with a bachelor's degree;

15 (2) have successfully completed the first phase of
16 the Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided
17 in this Section;

18 (3) have passed the tests of basic skills and
19 subject matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a; and

20 (4) have been employed for a period of at least 5
21 years in an area requiring application of the
22 individual's education; however, this requirement does
23 not apply with respect to a provisional alternative
24 teaching certificate for teaching in schools situated in
25 a school district that is located in a city having a
26 population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

27 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate
28 under this Section shall be treated as a regularly certified
29 teacher for purposes of compensation, benefits, and other
30 terms and conditions of employment afforded teachers in the
31 school who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an
32 exclusive bargaining representative, if any.

33 Until February 15, 2000, a standard alternative teaching
34 certificate, valid for 4 years for teaching in the schools

1 and renewable as provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued
2 under this Section 21-5b to persons who first complete the
3 requirements for the provisional alternative teaching
4 certificate and who at the time of applying for a standard
5 alternative teaching certificate under this Section have
6 successfully completed the second and third phases of the
7 Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided in this
8 Section. Alternatively, beginning February 15, 2000, at the
9 end of the 4-year validity period, persons who were issued a
10 standard alternative teaching certificate shall be eligible,
11 on the same basis as holders of an Initial Teaching
12 Certificate issued under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of
13 this Code, to apply for a Standard Teaching Certificate,
14 provided they meet the requirements of subsection (c) of
15 Section 21-2 of this Code and further provided that a person
16 who does not apply for and receive a Standard Teaching
17 Certificate shall be able to teach only in schools situated
18 in a school district that is located in a city having a
19 population in excess of 500,000 inhabitants.

20 Beginning February 15, 2000, persons who have completed
21 the requirements for a standard alternative teaching
22 certificate under this Section shall be issued an Initial
23 Alternative Teaching Certificate valid for 4 years of
24 teaching and not renewable. At the end of the 4-year
25 validity period, these persons shall be eligible, on the same
26 basis as holders of an Initial Teaching Certificate issued
27 under subsection (b) of Section 21-2 of this Code, to apply
28 for a Standard Teaching Certificate, provided they meet the
29 requirements of subsection (c) of Section 21-2.

30 This alternative certification program shall be
31 implemented so that the first provisional alternative
32 teaching certificates issued under this Section are effective
33 upon the commencement of the 1997-1998 academic year and the
34 first standard alternative teaching certificates issued under

1 this Section are effective upon the commencement of the
2 1998-1999 academic year.

3 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of
4 Education, in cooperation with the partnership establishing
5 the Alternative Teacher Certification program, shall adopt
6 rules and regulations that are consistent with this Section
7 and that the Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board
8 of--Education deems necessary to establish and implement the
9 program.

10 (Source: P.A. 91-609, eff. 1-1-00.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/21-5c)

12 Sec. 21-5c. Alternative route to teacher certification.
13 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board-of
14 Education,---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
15 Certification--Board, shall establish and implement an
16 alternative route to teacher certification program under
17 which persons who meet the requirements of and successfully
18 complete the program established by this Section shall be
19 issued an initial teaching certificate for teaching in
20 schools in this State. The Professional Teacher Standards
21 Board State--Board--of--Education shall approve a course of
22 study that persons in the program must successfully complete
23 in order to satisfy one criterion for issuance of a
24 certificate under this Section. The Alternative Route to
25 Teacher Certification program course of study must include
26 the current content and skills contained in a university's
27 current courses for State certification which have been
28 approved by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
29 Board--of--Education,--in-consultation-with-the-State-Teacher
30 Certification-Board, as the requirement for State teacher
31 certification.

32 The program established under this Section shall be known
33 as the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program.

1 The program may be offered in conjunction with one or more
2 not-for-profit organizations in the State. The program shall
3 be comprised of the following 3 phases: (a) a course of study
4 offered on an intensive basis in education theory,
5 instructional methods, and practice teaching; (b) the
6 person's assignment to a full-time teaching position for one
7 school year, including the designation of a mentor teacher to
8 advise and assist the person with that teaching assignment;
9 and (c) a comprehensive assessment of the person's teaching
10 performance by school officials and program participants and
11 a recommendation by the institution of higher education to
12 the Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
13 Education that the person be issued an initial teaching
14 certificate. Successful completion of the Alternative Route
15 to Teacher Certification program shall be deemed to satisfy
16 any other practice or student teaching and subject matter
17 requirements established by law.

18 A provisional alternative teaching certificate, valid for
19 one year of teaching in the common schools and not renewable,
20 shall be issued under this Section 21-5c to persons who at
21 the time of applying for the provisional alternative teaching
22 certificate under this Section:

23 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
24 university with a bachelor's degree;

25 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5
26 years in an area requiring application of the
27 individual's education;

28 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of
29 the Alternative Teacher Certification program as provided
30 in this Section; and

31 (4) have passed the tests of basic skills and
32 subject matter knowledge required by Section 21-1a.

33 An initial teaching certificate, valid for teaching in
34 the common schools, shall be issued under Section 21-3 or

1 21-5 to persons who first complete the requirements for the
 2 provisional alternative teaching certificate and who at the
 3 time of applying for an initial teaching certificate have
 4 successfully completed the second and third phases of the
 5 Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program as
 6 provided in this Section.

7 A person possessing a provisional alternative certificate
 8 or an initial teaching certificate earned under this Section
 9 shall be treated as a regularly certified teacher for
 10 purposes of compensation, benefits, and other terms and
 11 conditions of employment afforded teachers in the school who
 12 are members of a bargaining unit represented by an exclusive
 13 bargaining representative, if any.

14 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
 15 Education may adopt rules and regulations that are consistent
 16 with this Section and that the Professional Teacher Standards
 17 Board State-Board deems necessary to establish and implement
 18 the program.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

20 (105 ILCS 5/21-5d)

21 Sec. 21-5d. Alternative route to administrative
 22 certification. The Professional Teacher Standards Board
 23 State--Board--of--Education, in consultation with the-State
 24 Teacher-Certification-Board and an advisory panel consisting
 25 of no less than 7 administrators appointed by the State
 26 Superintendent of Education, shall establish and implement an
 27 alternative route to administrative certification program
 28 under which persons who meet the requirements of and
 29 successfully complete the program established by this Section
 30 shall be issued a standard administrative certificate for
 31 serving as an administrator in schools in this State. For
 32 the purposes of this Section only, "administrator" means a
 33 person holding any administrative position for which a

1 standard administrative certificate with a general
 2 administrative endorsement, chief school business official
 3 endorsement, or superintendent endorsement is required,
 4 except a principal or an assistant principal. The
 5 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education
 6 shall approve a course of study that persons in the program
 7 must successfully complete in order to satisfy one criterion
 8 for issuance of a certificate under this Section. The
 9 Alternative Route to Administrative Certification program
 10 course of study must include the current content and skills
 11 contained in a university's current courses for State
 12 certification which have been approved by the Professional
 13 Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of--Education,---in
 14 consultation--with--the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board, as
 15 the requirement for administrative certification.

16 The program established under this Section shall be known
 17 as the Alternative Route to Administrative Certification
 18 program. The program shall be comprised of the following 3
 19 phases: (a) a course of study offered on an intensive basis
 20 in education management, governance, organization, and
 21 planning; (b) the person's assignment to a full-time position
 22 for one school year as an administrator; and (c) a
 23 comprehensive assessment of the person's performance by
 24 school officials and a recommendation to the Professional
 25 Teacher Standards Board State-Board--of--Education that the
 26 person be issued a standard administrative certificate.
 27 Successful completion of the Alternative Route to
 28 Administrative Certification program shall be deemed to
 29 satisfy any other supervisory, administrative, or management
 30 experience requirements established by law.

31 A provisional alternative administrative certificate,
 32 valid for one year of serving as an administrator in the
 33 common schools and not renewable, shall be issued under this
 34 Section 21-5d to persons who at the time of applying for the

1 provisional alternative administrative certificate under this
2 Section:

3 (1) have graduated from an accredited college or
4 university with a master's degree in a management field
5 or with a bachelor's degree and the life experience
6 equivalent of a master's degree in a management field as
7 determined by the Professional Teacher Standards Board
8 State-Board-of-Education;

9 (2) have been employed for a period of at least 5
10 years in a management level position;

11 (3) have successfully completed the first phase of
12 the Alternative Route to Administrative Certification
13 program as provided in this Section; and

14 (4) have passed any examination required by the
15 Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
16 Educatien.

17 A standard administrative certificate with a general
18 administrative endorsement, chief school business official
19 endorsement, or superintendent endorsement, renewable as
20 provided in Section 21-14, shall be issued under Section
21 21-7.1 to persons who first complete the requirements for the
22 provisional alternative administrative certificate and who at
23 the time of applying for a standard administrative
24 certificate have successfully completed the second and third
25 phases of the Alternative Route to Administrative
26 Certification program as provided in this Section.

27 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of
28 Educatien may adopt rules and regulations that are consistent
29 with this Section and that the Professional Teacher Standards
30 Board State-Board deems necessary to establish and implement
31 the program.

32 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

33 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-7.1)

1 Sec. 21-7.1. Administrative certificate.

2 (a) After July 1, 1999, an administrative certificate
3 valid for 5 years of supervising and administering in the
4 public common schools may be issued to persons who have
5 graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher
6 learning with a master's degree and who have been recommended
7 by a recognized institution of higher learning as having
8 completed a program of preparation for one or more of these
9 endorsements. Such programs of academic and professional
10 preparation required for endorsement shall be administered by
11 the institution in accordance with standards set forth by the
12 State Superintendent of Education in consultation with the
13 State Teacher Certification Board before July 1, 2002 and by
14 the Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,
15 2002.

16 (b) No administrative certificate shall be issued for
17 the first time after June 30, 1987 and no endorsement
18 provided for by this Section shall be made or affixed to an
19 administrative certificate for the first time after June 30,
20 1987 unless the person to whom such administrative
21 certificate is to be issued or to whose administrative
22 certificate such endorsement is to be affixed has been
23 required to demonstrate as a part of a program of academic or
24 professional preparation for such certification or
25 endorsement: (i) an understanding of the knowledge called for
26 in establishing productive parent-school relationships and of
27 the procedures fostering the involvement which such
28 relationships demand; and (ii) an understanding of the
29 knowledge required for establishing a high quality school
30 climate and promoting good classroom organization and
31 management, including rules of conduct and instructional
32 procedures appropriate to accomplishing the tasks of
33 schooling; and (iii) a demonstration of the knowledge and
34 skills called for in providing instructional leadership. The

1 standards for demonstrating an understanding of such
2 knowledge shall be set forth by the Professional Teacher
3 Standards Board ~~State-Board-of-Education-in-consultation-with~~
4 ~~the--State--Teacher--Certification--Board,~~ and shall be
5 administered by the recognized institutions of higher
6 learning as part of the programs of academic and professional
7 preparation required for certification and endorsement under
8 this Section. As used in this subsection: "establishing
9 productive parent-school relationships" means the ability to
10 maintain effective communication between parents and school
11 personnel, to encourage parental involvement in schooling,
12 and to motivate school personnel to engage parents in
13 encouraging student achievement, including the development of
14 programs and policies which serve to accomplish this purpose;
15 and "establishing a high quality school climate" means the
16 ability to promote academic achievement, to maintain
17 discipline, to recognize substance abuse problems among
18 students and utilize appropriate law enforcement and other
19 community resources to address these problems, to support
20 teachers and students in their education endeavors, to
21 establish learning objectives and to provide instructional
22 leadership, including the development of policies and
23 programs which serve to accomplish this purpose; and
24 "providing instructional leadership" means the ability to
25 effectively evaluate school personnel, to possess general
26 communication and interpersonal skills, and to establish and
27 maintain appropriate classroom learning environments. The
28 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect
29 the initial issuance or making on or before June 30, 1987 of
30 any administrative certificate or endorsement provided for
31 under this Section, nor shall such provisions apply to or
32 affect the renewal after June 30, 1987 of any such
33 certificate or endorsement initially issued or made on or
34 before June 30, 1987.

1 (c) Administrative certificates shall be renewed every 5
2 ~~five~~ years with the first renewal being 5 ~~five~~ years
3 following the initial receipt of an administrative
4 certificate. Renewal requirements for administrators whose
5 positions require certification shall be based upon evidence
6 of continuing professional education which promotes the
7 following goals: (1) Improving administrators' knowledge of
8 instructional practices and administrative procedures; (2)
9 Maintaining the basic level of competence required for
10 initial certification; and (3) Improving the mastery of
11 skills and knowledge regarding the improvement of teaching
12 performance in clinical settings and assessment of the levels
13 of student performance in their schools. Evidence of
14 continuing professional education must include verification
15 of biennial attendance in a program developed by the Illinois
16 Administrators' Academy and verification of annual
17 participation in a school district approved activity which
18 contributes to continuing professional education. The
19 Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
20 Education, ~~7---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher~~
21 Certification-Board, shall develop, evaluate, and revise as
22 necessary procedures for implementing this Section and shall
23 administer the renewal of administrative certificates.
24 Failure to submit satisfactory evidence of continuing
25 professional education which contributes to promoting the
26 goals of this Section shall result in a loss of
27 administrative certification.

28 (d) Any limited or life supervisory certificate issued
29 prior to July 1, 1968 shall continue to be valid for all
30 administrative and supervisory positions in the public
31 schools for which it is valid as of that date as long as its
32 holder meets the requirements for registration or renewal as
33 set forth in the statutes or until revoked according to law.

34 (e) The administrative or supervisory positions for

1 which the certificate shall be valid shall be determined by
2 one or more of 3 endorsements: general supervisory, general
3 administrative and superintendent.

4 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, endorsements
5 shall be made under conditions set forth in this Section.
6 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board-of
7 Education shall,--in--consultation--with--the--State--Teacher
8 Certification--Board, adopt rules pursuant to the Illinois
9 Administrative Procedure Act, establishing requirements for
10 obtaining administrative certificates where the minimum
11 administrative or supervisory requirements surpass those set
12 forth in this Section.

13 If the Professional Teacher Standards Board establishes
14 State-Teacher-Certification-Board-shall-file-with--the--State
15 Board--of-Education-a-written-recommendation-when-considering
16 additional administrative or supervisory requirements, those-
17 All additional requirements shall be based upon the requisite
18 knowledge necessary to perform the these tasks required by
19 the certificate. The Professional Teacher Standards Board
20 State-Board-of-Education shall in-consultation-with-the-State
21 Teacher-Certification-Board, establish standards within its
22 rules which shall include the academic and professional
23 requirements necessary for certification. These standards
24 shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, those used
25 by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of
26 Education in determining whether additional knowledge will be
27 required. Additionally, the Professional Teacher Standards
28 Board State-Board-of-Education shall in-consultation-with-the
29 State---Teacher--Certification--Board, establish provisions
30 within its rules whereby any member of the educational
31 community or the public may file a formal written
32 recommendation or inquiry regarding requirements.

33 (1) Until July 1, 2003, the general supervisory
34 endorsement shall be affixed to the administrative

1 certificate of any holder who has at least 16 semester
2 hours of graduate credit in professional education
3 including 8 semester hours of graduate credit in
4 curriculum and research and who has at least 2 years of
5 full-time teaching experience or school service personnel
6 experience in public schools, schools under the
7 supervision of the Department of Corrections, schools
8 under the administration of the Department of
9 Rehabilitation Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the
10 standards established by the State Superintendent of
11 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition
12 standards approved by the State Superintendent of
13 Education.

14 Such endorsement shall be required for supervisors,
15 curriculum directors and for such similar and related
16 positions as determined by the Professional Teacher
17 Standards Board ~~State--Superintendent--of--Education--in~~
18 ~~consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.~~

19 (2) The general administrative endorsement shall be
20 affixed to the administrative certificate of any holder
21 who has at least 20 semester hours of graduate credit in
22 educational administration and supervision and who has at
23 least 2 years of full-time teaching experience or school
24 service personnel experience in public schools, schools
25 under the supervision of the Department of Corrections,
26 schools under the administration of the Department of
27 Rehabilitation Services, or nonpublic schools meeting the
28 standards established by the State Superintendent of
29 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition
30 standards approved by the State Superintendent of
31 Education.

32 Such endorsement shall be required for principal,
33 assistant principal, assistant or associate
34 superintendent, junior college dean and for related or

1 similar positions as determined by the Professional
 2 Teacher Standards Board State-Superintendent-of-Education
 3 in-consultation--with--the--State--Teacher--Certification
 4 Board.

5 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act,
 6 after January 1, 1990 and until January 1, 1991, any
 7 teacher employed by a district subject to Article 34
 8 shall be entitled to receive an administrative
 9 certificate with a general administrative endorsement
 10 affixed thereto if he or she: (i) had at least 3 years of
 11 experience as a certified teacher for such district prior
 12 to August 1, 1985; (ii) obtained a Master's degree prior
 13 to August 1, 1985; (iii) completed at least 20 hours of
 14 graduate credit in education courses (including at least
 15 12 hours in educational administration and supervision)
 16 prior to September 1, 1987; and (iv) has received a
 17 rating of superior for at least each of the last 5 years.
 18 Any person who obtains an administrative certificate with
 19 a general administrative endorsement affixed thereto
 20 under this paragraph shall not be qualified to serve in
 21 any administrative position except assistant principal.

22 (3) The chief school business official endorsement
 23 shall be affixed to the administrative certificate of any
 24 holder who qualifies by having a Master's degree, two
 25 years of administrative experience in school business
 26 management, and a minimum of 20 semester hours of
 27 graduate credit in a program established by the
 28 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Superintendent
 29 of-Education--in-consultation--with--the--State--Teacher
 30 Certification--Board for the preparation of school
 31 business administrators. Such endorsement shall also be
 32 affixed to the administrative certificate of any holder
 33 who qualifies by having a Master's Degree in Business
 34 Administration, Finance or Accounting from a regionally

1 accredited institution of higher education.

2 After June 30, 1977, such endorsement shall be
3 required for any individual first employed as a chief
4 school business official.

5 (4) The superintendent endorsement shall be affixed to
6 the administrative certificate of any holder who has
7 completed 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the
8 master's degree in a program for the preparation of
9 superintendents of schools including 16 semester hours of
10 graduate credit in professional education and who has at
11 least 2 years experience as an administrator or supervisor in
12 the public schools or the State Board of Education or
13 education service regions or in nonpublic schools meeting the
14 standards established by the State Superintendent of
15 Education or comparable out-of-state recognition standards
16 approved by the State Superintendent of Education and holds
17 general supervisory or general administrative endorsement, or
18 who has had 2 years of experience as a supervisor or
19 administrator while holding an all-grade supervisory
20 certificate or a certificate comparable in validity and
21 educational and experience requirements.

22 After June 30, 1968, such endorsement shall be required
23 for a superintendent of schools, except as provided in the
24 second paragraph of this Section and in Section 34-6.

25 Any person appointed to the position of superintendent
26 between the effective date of this Act and June 30, 1993 in a
27 school district organized pursuant to Article 32 with an
28 enrollment of at least 20,000 pupils shall be exempt from the
29 provisions of this Subsection (4) until June 30, 1996.

30 (f) All official interpretations or acts of issuing or
31 denying administrative certificates or endorsements by the
32 State Teacher's Certification Board, State Board of Education
33 or the State Superintendent of Education, from the passage of
34 P.A. 81-1208 on November 8, 1979 through September 24, 1981

1 are hereby declared valid and legal acts in all respects and
2 further that the purported repeal of the provisions of this
3 Section by P.A. 81-1208 and P.A. 81-1509 is declared null and
4 void.

5 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-9) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-9)

7 Sec. 21-9. Substitute certificates and substitute
8 teaching.

9 (a) A substitute teacher's certificate may be issued by
10 the Professional Teacher Standards Board for teaching in all
11 grades of the common schools. Such certificate may be issued
12 by the Professional Teacher Standards Board upon request of
13 the regional superintendent of schools of any region in
14 which the teacher is to teach. A substitute teacher's
15 certificate is valid for teaching in the public schools of
16 any county. Such certificate may be issued by the
17 Professional Teacher Standards Board to persons who either
18 (i) ~~(a)~~ hold a certificate valid for teaching in the common
19 schools as shown on the face of the certificate, (ii) ~~(b)~~
20 hold a bachelor of arts degree from an institution of higher
21 learning accredited by the North Central Association or other
22 comparable regional accrediting association or have been
23 graduated from a recognized institution of higher learning
24 with a bachelor's degree, or (iii) ~~(c)~~ have had 2 years of
25 teaching experience and meet such other rules and regulations
26 as may be adopted by the Professional Teacher Standards Board
27 ~~State--Board--of--Education--in--consultation--with--the--State~~
28 ~~Teacher-Certification-Board~~. Such certificate shall expire
29 on June 30 in the fourth year from date of issue. Substitute
30 teacher's certificates are not subject to endorsement as
31 described in Section 21-1b of this Code.

32 (b) A teacher holding a substitute teacher's certificate
33 may teach only in the place of a certified teacher who is

1 under contract with the employing board and may teach only
 2 when no appropriate fully certified teacher is available to
 3 teach in a substitute capacity. A teacher holding an early
 4 childhood certificate, an elementary certificate, a high
 5 school certificate, or a special certificate may also
 6 substitute teach in grades K-12 but only in the place of a
 7 certified teacher who is under contract with the employing
 8 board. A substitute teacher may teach only for a period not
 9 to exceed 90 paid school days or 450 paid school hours in any
 10 one school district in any one school term. Where such
 11 teaching is partly on a daily and partly on an hourly basis,
 12 a school day shall be considered as 5 hours. The teaching
 13 limitations imposed by this subsection upon teachers holding
 14 substitute certificates shall not apply in any school
 15 district operating under Article 34.

16 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/21-10) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-10)
 18 Sec. 21-10. Provisional certificate.

19 (A) (Blank). ~~Until July 1, 1972, the State Teacher~~
 20 ~~Certification Board may issue a provisional certificate valid~~
 21 ~~for teaching in elementary, high school or special subject~~
 22 ~~fields subject to the following conditions:~~

23 ~~A provisional certificate may be issued to a person who~~
 24 ~~presents certified evidence of having earned a bachelor's~~
 25 ~~degree from a recognized institution of higher learning. The~~
 26 ~~academic and professional courses offered as a basis of the~~
 27 ~~provisional certificate shall be courses approved by the~~
 28 ~~State Board of Education in consultation with the State~~
 29 ~~Teacher Certification Board.~~

30 ~~A certificate earned under this plan may be renewed at~~
 31 ~~the end of each two-year period upon evidence filed with the~~
 32 ~~State Teacher Certification Board that the holder has earned~~
 33 ~~8 semester hours of credit within the period; provided the~~

1 requirements--for-the-certificate-of-the-same-type-issued-for
 2 the-teaching-position-for-which-the-teacher-is-employed-shall
 3 be-met-by-the-end-of-the-second--renewal--period.---A--second
 4 provisional--certificate-shall-not-be-issued.--The-credits-so
 5 earned-must-be-approved-by-the-State-Board--of--Education--in
 6 consultation--with--the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board-and
 7 must--meet--the--general--pattern--for--a--similar--type---of
 8 certificate--issued--on--the-basis-of-credit.--No-more-than-4
 9 semester-hours-shall-be-chosen-from-elective-subjects.

10 (B) After July 1, 1972 and until July 1, 2002, the State
 11 Teacher Certification Board may issue, and on and after July
 12 1, 2002 the Professional Teacher Standards Board may issue, a
 13 provisional certificate valid for teaching in early
 14 childhood, elementary, high school or special subject fields,
 15 or for providing service as school service personnel or for
 16 administering schools subject to the following conditions: A
 17 provisional certificate may be issued to a person who meets
 18 the requirements for a regular teaching, school service
 19 personnel or administrative certificate in another State and
 20 who presents certified evidence of having earned a bachelor's
 21 degree from a recognized institution of higher learning. The
 22 academic and professional courses offered as a basis of the
 23 provisional certificate shall be courses approved by the
 24 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education
 25 in--consultation--with--the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.
 26 A certificate earned under this plan is valid for a period of
 27 2 years and shall not be renewed; however, the individual to
 28 whom this certificate is issued shall have passed or shall
 29 pass the examinations set forth by the Professional Teacher
 30 Standards Board State-Board-of-Education within 9 months of
 31 the date of issuance of the provisional certificate. Failure
 32 to pass the tests, required in Section 21-1a, shall result in
 33 the cancellation of the provisional certificate.

34 (C) The Professional Teacher Standards Board State

1 Teacher-Certification-Board may also issue a provisional
2 vocational certificate and a temporary provisional vocational
3 certificate.

4 (1) The requirements for a provisional vocational
5 certificate shall be determined by the Professional
6 Teacher Standards Board, State--Board--of--Education--in
7 consultation--with--the--State--Teacher--Certification--Board;
8 provided that, as a minimum requirement, the person to
9 whom the certificate is to be issued has earned, the
10 following-minimum-requirements-are-met:--(a)--after--July--1,
11 1972, at--least--30--semester--hours--of--credit--from--a
12 recognized--institution--of--higher--learning;--and--(b)--after
13 July--1,--1974, at least 60 semester hours of credit from a
14 recognized institution of higher learning.

15 (2) The requirements for a temporary provisional
16 vocational certificate shall be determined by the
17 Professional Teacher Standards Board, State--Board--of
18 Education---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
19 Certification--Board; provided that, as a minimum
20 requirement, the person to whom the certificate is to be
21 issued has, the-following-minimum-requirements--are--met:
22 (a)--after--July--1,--1973,--at--least--4,000--hours--of--work
23 experience--in--the--skill--to--be--certified--for--teaching;--and
24 (b)--after--July--1,--1975, at least 8,000 hours of work
25 experience in the skill to be certified for teaching.
26 Any certificate issued under the provisions of this
27 paragraph shall expire on June 30 following the date of
28 issue. Renewals may be granted on a yearly basis, but
29 shall not be granted to any person who does not file with
30 the Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Teacher
31 Certification-Board a transcript showing at least 3
32 semester hours of credit earned during the previous year
33 in a recognized institution of learning. No such
34 certificate shall be issued except upon certification by

1 the employing board, subject to the approval of the
 2 regional superintendent of schools, that no qualified
 3 teacher holding a regular certificate or a provisional
 4 vocational certificate is available and that actual
 5 circumstances and need require such issuance.

6 The courses or work experience offered as a basis for the
 7 issuance of the provisional vocational certificate or the
 8 temporary provisional vocational certificate shall be
 9 approved by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 10 Board-of-Education-in-consultation-with-the-State-Teacher
 11 Certification-Board.

12 (D) Until-July-1, 1972, the State-Teacher-Certification
 13 Board-may-also-issue-a-provisional-foreign-language
 14 certificate-valid-for-4-years-for-teaching-the-foreign
 15 language-named-therein-in-all-grades-of-the-common-schools
 16 and-shall-be-issued-to-persons-who-have-graduated-from-a
 17 recognized-institution-of-higher-learning-with-not-fewer-than
 18 120-semester-hours-of-credit-and-who-have-met-other
 19 requirements-as-determined-by-the-State-Board-of-Education-in
 20 consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board. If
 21 the holder of a provisional foreign language certificate that
 22 was issued under this subsection before July 1, 1972 has been
 23 suspended because the holder of that provisional certificate
 24 did not become is not a citizen of the United States within 6
 25 years of the date of issuance of the original certificate,
 26 such certificate shall remain be suspended by the regional
 27 superintendent of schools of the region in which the holder
 28 is engaged to teach and shall not be reinstated by the
 29 Professional Teacher Standards Board until the holder is a
 30 citizen of the United States.

31 (E) Notwithstanding anything in this Act to the
 32 contrary, the Professional Teacher Standards State-Teacher
 33 Certification Board shall issue part-time provisional
 34 certificates to eligible individuals who are professionals

1 and craftsmen.

2 The requirements for a part-time provisional teachers
3 certificate shall be determined by the Professional Teacher
4 Standards Board ~~State-Board-of-Education-in-consultation-with~~
5 ~~the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board~~, provided the following
6 minimum requirements are met: 60 semester hours of credit
7 from a recognized institution of higher learning or 4000
8 hours of work experience in the skill to be certified for
9 teaching.

10 A part-time provisional certificate may be issued for
11 teaching no more than 2 courses of study for grades 6 through
12 12.

13 A part-time provisional teachers certificate shall be
14 valid for 2 years and may be renewed at the end of each 2
15 year period.

16 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

17 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.1)

18 Sec. 21-11.1. Certificates for equivalent
19 qualifications. An applicant who holds or is eligible to hold
20 a teacher's certificate or license under the laws of another
21 state or territory of the United States may be granted a
22 corresponding teacher's certificate in Illinois on the
23 written authorization of the Professional Teacher Standards
24 Board ~~State--Board--of--Education--and--the--State--Teacher~~
25 ~~Certification-Board~~ upon the following conditions:

26 (1) That the applicant is at least 19 years of age,
27 is of good character, good health and a citizen of the
28 United States; and

29 (2) That the requirements for a similar teacher's
30 certificate in the particular state or territory were, at
31 the date of issuance of the certificate, substantially
32 equal to the requirements in force at the time the
33 application is made for the certificate in this State.

1 After January 1, 1988, in addition to satisfying the
 2 foregoing conditions and requirements, an applicant for a
 3 corresponding teaching certificate in Illinois also shall be
 4 required to pass the examinations required under the
 5 provisions of Section 21-1a as directed by the Professional
 6 Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education.

7 In determining good character under this Section, any
 8 felony conviction of the applicant may be taken into
 9 consideration, but the conviction shall not operate as a bar
 10 to registration.

11 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
 12 Education----in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
 13 Certification-Board shall prescribe rules and regulations
 14 establishing the similarity of certificates in other states
 15 and the standards for determining the equivalence of
 16 requirements.

17 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98.)

18 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.2)

19 Sec. 21-11.2. Additional certificates; experienced
 20 employed teachers. Experienced certified teachers employed
 21 in Illinois public or private elementary and secondary
 22 schools seeking additional teaching certificates as provided
 23 in Sections 21-2.1, 21-3, 21-4, and 21-5 may submit an
 24 application for evaluation of credentials to the Professional
 25 Teacher Standards Board State-Teacher-Certification-Board.
 26 Individuals obtaining a certificate by transcript evaluation
 27 shall meet the minimum requirements for the certificate as
 28 approved by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 29 Superintendent--of--Education--in-consultation-with-the-State
 30 Teacher-Certification-Board.

31 (Source: P.A. 82-911.)

32 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-11.3)

1 Sec. 21-11.3. Resident teacher certificate. A resident
 2 teacher certificate shall be valid for 2 years for employment
 3 as a resident teacher in a public school. It shall be issued
 4 only to persons who have graduated from a regionally
 5 accredited institution of higher education with a bachelor's
 6 degree, who are enrolled in a program of preparation approved
 7 by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 8 Superintendent--of--Education--in-consultation-with-the-State
 9 Teacher--Certification--Board, and who have passed the
 10 appropriate tests as required in Section 21-1a and as
 11 determined by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 12 Board-of-Education. A resident teacher certificate may be
 13 issued for teaching children through grade 3 or for grades
 14 K-9, 6-12, or K-12 in a special subject area and may not be
 15 renewed. A resident teacher may teach only in conjunction
 16 with and under the direction of a certified teacher and shall
 17 not teach in place of a certified teacher.

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

19 (105 ILCS 5/21-11.4)

20 Sec. 21-11.4. Illinois Teacher Corps.

21 (a) The General Assembly finds and determines that (i)
 22 it is important to encourage the entry of qualified
 23 professionals into elementary and secondary teaching as a
 24 second career; and (ii) there are a number of individuals who
 25 have bachelors' degrees, experience in the work force, and an
 26 interest in serving youth that creates a special talent pool
 27 with great potential for enriching the lives of Illinois
 28 children as teachers. To provide this talent pool with the
 29 opportunity to serve children as teachers, school districts,
 30 colleges, and universities are encouraged, as part of the
 31 public policy of this State, to enter into collaborative
 32 programs to educate and induct these non-traditional
 33 candidates into the teaching profession. To facilitate the

1 certification of such candidates, Professional Teacher
2 Standards Board ~~the-State-Board-of-Education, in consultation~~
3 ~~with-the-State--Teacher--Certification--Board,~~ shall assist
4 institutions of higher education and school districts with
5 the implementation of the Illinois Teacher Corps.

6 (b) Individuals who wish to become candidates for the
7 Illinois Teacher Corps program must earn a resident teacher
8 certificate as defined in Section 21-11.3, including:

9 (1) graduation from a regionally accredited
10 institution of higher education with a bachelor's degree
11 and at least a 3.00 out of a 4.00 grade point average;

12 (2) a minimum of 5 years of professional experience
13 in the area the candidate wishes to teach;

14 (3) passing the examinations required by the
15 Professional Teacher Standards Board ~~State--Board--of~~
16 ~~Education;~~

17 (4) enrollment in a Masters of Education Degree
18 program approved by the Professional Teacher Standards
19 Board ~~State-Superintendent-of-Education--in--consultation~~
20 ~~with-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board;~~ and

21 (5) completion of a 6 week summer intensive teacher
22 preparation course which is the first component of the
23 Masters Degree program.

24 (c) School districts may hire an Illinois Teacher Corps
25 candidate after the candidate has received his or her
26 resident teacher certificate. The school district has the
27 responsibility of ensuring that the candidates receive the
28 supports necessary to become qualified, competent and
29 productive teachers. To be eligible to participate in the
30 Illinois Teacher Corps program, school districts must provide
31 a minimum of the following supports to the candidates:

32 (1) a salary and benefits package as negotiated
33 through the teacher contracts;

34 (2) a mentor certified teacher who will provide

1 guidance to one or more candidates under a program
2 developed collaboratively by the school district and
3 university;

4 (3) at least quarterly evaluations performed of
5 each candidate jointly by the mentor teacher and the
6 principal of the school or the principal's designee; and

7 (4) a written and signed document from the school
8 district outlining the support the district intends to
9 provide to the candidates, for approval by the
10 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Teacher
11 Certification-Board.

12 (d) Illinois institutions of higher education shall work
13 collaboratively with school districts and the Professional
14 Teacher Standards Board State-Teacher-Certification-Board to
15 academically prepare the candidates for the teaching
16 profession. To be eligible to participate, the College or
17 School of Education of a participating Illinois institution
18 of higher education must develop a curriculum that provides,
19 upon completion, a Masters Degree in Education for the
20 candidates. The Masters Degree program must:

21 (1) receive approval from the Professional Teacher
22 Standards Board State-Teacher-Certification-Board; and

23 (2) take no longer than 3 summers and 2 academic
24 years to complete, and balance the needs and time
25 constraints of the candidates.

26 (e) Upon successful completion of the Masters Degree
27 program, the candidate receives an Initial Teaching
28 Certificate in the State of Illinois.

29 (f) If an individual wishes to become a candidate in the
30 Illinois Teacher Corps program, but does not possess 5 years
31 of professional experience, the individual may qualify for
32 the program by participating in a one year internship
33 teacher preparation program with a school district. The one
34 year internship shall be developed collaboratively by the

1 school district and the Illinois institution of higher
2 education, and shall be approved by the Professional Teacher
3 Standards Board State-Teacher-Certification-Board.

4 (g) The Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board
5 ~~of--Education~~ is authorized to award grants to school
6 districts that seek to prepare candidates for the teaching
7 profession who have bachelors' degrees and professional work
8 experience in subjects relevant to teaching fields, but who
9 do not have formal preparation for teaching. Grants may be
10 made to school districts for up to \$3,000 per candidate when
11 the school district, in cooperation with a public or private
12 university and the school district's teacher bargaining unit,
13 develop a program designed to prepare teachers pursuant to
14 the Illinois Teacher Corps program under this Section.

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

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-12)
17 Sec. 21-12. Printing; Seal; Signature; Credentials. All
18 certificates shall be printed by and bear the signatures of
19 the chairperson ~~chairman~~ and of the secretary of the
20 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Teacher
21 Certification---Board. Each certificate shall show the
22 integrally printed seal of the Professional Teacher Standards
23 Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board. All college
24 credentials offered as the basis of a certificate shall be
25 presented to the secretary of the Professional Teacher
26 Standards Board State--Teacher--Certification---Board for
27 inspection and approval.

28 Commencing July 1, 1999, each application for a
29 certificate or evaluation of credentials shall be accompanied
30 by an evaluation fee of \$30 payable to the State
31 Superintendent of Education before July 1, 2002 and to the
32 Professional Teacher Standards Board on and after July 1,
33 2002, which is not refundable, except that no application or

1 evaluation fee shall be required for a Master Certificate
2 issued pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this
3 Code. The proceeds of each \$30 fee shall be paid into the
4 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund, created under Section
5 21-1b of this Code; and the moneys in that Fund shall be
6 appropriated to the Professional Teacher Standards Board and
7 used by that Board to provide the technology and other
8 resources necessary for the timely and efficient processing
9 of certification requests.

10 When evaluation verifies the requirements for a valid
11 certificate, the applicant shall be issued an entitlement
12 card that may be presented to a regional superintendent of
13 schools for issuance of a certificate.

14 The applicant shall be notified of any deficiencies.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-14) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-14)

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

18 (a) A limited four-year certificate or a certificate
19 issued after July 1, 1955, shall be renewable at its
20 expiration or within 60 days thereafter by the county
21 superintendent of schools having supervision and control over
22 the school where the teacher is teaching upon certified
23 evidence of meeting the requirements for renewal as required
24 by this Act and prescribed by the State Board of Education in
25 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board
26 before July 1, 2002 and by the Professional Teacher Standards
27 Board on and after July 1, 2002. An elementary supervisory
28 certificate shall not be renewed at the end of the first
29 four-year period covered by the certificate unless the holder
30 thereof has filed certified evidence with the Professional
31 Teacher Standards State-Teacher-Certification Board that he
32 has a master's degree or that he has earned 8 semester hours
33 of credit in the field of educational administration and

1 supervision in a recognized institution of higher learning.
2 The holder shall continue to earn 8 semester hours of credit
3 each four-year period until such time as he has earned a
4 master's degree.

5 All certificates not renewed or registered as herein
6 provided shall lapse after a period of 5 years from the
7 expiration of the last year of registration. Such
8 certificates may be reinstated for a one year period upon
9 payment of all accumulated registration fees. Such
10 reinstated certificates shall only be renewed: (1) by earning
11 5 semester hours of credit in a recognized institution of
12 higher learning in the field of professional education or in
13 courses related to the holder's contractual teaching duties;
14 or (2) by presenting evidence of holding a valid regular
15 certificate of some other type. Any certificate may be
16 voluntarily surrendered by the certificate holder. A
17 voluntarily surrendered certificate shall be treated as a
18 revoked certificate.

19 (b) When those teaching certificates issued before
20 February 15, 2000 are renewed for the first time after
21 February 15, 2000, all such teaching certificates shall be
22 exchanged for Standard Teaching Certificates as provided in
23 subsection (c) of Section 21-2. All Initial and Standard
24 Teaching Certificates, including those issued to persons who
25 previously held teaching certificates issued before February
26 15, 2000, shall be renewable under the conditions set forth
27 in this subsection (b).

28 Initial Teaching Certificates are nonrenewable and are
29 valid for 4 years of teaching. Standard Teaching
30 Certificates are renewable every 5 years as provided in
31 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and subsection (c) of this
32 Section. For purposes of this Section, "teaching" is defined
33 as employment and performance of services in an Illinois
34 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,

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

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

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

17 (2) establish the standards for certificate
18 renewal;

19 (3) approve the providers of continuing
20 professional development activities;

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

30 (5) designate the type and amount of documentation
31 required to show that continuing professional development
32 activities have been completed; and

33 (6) provide, on a timely basis to all Illinois
34 teachers, certificate holders, regional superintendents

1 of schools, school districts, and others with an interest
2 in continuing professional development, information about
3 the standards and requirements established pursuant to
4 this subsection (c).

5 (d) Any Standard Teaching Certificate held by an
6 individual employed and performing services in an Illinois
7 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,
8 or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
9 board of control in a certificated teaching position or a
10 charter school in compliance with the Charter Schools Law
11 must be maintained Valid and Active through certificate
12 renewal activities specified in the certificate renewal
13 procedure established pursuant to subsection (c) of this
14 Section, provided that a holder of a Valid and Active
15 certificate who is only employed on either a part-time basis
16 or day-to-day basis as a substitute teacher shall pay only
17 the required registration fee to renew his or her certificate
18 and maintain it as Valid and Active. All other Standard
19 Teaching Certificates held may be maintained as Valid and
20 Exempt through the registration process provided for in the
21 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to
22 subsection (c) of this Section. A Valid and Exempt
23 certificate must be immediately activated, through procedures
24 developed jointly by the Professional Teacher Standards Board
25 ~~State-Board-of-Education-and-the-State-Teacher--Certification~~
26 ~~Board~~, upon the certificate holder becoming employed and
27 performing services in an Illinois public or State-operated
28 elementary school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint
29 agreement with a governing body or board of control in a
30 certificated teaching position or a charter school operating
31 in compliance with the Charter Schools Law. A holder of a
32 Valid and Exempt certificate may activate his or her
33 certificate through procedures provided for in the
34 certificate renewal procedure established pursuant to

1 subsection (c) of this Section.

2 (e)(1) A Standard Teaching Certificate that has been
3 maintained as Valid and Active for the 5 years of the
4 certificate's validity shall be renewed as Valid and Active
5 upon the certificate holder: (i) completing at least 8
6 semester hours of coursework as described in subdivision (A)
7 of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); (ii) earning at
8 least 24 continuing education units as described in
9 subdivision (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e);
10 (iii) completing the National Board for Professional Teaching
11 Standards process as described in subdivision (C) of
12 paragraph (3) of this subsection (e); or (iv) earning 120
13 continuing professional development units ("CPDU") as
14 described in subdivision (D) of paragraph (3) of this
15 subsection (e). The maximum continuing professional
16 development units for each continuing professional
17 development activity identified in subdivisions (E) through
18 (I) of paragraph (3) of this subsection (e) shall be jointly
19 determined by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
20 Board-of-Education-and-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.
21 If, however, the certificate holder has maintained the
22 certificate as Valid and Exempt for a portion of the 5-year
23 period of validity, the number of continuing professional
24 development units needed to renew the certificate as Valid
25 and Active shall be proportionately reduced by the amount of
26 time the certificate was Valid and Exempt. Furthermore, if a
27 certificate holder is employed and performs teaching services
28 on a part-time basis for all or a portion of the
29 certificate's 5-year period of validity, the number of
30 continuing professional development units needed to renew the
31 certificate as Valid and Active shall be reduced by 50% for
32 the amount of time the certificate holder has been employed
33 and performed teaching services on a part-time basis.
34 Part-time shall be defined as less than 50% of the school day

1 or school term.

2 (2) Each Valid and Active Standard Teaching Certificate
3 holder shall develop a certificate renewal plan for
4 satisfying the continuing professional development
5 requirement provided for in subsection (c) of Section 21-2 of
6 this Code. Certificate holders with multiple certificates
7 shall develop a certificate renewal plan that addresses only
8 that certificate or those certificates that are required of
9 his or her certificated teaching position, if the certificate
10 holder is employed and performing services in an Illinois
11 public or State-operated elementary school, secondary school,
12 or cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
13 board of control, or that certificate or those certificates
14 most closely related to his or her teaching position, if the
15 certificate holder is employed in a charter school. Except
16 as otherwise provided in this subsection (e), a certificate
17 renewal plan shall include a minimum of 3 individual
18 improvement goals developed by the certificate holder and
19 shall reflect purposes (A), (B), and (C) and may reflect
20 purpose (D) of the following continuing professional
21 development purposes:

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

29 (B) Develop the certificate holder's knowledge and
30 skills in areas determined to be critical for all
31 Illinois teachers, as defined by the Professional Teacher
32 Standards Board State-Board-of-Education, known as "State
33 priorities".

34 (C) Address the knowledge, skills, and goals of the

1 certificate holder's local school improvement plan, if
2 the teacher is employed in an Illinois public or
3 State-operated elementary school, secondary school, or
4 cooperative or joint agreement with a governing body or
5 board of control.

6 (D) Expand knowledge and skills in an additional
7 teaching field or toward the acquisition of another
8 teaching certificate, endorsement, or relevant education
9 degree.

10 A certificate renewal plan must include a description of how
11 these goals are to be achieved and an explanation of selected
12 continuing professional development activities to be
13 completed, each of which must meet one or more of the
14 continuing professional development purposes specified in
15 this paragraph (2). The plan shall identify potential
16 activities and include projected timelines for those
17 activities that will assure completion of the plan before the
18 expiration of the 5-year validity of the Standard Teaching
19 Certificate. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
20 (e), at least 50% of continuing professional development
21 units must relate to purposes (A) and (B) set forth in this
22 paragraph (2): the advancement of a certificate holder's
23 knowledge and skills as a teacher consistent with the
24 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards and the Illinois
25 Content Area Standards in the certificate holder's areas of
26 certification, endorsement, or teaching assignment in order
27 to keep the certificate holder current in those areas and the
28 development of a certificate holder's knowledge and skills in
29 the State priorities that exist at the time the certificate
30 renewal plan is developed.

31 (3) Continuing professional development activities
32 included in a certificate renewal plan may include, but are
33 not limited to, the following activities:

34 (A) at least 8 semester hours of coursework in an

1 approved education-related program, of which at least 2
2 semester hours relate to the continuing professional
3 development purpose set forth in purpose (A) of paragraph
4 (2) of this subsection (e), provided that such a plan
5 need not include any other continuing professional
6 development activities nor reflect or contain activities
7 related to the other continuing professional development
8 purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection
9 (e);

10 (B) continuing education units that satisfy the
11 continuing professional development purposes set forth in
12 paragraph (2) of this subsection (e), with each
13 continuing education unit equal to 5 clock hours,
14 provided that a plan that includes at least 24 continuing
15 education units (or 120 clock/contact hours) need not
16 include any other continuing professional development
17 activities;

18 (C) completion of the National Board of
19 Professional Teaching Standards ("NBPTS") process,
20 provided that a plan that includes completion of the
21 NBPTS process need not include any other continuing
22 professional development activities nor reflect or
23 contain activities related to the continuing professional
24 development purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of
25 subsection (e) of this Section;

26 (D) completion of 120 continuing professional
27 development units that satisfy the continuing
28 professional development purposes set forth in paragraph
29 (2) of this subsection (e) and may include without
30 limitation the activities identified in subdivisions (E)
31 through (I) of this paragraph (3);

32 (E) collaboration and partnership activities
33 related to improving the teacher's knowledge and skills
34 as a teacher, including the following:

1 (i) participating on collaborative planning
2 and professional improvement teams and committees;

3 (ii) peer review and coaching;

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

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

12 (v) coordinating community resources in
13 schools, if the project is a specific goal of the
14 school improvement plan;

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

19 (vii) participating in business, school, or
20 community partnerships directly related to student
21 achievement or school improvement plans;

22 (viii) supervising a student teacher or
23 teacher education candidate in clinical supervision,
24 provided that the supervision may only be counted
25 once during the course of 5 years;

26 (F) college or university coursework related to
27 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a teacher
28 as follows:

29 (i) completing undergraduate or graduate
30 credit earned from a regionally accredited
31 institution in coursework relevant to the
32 certificate area being renewed, provided the
33 coursework meets Illinois Professional Teaching
34 Standards or Illinois Content Area Standards and

1 supports the essential characteristics of quality
2 professional development; or

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

7 (G) conferences, workshops, institutes, seminars,
8 and symposiums related to improving the teacher's
9 knowledge and skills as a teacher, including the
10 following:

11 (i) completing non-university credit directly
12 related to student achievement, school improvement
13 plans, or State priorities;

14 (ii) participating in or presenting at
15 workshops, seminars, conferences, institutes, and
16 symposiums;

17 (iii) training as external reviewers for
18 Quality Assurance;

19 (iv) training as reviewers of university
20 teacher preparation programs;

21 (H) other educational experiences related to
22 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a
23 teacher, including the following:

24 (i) participating in action research and
25 inquiry projects;

26 (ii) observing programs or teaching in
27 schools, related businesses, or industry that is
28 systematic, purposeful, and relevant to certificate
29 renewal;

30 (iii) traveling related to ones teaching
31 assignment, directly related to student achievement
32 or school improvement plans and approved at least 30
33 days prior to the travel experience, provided that
34 the traveling shall not include time spent commuting

1 to destinations where the learning experience will
2 occur;

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

5 (v) serving on a statewide education-related
6 committee, including but not limited to the
7 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Teacher
8 Certification--Board, State Board of Education
9 strategic agenda teams, or the State Advisory
10 Council on Education of Children with Disabilities;

11 (vi) participating in work/learn programs or
12 internships; or

13 (I) professional leadership experiences related to
14 improving the teacher's knowledge and skills as a
15 teacher, including the following:

16 (i) participating in curriculum development or
17 assessment activities at the school, school
18 district, regional office of education, State, or
19 national level;

20 (ii) participating in team or department
21 leadership in a school or school district;

22 (iii) participating on external or internal
23 school or school district review teams;

24 (iv) publishing educational articles, columns,
25 or books relevant to the certificate area being
26 renewed; or

27 (v) participating in non-strike related
28 professional association or labor organization
29 service or activities related to professional
30 development.

31 (4) A certificate renewal plan must initially be
32 approved by the certificate holder's local professional
33 development committee, as provided for in subsection (f) of
34 this Section. If the local professional development

1 committee does not approve the certificate renewal plan, the
2 certificate holder may appeal that determination to the
3 regional professional development review committee, as
4 provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of this
5 Section. If the regional professional development review
6 committee disagrees with the local professional development
7 committee's determination, the certificate renewal plan shall
8 be deemed approved and the certificate holder may begin
9 satisfying the continuing professional development activities
10 set forth in the plan. If the regional professional
11 development review committee agrees with the local
12 professional development committee's determination, the
13 certificate renewal plan shall be deemed disapproved and
14 shall be returned to the certificate holder to develop a
15 revised certificate renewal plan. In all cases, the regional
16 professional development review committee shall immediately
17 notify both the local professional development committee and
18 the certificate holder of its determination.

19 (5) A certificate holder who wishes to modify the
20 continuing professional development activities or goals in
21 his or her certificate renewal plan must submit the proposed
22 modifications to his or her local professional development
23 committee for approval prior to engaging in the proposed
24 activities. If the local professional development committee
25 does not approve the proposed modification, the certificate
26 holder may appeal that determination to the regional
27 professional development review committee, as set forth in
28 paragraph (4) of this subsection (e).

29 (6) When a certificate holder changes assignments or
30 school districts during the course of completing a
31 certificate renewal plan, the professional development and
32 continuing education credit earned pursuant to the plan shall
33 transfer to the new assignment or school district and count
34 toward the total requirements. This certificate renewal plan

1 must be reviewed by the appropriate local professional
2 development committee and may be modified to reflect the
3 certificate holder's new work assignment or the school
4 improvement plan of the new school district or school
5 building.

6 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code,
7 each school district, charter school, and cooperative or
8 joint agreement with a governing body or board of control
9 that employs certificated staff, shall establish and
10 implement, in conjunction with its exclusive representative,
11 if any, one or more local professional development
12 committees, as set forth in this subsection (f), which shall
13 perform the following functions:

14 (1) review and approve certificate renewal plans
15 and any modifications made to these plans, including
16 transferred plans;

17 (2) maintain a file of approved certificate renewal
18 plans;

19 (3) monitor certificate holders' progress in
20 completing approved certificate renewal plans;

21 (4) assist in the development of professional
22 development plans based upon needs identified in
23 certificate renewal plans;

24 (5) determine whether certificate holders have met
25 the requirements of their certificate renewal plans and
26 notify certificate holders of its determination;

27 (6) provide a certificate holder with the
28 opportunity to address the committee when it has
29 determined that the certificate holder has not met the
30 requirements of his or her certificate renewal plan;

31 (7) issue and forward recommendations for renewal
32 or nonrenewal of certificate holders' Standard Teaching
33 Certificates to the appropriate regional superintendent
34 of schools, based upon whether certificate holders have

1 met the requirements of their approved certificate
2 renewal plans, with 30-day written notice of its
3 recommendation provided to the certificate holder prior
4 to forwarding the recommendation to the regional
5 superintendent of schools, provided that if the local
6 professional development committee's recommendation is
7 for certificate nonrenewal, the written notice provided
8 to the certificate holder shall include a return receipt;
9 and

10 (8) reconsider its recommendation of certificate
11 nonrenewal, upon request of the certificate holder within
12 30 days of receipt of written notification that the local
13 professional development committee will make such a
14 recommendation, and forward to the regional
15 superintendent of schools its recommendation within 30
16 days of receipt of the certificate holder's request.

17 Each local professional development committee shall
18 consist of at least 3 classroom teachers; one superintendent
19 or chief administrator of the school district, charter
20 school, or cooperative or joint agreement or his or her
21 designee; and one at-large member who shall be either (i) a
22 parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii) a
23 community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference
24 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed
25 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure
26 representation of an interest not already represented on the
27 committee. If mutually agreed upon by the school district,
28 charter school, or governing body or board of control of a
29 cooperative or joint agreement and its exclusive
30 representative, if any, additional members may be added to a
31 local professional development committee, provided that a
32 majority of members are classroom teachers. The school
33 district, charter school, or governing body or board of
34 control of a cooperative or joint agreement and its exclusive

1 representative, if any, shall determine the term of service
2 of the members of a local professional development committee.
3 All individuals selected to serve on local professional
4 development committees must be known to demonstrate the best
5 practices in teaching or their respective field of practice.

6 The exclusive representative, if any, shall select the
7 classroom teacher members of the local professional
8 development committee. If no exclusive representative
9 exists, then the classroom teacher members of a local
10 professional development committee shall be selected by the
11 classroom teachers that come within the local professional
12 development committee's authority. The school district,
13 charter school, or governing body or board of control of a
14 cooperative or joint agreement shall select the 2
15 non-classroom teacher members (the superintendent or chief
16 administrator of the school district, charter school, or
17 cooperative or joint agreement or his or her designee and the
18 at-large member) of a local professional development
19 committee. Vacancies in positions on a local professional
20 development committee shall be filled in the same manner as
21 the original selections. The members of a local professional
22 development committee shall select a chairperson. Local
23 professional development committee meetings shall be
24 scheduled so as not to interfere with committee members'
25 regularly scheduled teaching duties, except when otherwise
26 permitted by the policies of or agreed to or approved by the
27 school district, charter school, or governing body or board
28 of control of a cooperative or joint agreement, or its
29 designee.

30 The board of education or governing board shall convene
31 the first meeting of the local professional development
32 committee. All actions taken by the local professional
33 development committee shall require that a majority of
34 committee members be present, and no committee action may be

1 taken unless 50% or more of those present are teacher
2 members.

3 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of
4 Education-and-the-State--Teacher--Certification--Board shall
5 jointly provide local professional development committee
6 members with a training manual, and the members shall certify
7 that they have received and read the manual.

8 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection
9 (f), for a teacher employed and performing services in a
10 nonpublic or State-operated elementary or secondary school,
11 all references to a local professional development committee
12 shall mean the regional superintendent of schools of the
13 regional office of education for the geographic area where
14 the teaching is done.

15 (g)(1) Each regional superintendent of schools shall
16 review and concur or nonconcur with each recommendation for
17 renewal or nonrenewal of a Standard Teaching Certificate he
18 or she receives from a local professional development
19 committee or, if a certificate holder appeals the
20 recommendation to the regional professional development
21 review committee, the recommendation for renewal or
22 nonrenewal he or she receives from a regional professional
23 development review committee and, within 14 days of receipt
24 of the recommendation, shall provide the Professional Teacher
25 Standards Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board with
26 verification of the following, if applicable:

27 (A) a certificate renewal plan was filed and
28 approved by the appropriate local professional
29 development committee;

30 (B) the professional development and continuing
31 education activities set forth in the approved
32 certificate renewal plan have been satisfactorily
33 completed;

34 (C) the local professional development committee

1 has recommended the renewal of the certificate holder's
2 Standard Teaching Certificate and forwarded the
3 recommendation, along with all supporting documentation
4 as jointly required by the Professional Teacher Standards
5 Board State-Board-of--Education--and--the--State--Teacher
6 Certification--Board, to the regional superintendent of
7 schools;

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

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

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

20 At the same time the regional superintendent of schools
21 provides the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
22 Teacher--Certification-Board with the notice required by this
23 subsection (g), he or she shall also notify the certificate
24 holder in writing that this notice has been provided to the
25 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Teacher
26 Certification--Board, provided that if the notice provided by
27 the regional superintendent of schools to the Professional
28 Teacher Standards Board State--Teacher-Certification-Board
29 includes a recommendation of certificate nonrenewal, the
30 written notice provided to the certificate holder shall be by
31 certified mail, return receipt requested.

32 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to
33 appeal his or her local professional development committee's
34 recommendation of nonrenewal to the regional professional

1 development review committee, within 14 days of receipt of
2 notice that the recommendation has been sent to the regional
3 superintendent of schools. Each regional superintendent of
4 schools shall establish a regional professional development
5 review committee or committees for the purpose of advising
6 the regional superintendent of schools, upon request, and
7 handling certificate holder appeals. This committee shall
8 consist of at least 4 classroom teachers, one
9 non-administrative certificated educational employee, 2
10 administrators, and one at-large member who shall be either
11 (i) a parent, (ii) a member of the business community, (iii)
12 a community member, or (iv) an administrator, with preference
13 given to an individual chosen from among those persons listed
14 in items (i), (ii), and (iii) in order to secure
15 representation of an interest not already represented on the
16 committee. The teacher and non-administrative certificated
17 educational employee members of the review committee shall be
18 selected by their exclusive representative, if any, and the
19 administrators and at-large member shall be selected by the
20 regional superintendent of schools. A regional
21 superintendent of schools may add additional members to the
22 committee, provided that the same proportion of teachers to
23 administrators and at-large members on the committee is
24 maintained. Any additional teacher and non-administrative
25 certificated educational employee members shall be selected
26 by their exclusive representative, if any. Vacancies in
27 positions on a regional professional development review
28 committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original
29 selections. Committee members shall serve staggered 3-year
30 terms. All individuals selected to serve on regional
31 professional development review committees must be known to
32 demonstrate the best practices in teaching or their
33 respective field of practice.

34 The exclusive representative responsible for choosing the

1 individuals that serve on a regional professional development
2 review committee shall notify each school district, charter
3 school, or governing body or board of control of a
4 cooperative or joint agreement employing the individuals
5 chosen to serve and provide their names to the appropriate
6 regional superintendent of schools. Regional professional
7 development review committee meetings shall be scheduled so
8 as not to interfere with the committee members' regularly
9 scheduled teaching duties, except when otherwise permitted by
10 the policies of or agreed to or approved by the school
11 district, charter school, or governing body or board of
12 control of a cooperative or joint agreement, or its designee,
13 provided that the school district, charter school, or
14 governing body or board of control shall not unreasonably
15 withhold permission for a committee member to attend regional
16 professional development review committee meetings.

17 In a city having a population exceeding 500,000 that does
18 not have a regional office of education, one or more separate
19 regional professional development review committees shall be
20 established as mutually agreed upon by the board of education
21 of the school district organized under Article 34 of this
22 Code and the exclusive representative. The composition of
23 each committee shall be the same as for a regional
24 professional development review committee, except that
25 members of the committee shall be jointly appointed by the
26 board of education and the exclusive representative. All
27 other provisions of this Section concerning regional
28 professional development review committees shall apply to
29 these committees.

30 The regional professional development review committee
31 may require information in addition to that received from a
32 certificate holder's local professional development committee
33 or request that the certificate holder appear before it,
34 shall either concur or nonconcur with a local professional

1 development committee's recommendation of nonrenewal, and
 2 shall forward to the regional superintendent of schools its
 3 recommendation of renewal or nonrenewal. All actions taken
 4 by the regional professional development review committee
 5 shall require a quorum and be by a simple majority of those
 6 present and voting. A record of all votes shall be
 7 maintained. The committee shall have 45 days from receipt of
 8 a certificate holder's appeal to make its recommendation to
 9 the regional superintendent of schools.

10 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
 11 Education--and--the--State--Teacher-Certification-Board shall
 12 jointly provide regional professional development review
 13 committee members with a training manual, and the members
 14 shall be required to attend one training seminar sponsored
 15 jointly by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 16 Board-of-Education-and-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board.

17 (h)(1) The Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 18 Teacher--Certification--Board shall review the regional
 19 superintendent of schools' recommendations to renew or
 20 nonrenew Standard Teaching Certificates and notify
 21 certificate holders in writing whether their certificates
 22 have been renewed or nonrenewed within 90 days of receipt of
 23 the recommendations, unless a certificate holder has appealed
 24 a regional superintendent of schools' recommendation of
 25 nonrenewal, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection
 26 (h). The Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Teacher
 27 Certification--Board shall verify that the certificate holder
 28 has met the renewal criteria set forth in paragraph (1) of
 29 subsection (g) of this Section.

30 (2) Each certificate holder shall have the right to
 31 appeal a regional superintendent of school's recommendation
 32 to nonrenew his or her Standard Teaching Certificate to the
 33 Professional Teacher Standards Board State----Teacher
 34 Certification-Board, within 14 days of receipt of notice that

1 the decision has been sent to the Professional Teacher
2 Standards Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board, which
3 shall hold an appeal hearing within 60 days of receipt of the
4 appeal. When such an appeal is taken, the certificate
5 holder's Standard Teaching Certificate shall continue to be
6 valid until the appeal is finally determined. The
7 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Teacher
8 Certification--Board shall review the regional superintendent
9 of school's recommendation, the regional professional
10 development review committee's recommendation, if any, and
11 the local professional development committee's recommendation
12 and all relevant documentation to verify whether the
13 certificate holder has met the renewal criteria set forth in
14 paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of this Section. The
15 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Teacher
16 Certification--Board may request that the certificate holder
17 appear before it. All actions taken by the Professional
18 Teacher Standards Board State--Teacher-Certification-Board
19 shall require a quorum and be by a simple majority of those
20 present and voting. A record of all votes shall be
21 maintained. The Professional Teacher Standards Board State
22 Teacher-Certification--Board shall notify the certificate
23 holder in writing, within 7 days of completing the review,
24 whether his or her Standard Teaching Certificate has been
25 renewed or nonrenewed, provided that if the Professional
26 Teacher Standards Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board
27 determines to nonrenew a certificate, the written notice
28 provided to the certificate holder shall be by certified
29 mail, return receipt requested. All certificate renewal or
30 nonrenewal decisions of the Professional Teacher Standards
31 Board State-Teacher-Certification-Board are final and subject
32 to administrative review, as set forth in Section 21-24 of
33 this Code.

34 (i) Holders of Master Teaching Certificates shall meet

1 the same requirements and follow the same procedures as
2 holders of Standard Teaching Certificates, except that their
3 renewal cycle shall be as set forth in subsection (d) of
4 Section 21-2 of this Code.

5 (j) Holders of Valid and Exempt Standard and Master
6 Teaching Certificates who are not employed and performing
7 services in an Illinois public or State-operated elementary
8 school, secondary school, or cooperative or joint agreement
9 with a governing body or board of control, in a certificated
10 teaching position, may voluntarily activate their
11 certificates by developing and submitting a certificate
12 renewal plan to the regional superintendent of schools of the
13 regional office of education for the geographic area where
14 their teaching is done, who, or whose designee, shall approve
15 the plan and serve as the certificate holder's local
16 professional development committee. These certificate
17 holders shall follow the same renewal criteria and procedures
18 as all other Standard and Master Teaching Certificate
19 holders, except that their continuing professional
20 development plans shall not be required to reflect or address
21 the knowledge, skills, and goals of a local school
22 improvement plan.

23 (k) Each school district, charter school, or cooperative
24 or joint agreement shall be paid an annual amount of not less
25 than \$1,000, as determined by a formula based on the number
26 of Standard Teaching and Master Teaching Certificate holders,
27 subject to renewal and established by rule, not to exceed
28 \$1,000,000 annually for all school districts, charter
29 schools, and cooperatives or joint agreements, for
30 administrative costs associated with conducting the meetings
31 of the local professional development committee. Each
32 regional office of education shall receive \$2,000 annually to
33 pay school districts, charter schools, or cooperatives or
34 joint agreements for costs, as defined by rule, incurred in

1 staff attendance at regional professional development review
2 committee meetings and the training seminar required under
3 paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of this Section.

4 (1) The Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board
5 of-Education-and-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board shall
6 jointly contract with an independent party to conduct a
7 comprehensive evaluation of the certificate renewal system
8 pursuant to this Section. The first report of this
9 evaluation shall be presented to the General Assembly on
10 January 1, 2005 and on January 1 of every third year
11 thereafter.

12 (m) The Professional Teacher Standards Board has
13 jurisdiction over and the responsibility for any and all
14 committees created under this Section. The changes made in
15 this subsection (m) by this amendatory Act of the 92nd
16 General Assembly are declaratory of existing law.

17 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98;
18 90-811, eff. 1-26-99; 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/21-16) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-16)

20 Sec. 21-16. Fees; Requirement for registration.

21 (a) Until February 15, 2000, every applicant when issued
22 a certificate shall pay to the regional superintendent of
23 schools a fee of \$1, which shall be paid into the institute
24 fund. Every certificate issued under the provisions of this
25 Act shall be registered annually or, at the option of the
26 holder of the certificate, once every 3 years. The regional
27 superintendent of schools having supervision and control over
28 the school where the teaching is done shall register the
29 certificate before the holder begins to teach, otherwise it
30 shall be registered in any county in the State of Illinois;
31 and one fee of \$4 per year for registration or renewal of one
32 or more certificates which have been issued to the same
33 holder shall be paid into the institute fund.

1 Until February 15, 2000, requirements for registration of
2 any certificate limited in time shall include evidence of
3 professional growth defined as successful teaching experience
4 since last registration of certificate, attendance at
5 professional meetings, membership in professional
6 organizations, additional credits earned in recognized
7 teacher-training institutions, travel specifically for
8 educational experience, reading of professional books and
9 periodicals, filing all reports as required by the regional
10 superintendent of schools and the State Superintendent of
11 Education or such other professional experience or
12 combination of experiences as are presented by the teacher
13 and are approved by the State Superintendent of Education in
14 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. A
15 duplicate certificate may be issued to the holder of a valid
16 life certificate or valid certificate limited in time by the
17 State Superintendent of Education; however, it shall only be
18 issued upon request of a regional superintendent of schools
19 and upon payment to the regional superintendent of schools
20 who requests such duplicate a fee of \$4.

21 (b) Beginning February 15, 2000, all persons who are
22 issued Standard Teaching Certificates pursuant clause (2) of
23 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and all persons who renew
24 Standard Teaching Certificates shall pay a \$25 fee for
25 registration of all certificates held. All persons who are
26 issued Standard Teaching Certificates under clause (1) of
27 subsection (c) of Section 21-2 and all other applicants for
28 Standard Teaching Certificates shall pay an original
29 application fee, pursuant to Section 21-12, and a \$25 fee for
30 registration of all certificates held. These certificates
31 shall be registered and the registration fee paid once every
32 5 years. Standard Teaching Certificate applicants and
33 holders shall not be required to pay any other registration
34 fees for issuance or renewal of their certificates, except as

1 provided in Section 21-17 of this Code. Beginning February
2 15, 2000, Master Teaching Certificates shall be issued and
3 renewed upon payment by the applicant or certificate holder
4 of a \$50 fee for registration of all certificates held.
5 These certificates shall be registered and the fee paid once
6 every 10 years. Master Teaching Certificate applicants and
7 holders shall not be required to pay any other application or
8 registration fees for issuance or renewal of their
9 certificates, except as provided in Section 21-17 of this
10 Code. All other certificates issued under the provisions of
11 this Code shall be registered for the validity period of the
12 certificate at the rate of \$5 per year for the total number
13 of years for which the certificate is valid for registration
14 of all certificates held, or for a maximum of 5 years for
15 life certificates. The regional superintendent of schools
16 having supervision and control over the school where the
17 teaching is done shall register the certificate before the
18 holder begins to teach, otherwise it shall be registered in
19 any county in the State of Illinois. Each holder shall pay
20 the appropriate registration fee to the regional
21 superintendent of schools. The regional superintendent of
22 schools shall deposit the registration fees into the
23 institute fund. Any certificate holder who teaches in more
24 than one educational service region shall register the
25 certificate or certificates in all regions where the teaching
26 is done, but shall be required to pay one registration fee
27 for all certificates held, provided holders of certificates
28 issued pursuant to Section 21-9 of this Code shall be
29 required to pay one registration fee, in each educational
30 service region in which his or her certificate or
31 certificates are registered, for all certificates held.

32 A duplicate certificate may be issued to the holder of a
33 valid life certificate or valid certificate limited in time
34 by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State

1 Superintendent-of-Education; however, it shall only be issued
 2 upon request of a regional superintendent of schools and upon
 3 payment to the regional superintendent of schools who
 4 requests the duplicate a fee of \$4, which shall be deposited
 5 into the institute fund.

6 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

7 (105 ILCS 5/21-17) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-17)

8 Sec. 21-17. Fee and duplicate certificate. A duplicate
 9 certificate shall be issued by the Professional Teacher
 10 Standards Board State--Superintendent--of--Education when
 11 requested by the regional superintendent of schools as
 12 provided in Section 21-16. The request for a duplicate
 13 certificate shall be accompanied by a fee of \$4, which shall
 14 be deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-19) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-19)

17 Sec. 21-19. Annual report by certificate holder. The
 18 holder of any certificate, shall annually within 30 days
 19 after assuming the duties of any teaching position report to
 20 the regional superintendent having supervision and control
 21 over the school where the teacher is employed information
 22 relative to training, experience, salary and other data
 23 required by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
 24 Board--of--Education. The reports shall be collected in the
 25 office of the regional superintendent and filed with the
 26 Professional Teacher Standards Board State--Board--of
 27 Education.

28 (Source: P.A. 81-1508.)

29 (105 ILCS 5/21-21) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-21)

30 Sec. 21-21. Definitions; granting of recognition;
 31 regional accreditation.

1 (a) "Recognized", as used in this Article in connection
2 with the word "school" or "institution", means such school,
3 college, university, private junior college, public community
4 college or special or technical school as maintains a course
5 of study, a standard of scholarship and other requirements
6 set by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board
7 of--Education--in--consultation--with--the--State--Teacher
8 Certification--Board. Application for recognition of such
9 school or institution as a teacher education institution
10 shall be made to the Professional Teacher Standards Board
11 State-Board-of-Education. The Professional Teacher Standards
12 Board State-Board-of-Education-in-consultation-with-the-State
13 Teacher--Certification--Board shall set the criteria by which
14 the school or institution shall be judged and through the
15 Secretary of that the Board shall arrange for an official
16 inspection and shall grant recognition of such school or
17 institution as may meet the required standards. If such
18 standards include requirements with regard to education in
19 acquiring skills in working with culturally distinctive
20 students, as defined by the Professional Teacher Standards
21 Board State--Board--of--Education, then the rules of the
22 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education
23 shall include the criteria used to evaluate compliance with
24 this requirement. No school or institution shall make
25 assignments of student teachers or teachers for practice
26 teaching so as to promote segregation on the basis of race,
27 creed, color, religion, sex or national origin.

28 All recommendations for initial or standard certification
29 shall be made by a recognized teacher training institution
30 operating a program of preparation for the certificate
31 approved by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
32 Superintendent--of--Education--in--consultation-with-the-State
33 Teacher--Certification--Board. The Professional Teacher
34 Standards Board State-Board-of-Education-in-consultation-with

1 the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board shall have the power to
2 define a major or minor when used as a basis for recognition
3 and certification purposes.

4 (b) "Regionally accredited" or "accredited" as used in
5 this Article in connection with a university or institution
6 shall mean an institution of higher education accredited by
7 the North Central Association or other comparable regional
8 accrediting association.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

10 (105 ILCS 5/21-21.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-21.1)

11 Sec. 21-21.1. Denial of recommendation for
12 certification. Each college or university providing a
13 teacher education program approved and recognized pursuant to
14 the provisions of this Article shall establish procedures and
15 standards to assure that no student is denied the opportunity
16 to receive the institutional recommendation for certification
17 for reasons which are not directly related to the candidate's
18 anticipated performance as a certificated employee. Such
19 standards and procedures shall include the specific criteria
20 used by the institution for admission, retention, and
21 recommendation for certification, periodic evaluations of the
22 candidate's progress toward an institutional recommendation,
23 counseling and other supportive services to correct any
24 deficiencies which are considered remedial, and provisions to
25 assure that no person is discriminated against on the basis
26 of race, color, national origin or a disability unrelated to
27 the person's ability to perform as a certificated employee.
28 Each institution shall also establish a grievance procedure
29 for those candidates who are denied the institutional
30 recommendation for certification. Within 10 days of
31 notification of such denial, the college or university shall
32 notify the candidate, in writing, of the reasons for the
33 denial of recommendation for certification. Within 30 days

1 of notification of the denial, the candidate may request the
2 college or university to review the denial. If, after an
3 additional 30 days to complete such review, the candidate is
4 denied recommendation for certification, the candidate may
5 appeal to the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
6 Teacher--Certification--Board within 10 days of notification
7 for a review of the institution's decision. The candidate
8 shall have the right to be present at any such review, to
9 present evidence, and to be represented by counsel. Upon
10 such review the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
11 Teacher-Certification-Board shall take recommend appropriate
12 action to--the--State--Superintendent--of--Education. Each
13 institution's standards and procedures, including the
14 criteria for admission, retention, and the institutional
15 recommendation for certification, and the institution's
16 grievance procedures, shall be subject to approval by the
17 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Superintendent-of
18 Education---in---consultation---with---the---State---Teacher
19 Certification--Board. Each applicant to the institution's
20 teacher education program shall be provided with a copy of
21 the procedures established pursuant to this Section.

22 (Source: P.A. 89-397, eff. 8-20-95.)

23 (105 ILCS 5/21-23) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-23)

24 Sec. 21-23. Suspension or revocation of certificate.

25 (a) Any certificate issued pursuant to this Article,
26 including but not limited to any administrative certificate
27 or endorsement, may be suspended for a period not to exceed
28 one calendar year by the regional superintendent or for a
29 period not to exceed 5 calendar years by the State
30 Superintendent of Education upon evidence of immorality, a
31 condition of health detrimental to the welfare of pupils,
32 incompetency, unprofessional conduct, the neglect of any
33 professional duty, willful failure to report an instance of

1 suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused
2 and Neglected Child Reporting Act, failure to establish
3 satisfactory repayment on an educational loan guaranteed by
4 the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, or other just
5 cause. Unprofessional conduct shall include refusal to
6 attend or participate in, institutes, teachers' meetings,
7 professional readings, or to meet other reasonable
8 requirements of the regional superintendent or State
9 Superintendent of Education. Unprofessional conduct also
10 includes conduct that violates the standards, ethics, or
11 rules applicable to the security, administration, monitoring,
12 or scoring of, or the reporting of scores from, any
13 assessment test or the Prairie State Achievement Examination
14 administered under Section 2-3.64 or that is known or
15 intended to produce or report manipulated or artificial,
16 rather than actual, assessment or achievement results or
17 gains from the administration of those tests or examinations.
18 It shall also include neglect or unnecessary delay in making
19 of statistical and other reports required by school officers.
20 The regional superintendent or State Superintendent of
21 Education shall upon receipt of evidence of immorality, a
22 condition of health detrimental to the welfare of pupils,
23 incompetency, unprofessional conduct, the neglect of any
24 professional duty or other just cause serve written notice to
25 the individual and afford the individual opportunity for a
26 hearing prior to suspension. If a hearing is requested
27 within 10 days of notice of opportunity for hearing it shall
28 act as a stay of proceedings not to exceed 30 days. No
29 certificate shall be suspended until the teacher has an
30 opportunity for a hearing at the educational service region.
31 When a certificate is suspended, the right of appeal shall
32 lie to the Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Teacher
33 Certification--Board. When an appeal is taken within 10 days
34 after notice of suspension it shall act as a stay of

1 proceedings not to exceed 60 days. If a certificate is
 2 suspended for a period greater than one year, the State
 3 Superintendent of Education shall review the suspension prior
 4 to the expiration of that period to determine whether the
 5 cause for the suspension has been remedied or continues to
 6 exist. Upon determining that the cause for suspension has
 7 not abated, the State Superintendent of Education may order
 8 that the suspension be continued for an appropriate period.
 9 Nothing in this Section prohibits the continuance of such a
 10 suspension for an indefinite period if the State
 11 Superintendent determines that the cause for the suspension
 12 remains unabated. Any certificate may be revoked for the
 13 same reasons as for suspension by the State Superintendent of
 14 Education. No certificate shall be revoked until the teacher
 15 has an opportunity for a hearing before the Professional
 16 Teacher Standards Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board,
 17 which hearing must be held within 60 days from the date the
 18 appeal is taken.

19 The Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board may
 20 refuse to issue or may suspend the certificate of any person
 21 who fails to file a return, or to pay the tax, penalty or
 22 interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final
 23 assessment of tax, penalty or interest, as required by any
 24 tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue,
 25 until such time as the requirements of any such tax Act are
 26 satisfied.

27 (b) Any certificate issued pursuant to this Article may
 28 be suspended for an appropriate length of time as determined
 29 by either the regional superintendent or State Superintendent
 30 of Education upon evidence that the holder of the certificate
 31 has been named as a perpetrator in an indicated report filed
 32 pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act,
 33 approved--June--26,--1975,--as-amended, and upon proof by clear
 34 and convincing evidence that the licensee has caused a child

1 to be an abused child or neglected child as defined in that
2 ~~the-Abused-and-Neglected-Child-Reporting~~ Act.

3 The regional superintendent or State Superintendent of
4 Education shall, upon receipt of evidence that the
5 certificate holder has been named a perpetrator in any
6 indicated report, serve written notice to the individual and
7 afford the individual opportunity for a hearing prior to
8 suspension. If a hearing is requested within 10 days of
9 notice of opportunity for hearing, it shall act as a stay of
10 proceedings not to exceed 30 days. No certificate shall be
11 suspended until the teacher has an opportunity for a hearing
12 at the educational service region. When a certificate is
13 suspended, the right of appeal shall lie to the Professional
14 Teacher Standards Board ~~State-Teacher-Certification-Board~~.
15 When an appeal is taken within 10 days after notice of
16 suspension it shall act as a stay of proceedings not to
17 exceed 60 days. The State Superintendent may revoke any
18 certificate upon proof at hearing by clear and convincing
19 evidence that the certificate holder has caused a child to be
20 an abused child or neglected child as defined in the Abused
21 and Neglected Child Reporting Act. No certificate shall be
22 revoked until the teacher has an opportunity for a hearing
23 before the Professional Teacher Standards Board ~~State-Teacher~~
24 ~~Certification--Board~~, which hearing must be held within 60
25 days from the date the appeal is taken.

26 (c) The State Superintendent of Education or a person
27 designated by him shall have the power to administer oaths to
28 witnesses at any hearing conducted before the Professional
29 Teacher Standards Board ~~State--Teacher--Certification--Board~~
30 pursuant to this Section. The State Superintendent of
31 Education or a person designated by him is authorized to
32 subpoena and bring before the Professional Teacher Standards
33 Board ~~State--Teacher--Certification-Board~~ any person in this
34 State and to take testimony either orally or by deposition or

1 by exhibit, with the same fees and mileage and in the same
2 manner as prescribed by law in judicial proceedings in the
3 civil cases in circuit courts of this State.

4 Any circuit court, upon the application of the State
5 Superintendent of Education, may, by order duly entered,
6 require the attendance of witnesses and the production of
7 relevant books and papers at any hearing the State
8 Superintendent of Education is authorized to conduct pursuant
9 to this Section, and the court may compel obedience to its
10 orders by proceedings for contempt.

11 (d) As used in this Section, "teacher" means any school
12 district employee regularly required to be certified, as
13 provided in this Article, in order to teach or supervise in
14 the public schools.

15 (Source: P.A. 89-610, eff. 8-6-96.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-23b) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-23b)

17 Sec. 21-23b. Conviction of felony.

18 (a) Whenever the holder of any certificate issued under
19 this Article is employed by the school board of any school
20 district, including a special charter district or school
21 district organized under Article 34, and is convicted, either
22 after a bench trial, trial by jury, or plea of guilty, of any
23 offense for which a sentence to death or a term of
24 imprisonment in a penitentiary for one year or more is
25 provided, the school board shall promptly notify the
26 Professional Teacher Standards Board ~~State-Board-of-Education~~
27 in writing of the name of the certificate holder, the fact of
28 the conviction, and the name and location of the court in
29 which the conviction occurred.

30 (b) Whenever the Professional Teacher Standards Board
31 ~~State-Board-of-Education~~ receives notice of a conviction
32 under subsection (a) or otherwise learns that any person who
33 is a "teacher" as that term is defined in Section 16-106 of

1 the Illinois Pension Code has been convicted, either after a
 2 bench trial, trial by jury, or plea of guilty, of any offense
 3 for which a sentence to death or a term of imprisonment in a
 4 penitentiary for one year or more is provided, the
 5 Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Board-of-Education
 6 shall promptly notify in writing the board of trustees of the
 7 Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, and the
 8 board of trustees of the Public School Teachers' Pension and
 9 Retirement Fund of the City of Chicago, and the State Board
 10 of Education of the name of the certificate holder or
 11 teacher, the fact of the conviction, the name and location of
 12 the court in which the conviction occurred, and the number
 13 assigned in that court to the case in which the conviction
 14 occurred.

15 (Source: P.A. 87-1001.)

16 (105 ILCS 5/21-24) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-24)
 17 Sec. 21-24. Administrative Review Law. The provisions of
 18 the Administrative Review Law, and all amendments and
 19 modifications thereof and the rules adopted pursuant thereto,
 20 shall apply to and govern all proceedings instituted for the
 21 judicial review of final administrative decisions of the
 22 Professional Teacher Standards Board State---Board---of
 23 Education, the State Teacher Certification Board, and the
 24 regional superintendent of schools under this Article. The
 25 term "administrative decision" is defined as in Section 3-101
 26 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The commencement of any
 27 action for review shall operate as a stay of enforcement and
 28 no action based on any decision of the Professional Teacher
 29 Standards Board State--Board--of--Education, State--Teacher
 30 Certification Board or the regional superintendent of schools
 31 shall be taken pending final disposition of such review.

32 (Source: P.A. 84-551.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/21-25) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-25)
 2 Sec. 21-25. School service personnel certificate.
 3 Subject to the provisions of Section 21-1a, a school service
 4 personnel certificate shall be issued to those applicants of
 5 good character, good health, a citizen of the United States
 6 and at least 19 years of age who have a Bachelor's degree
 7 with not fewer than 120 semester hours from a regionally
 8 accredited institution of higher learning and who meets the
 9 requirements established by the Professional Teacher
 10 Standards Board State---Superintendent--of--Education--in
 11 ~~consultation-with-the-State-Teacher-Certification--Board~~. A
 12 school service personnel certificate with a school nurse
 13 endorsement may be issued to a person who holds a bachelor of
 14 science degree from an institution of higher learning
 15 accredited by the North Central Association or other
 16 comparable regional accrediting association. Persons seeking
 17 any other endorsement on the school service personnel
 18 certificate shall be recommended for the endorsement by a
 19 recognized teacher education institution as having completed
 20 a program of preparation approved by the Professional Teacher
 21 Standards State--Superintendent-of-Education-in-consultation
 22 ~~with-the-State-Teacher-Certification~~ Board.

23 Such certificate shall be endorsed with the area of
 24 Service as determined by the Professional Teacher Standards
 25 Board State-Superintendent-of-Education-in-consultation--with
 26 ~~the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board~~.

27 The holder of such certificate shall be entitled to all
 28 of the rights and privileges granted holders of a valid
 29 teaching certificate, including teacher benefits,
 30 compensation and working conditions.

31 When the holder of such certificate has earned a master's
 32 degree, including 8 semester hours of graduate professional
 33 education from a recognized institution of higher learning,
 34 and has at least 2 years of successful school experience

1 while holding such certificate, the certificate may be
2 endorsed for supervision.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

4 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.5) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.5)

5 Sec. 34-18.5. Criminal background investigations.

6 (a) After August 1, 1985, certified and noncertified
7 applicants for employment with the school district are
8 required as a condition of employment to authorize an
9 investigation to determine if such applicants have been
10 convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses
11 in subsection (c) of this Section or have been convicted,
12 within 7 years of the application for employment with the
13 school district, of any other felony under the laws of this
14 State or of any offense committed or attempted in any other
15 state or against the laws of the United States that, if
16 committed or attempted in this State, would have been
17 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State.
18 Authorization for the investigation shall be furnished by the
19 applicant to the school district, except that if the
20 applicant is a substitute teacher seeking employment in more
21 than one school district, or a teacher seeking concurrent
22 part-time employment positions with more than one school
23 district (as a reading specialist, special education teacher
24 or otherwise), or an educational support personnel employee
25 seeking employment positions with more than one district, any
26 such district may require the applicant to furnish
27 authorization for the investigation to the regional
28 superintendent of the educational service region in which are
29 located the school districts in which the applicant is
30 seeking employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time
31 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee.
32 Upon receipt of this authorization, the school district or
33 the appropriate regional superintendent, as the case may be,

1 shall submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date of birth
2 and social security number to the Department of State Police
3 on forms prescribed by the Department. The regional
4 superintendent submitting the requisite information to the
5 Department of State Police shall promptly notify the school
6 districts in which the applicant is seeking employment as a
7 substitute or concurrent part-time teacher or concurrent
8 educational support personnel employee that the investigation
9 of the applicant has been requested. The Department of State
10 Police shall conduct an investigation to ascertain if the
11 applicant being considered for employment has been convicted
12 of any of the enumerated criminal or drug offenses in
13 subsection (c) or has been convicted, within 7 years of the
14 application for employment with the school district, of any
15 other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense
16 committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws
17 of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this
18 State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws
19 of this State. The Department shall charge the school
20 district or the appropriate regional superintendent a fee for
21 conducting such investigation, which fee shall be deposited
22 in the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the
23 cost of the inquiry; and the applicant shall not be charged a
24 fee for such investigation by the school district or by the
25 regional superintendent. The regional superintendent may
26 seek reimbursement from the State Board of Education or the
27 appropriate school district or districts for fees paid by the
28 regional superintendent to the Department for the criminal
29 background investigations required by this Section.

30 (b) The Department shall furnish, pursuant to positive
31 identification, records of convictions, until expunged, to
32 the president of the board of education for the school
33 district which requested the investigation, or to the
34 regional superintendent who requested the investigation. Any

1 information concerning the record of convictions obtained by
2 the president of the board of education or the regional
3 superintendent shall be confidential and may only be
4 transmitted to the general superintendent of the school
5 district or his designee, the appropriate regional
6 superintendent if the investigation was requested by the
7 board of education for the school district, the presidents of
8 the appropriate board of education or school boards if the
9 investigation was requested from the Department of State
10 Police by the regional superintendent, the State
11 Superintendent of Education, the Professional Teacher
12 Standards Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board or any
13 other person necessary to the decision of hiring the
14 applicant for employment. A copy of the record of convictions
15 obtained from the Department of State Police shall be
16 provided to the applicant for employment. If an investigation
17 of an applicant for employment as a substitute or concurrent
18 part-time teacher or concurrent educational support personnel
19 employee in more than one school district was requested by
20 the regional superintendent, and the Department of State
21 Police upon investigation ascertains that the applicant has
22 not been convicted of any of the enumerated criminal or drug
23 offenses in subsection (c) or has not been convicted, within
24 7 years of the application for employment with the school
25 district, of any other felony under the laws of this State or
26 of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or
27 against the laws of the United States that, if committed or
28 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a
29 felony under the laws of this State and so notifies the
30 regional superintendent, then the regional superintendent
31 shall issue to the applicant a certificate evidencing that as
32 of the date specified by the Department of State Police the
33 applicant has not been convicted of any of the enumerated
34 criminal or drug offenses in subsection (c) or has not been

1 convicted, within 7 years of the application for employment
2 with the school district, of any other felony under the laws
3 of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any
4 other state or against the laws of the United States that, if
5 committed or attempted in this State, would have been
6 punishable as a felony under the laws of this State. The
7 school board of any school district located in the
8 educational service region served by the regional
9 superintendent who issues such a certificate to an applicant
10 for employment as a substitute or concurrent part-time
11 teacher or concurrent educational support personnel employee
12 in more than one such district may rely on the certificate
13 issued by the regional superintendent to that applicant, or
14 may initiate its own investigation of the applicant through
15 the Department of State Police as provided in subsection (a).
16 Any person who releases any confidential information
17 concerning any criminal convictions of an applicant for
18 employment shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, unless
19 the release of such information is authorized by this
20 Section.

21 (c) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a
22 person who has been convicted for committing attempted first
23 degree murder or for committing or attempting to commit first
24 degree murder or a Class X felony or any one or more of the
25 following offenses: (i) those defined in Sections 11-6,
26 11-9, 11-14, 11-15, 11-15.1, 11-16, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19,
27 11-19.1, 11-19.2, 11-20, 11-20.1, 11-21, 12-13, 12-14,
28 12-14.1, 12-15 and 12-16 of the Criminal Code of 1961; (ii)
29 those defined in the Cannabis Control Act, except those
30 defined in Sections 4(a), 4(b) and 5(a) of that Act; (iii)
31 those defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act; and
32 (iv) any offense committed or attempted in any other state or
33 against the laws of the United States, which if committed or
34 attempted in this State, would have been punishable as one or

1 more of the foregoing offenses. Further, the board of
2 education shall not knowingly employ a person who has been
3 found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of
4 any minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under
5 Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

6 (d) The board of education shall not knowingly employ a
7 person for whom a criminal background investigation has not
8 been initiated.

9 (e) Upon receipt of the record of a conviction of or a
10 finding of child abuse by a holder of any certificate issued
11 pursuant to Article 21 or Section 34-8.1 or 34-83 of the
12 School Code, the board of education or the State
13 Superintendent of Education shall initiate the certificate
14 suspension and revocation proceedings authorized by law.

15 (f) After March 19, 1990, the provisions of this Section
16 shall apply to all employees of persons or firms holding
17 contracts with any school district including, but not limited
18 to, food service workers, school bus drivers and other
19 transportation employees, who have direct, daily contact with
20 the pupils of any school in such district. For purposes of
21 criminal background investigations on employees of persons or
22 firms holding contracts with more than one school district
23 and assigned to more than one school district, the regional
24 superintendent of the educational service region in which the
25 contracting school districts are located may, at the request
26 of any such school district, be responsible for receiving the
27 authorization for investigation prepared by each such
28 employee and submitting the same to the Department of State
29 Police. Any information concerning the record of conviction
30 of any such employee obtained by the regional superintendent
31 shall be promptly reported to the president of the
32 appropriate school board or school boards.

33 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98; 91-885, eff. 7-6-00.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/34-83) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-83)
2 Sec. 34-83. Board---of---examiners Certificates
3 Examinations. A--board--of--3--examiners--shall--examine--all
4 applicants--required--to--hold--certificates-to-teach-and-the
5 board-of-education-shall-issue-gratuitously-to-those-who-pass
6 a--required--test--of--character,--scholarship--and--general
7 fitness,--such--certificates--to--teach--as--they--are--found
8 entitled--to--receive.--No-person-may-be-granted-or-continue-to
9 hold-a-teaching-certificate--who--has--knowingly--altered--or
10 misrepresented-his-or-her-teaching-qualifications-in-order-to
11 acquire--the-certificate.--Any-other-certificate-held-by-such
12 person-may-be-suspended-or-revoked-by-the-board-of-examiners,
13 depending--upon---the---severity---of---the---alteration---or
14 misrepresentation.--The--board--of-examiners-shall-consist-of
15 the-general-superintendent-of-schools-and-2-persons--approved
16 and--appointed--by-the-board-of-education-upon-the-nomination
17 of-the--general--superintendent--of--schools.--The--board--of
18 examiners--shall--hold--such--examinations--as--the--board-of
19 education-may--prescribe,--upon--the--recommendation--of--the
20 general--superintendent--of--schools--and--shall--prepare-all
21 necessary-eligible-lists,--which-shall-be-kept-in--the--office
22 of--the--general--superintendent--of--schools--and-be-open-to
23 public-inspection.--Members-of-the-board--of--examiners--shall
24 hold-office-for-a-term-of-2-years.

25 The board of examiners created--herein is abolished
26 effective July 1, 1988. Commencing July 1, 1988, all new
27 teachers employed by the board shall hold teaching
28 certificates issued by-the-State-Teacher-Certification-Board
29 under Article 21. The--State--Board---of---Education---in
30 consultation--with--the--board--of--examiners--and--the-State
31 Teacher-Certification-Board-shall-develop-procedures--whereby
32 Teachers eurrently holding valid certificates issued by the
33 board of examiners prior to its abolition, and all teachers
34 employed by the board after August 1, 1985 and prior to July

1 1, 1988, shall no later than July 1, 1988 exchange
 2 certificates issued by the board of examiners for comparable
 3 certificates issued under Article 21 by--the--State--Teacher
 4 Certification--Board. On the exchange of a certificate on or
 5 before July 1, 1988, the-State--Teacher--Certification--Board
 6 shall--not--require--any additional qualifications for the
 7 issuance of the comparable certificate are not required. If
 8 prior to July 1, 1988 the board of examiners has issued types
 9 of teaching certificates which are not comparable to the
 10 types of certificates issued under Article 21 by--the--State
 11 Teacher-Certification-Board, such certificates shall continue
 12 to be valid for and shall be renewable by the holders
 13 thereof, and no additional qualifications shall be required
 14 by the Professional Teacher Standards Board State-Teacher
 15 Certification--Board for any such renewal; however, no
 16 individual who received a letter of continuing eligibility
 17 shall be issued an Initial or Standard Teaching Certificate,
 18 as provided in Section 21-2 of this Code, unless that
 19 individual also holds such a valid and renewable certificate.

20 ~~The-State-Board-of-Education--shall--report--by--July--1,~~
 21 ~~1986,--to--the--Illinois--General--Assembly--on--the--procedures--for~~
 22 ~~exchange--it--has--developed--in--consultation--with--the--board--of~~
 23 ~~examiners--and--the--State--Teacher--Certification--Board--as~~
 24 ~~required--in--this--Section.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

26 Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act
 27 is amended by changing Section 65.20 as follows:

28 (110 ILCS 947/65.20)

29 Sec. 65.20. Science-mathematics teacher scholarships.

30 (a) The Commission may annually award a number of
 31 scholarships, not to exceed 200, to persons holding valid
 32 teaching certificates issued under Article 21 of the School

1 Code. Such scholarships shall be issued to teachers who make
2 application to the Commission and who agree to take courses
3 at qualified institutions of higher learning that will
4 prepare them to teach science or mathematics at the secondary
5 school level.

6 (b) Scholarships awarded under this Section shall be
7 issued pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Commission;
8 provided that no rule or regulation promulgated by the State
9 Board of Education prior to the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of 1993 pursuant to the exercise of any right,
11 power, duty, responsibility or matter of pending business
12 transferred from the State Board of Education to the
13 Commission under this Section shall be affected thereby, and
14 all such rules and regulations shall become the rules and
15 regulations of the Commission until modified or changed by
16 the Commission in accordance with law. In awarding
17 scholarships, the Commission shall give priority to those
18 teachers with the greatest amount of seniority within school
19 districts.

20 (c) Each scholarship shall be utilized by its holder for
21 the payment of tuition at any qualified institution of higher
22 learning. Such tuition shall be available only for courses
23 that will enable the teacher to be certified to teach science
24 or mathematics at the secondary school level. The Commission,
25 in consultation with the Professional Teacher Standards Board
26 ~~State--Teacher--Certification--Board~~, shall determine which
27 courses are eligible for tuition payments under this Section.

28 (d) The Commission shall make tuition payments directly
29 to the qualified institution of higher learning which the
30 teacher attends for the courses prescribed or may make
31 payments to the teacher. Any teacher who receives payments
32 and who fails to enroll in the courses prescribed shall
33 refund the payments to the Commission.

34 (e) Following the completion of the program of study,

1 the teacher must accept employment within 2 years in a
2 secondary school in Illinois within 60 miles of the teacher's
3 residence to teach science or mathematics; provided, however,
4 that the teacher instead may elect to accept employment
5 within such 2 year period to teach science or mathematics in
6 a secondary school in Illinois which is more than 60 miles
7 from the teacher's residence. Teachers who fail to comply
8 with this provision shall refund all of the scholarship
9 awarded to the Commission, whether payments were made
10 directly to the institutions of higher learning or to the
11 teachers, and this condition shall be agreed to in writing by
12 all scholarship recipients at the time the scholarship is
13 awarded. No teacher shall be required to refund tuition
14 payments if his or her failure to obtain employment as a
15 mathematics or science teacher in a secondary school is the
16 result of financial conditions within school districts. The
17 rules and regulations promulgated as provided in this Section
18 shall include provisions regarding the waiving and deferral
19 of such payments.

20 (f) The Commission, with the cooperation of the State
21 Board of Education, shall assist teachers who have
22 participated in the scholarship program established by this
23 Section in finding employment to teach science or
24 mathematics at the secondary level.

25 (g) This Section is substantially the same as Section
26 30-4b of the School Code, which Section is repealed by this
27 amendatory Act of 1993, and shall be construed as a
28 continuation of the science-mathematics teacher scholarship
29 program established by that prior law, and not as a new or
30 different science-mathematics teacher scholarship program.
31 The State Board of Education shall transfer to the
32 Commission, as the successor to the State Board of Education
33 for all purposes of administering and implementing the
34 provisions of this Section, all books, accounts, records,

1 papers, documents, contracts, agreements, and pending
 2 business in any way relating to the science-mathematics
 3 teacher scholarship program continued under this Section; and
 4 all scholarships at any time awarded under that program by,
 5 and all applications for any such scholarships at any time
 6 made to, the State Board of Education shall be unaffected by
 7 the transfer to the Commission of all responsibility for the
 8 administration and implementation of the science-mathematics
 9 teacher scholarship program continued under this Section.
 10 The State Board of Education shall furnish to the Commission
 11 such other information as the Commission may request to
 12 assist it in administering this Section.

13 (h) Appropriations for the scholarships outlined in this
 14 Section shall be made to the Commission from funds
 15 appropriated by the General Assembly.

16 (i) For the purposes of this Section:

17 "Qualified institution of higher learning" means the
 18 University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago
 19 State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors
 20 State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern
 21 Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Western
 22 Illinois University, and the public community colleges
 23 subject to the Public Community College Act.

24 "Secondary school level" means grades 9 through 12 or a
 25 portion of such grades.

26 (Source: P.A. 88-228; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94; 89-4, eff.
 27 1-1-96.)

28 Section 15. The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act is
 29 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

30 (225 ILCS 15/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 5354)

31 Sec. 4. Application of Act.

32 (a) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the

1 activities of and services of a student, intern or resident
2 in psychology seeking to fulfill educational requirements or
3 the experience requirements in order to qualify for a license
4 under this Act, or an individual seeking to fulfill the
5 postdoctoral experience requirements in order to qualify for
6 licensure under this Act provided that such activities and
7 services are under the direct supervision, order, control and
8 full professional responsibility of a licensed clinical
9 psychologist and provided that such student, intern, or
10 resident be designated by a title "intern" or "resident" or
11 other designation of trainee status. Supervised experience
12 in which the supervisor receives monetary payment or other
13 considerations from the supervisee or in which the supervisor
14 is hired by or otherwise employed by the supervisee shall not
15 be accepted by the Department as fulfilling the practicum,
16 internship or 2 years of satisfactory supervised experience
17 requirements for licensure. Nothing contained in this Section
18 shall be construed as permitting such students, interns, or
19 residents to offer their services as clinical psychologists
20 to any other person or persons and to accept remuneration for
21 such clinical psychological services other than as
22 specifically excepted herein, unless they have been licensed
23 under the provisions of this Act.

24 (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as permitting
25 persons licensed as clinical psychologists to engage in any
26 manner in the practice of medicine as defined in the laws of
27 this State. Persons licensed as clinical psychologists who
28 render services to persons in need of mental treatment or who
29 are mentally ill shall as appropriate initiate genuine
30 collaboration with a physician licensed in Illinois to
31 practice medicine in all its branches.

32 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as
33 restricting an individual certified as a school psychologist
34 by the State Board of Education, who is at least 21 years of

1 age and has had at least 3 years of full-time experience as a
2 certified school psychologist, from using the title school
3 psychologist and offering school psychological services
4 limited to those services set forth in the rules and
5 regulations that govern the administration and operation of
6 special education pertaining to children and youth ages 0-21
7 prepared by the State Board of Education. Anyone offering
8 such services under the provisions of this paragraph shall
9 use the term school psychologist and describe such services
10 as "School Psychological Services". This exemption shall be
11 limited to the practice of school psychology only as
12 manifested through psychoeducational problems, and shall not
13 be construed to allow a school psychologist to function as a
14 general practitioner of clinical psychology, unless otherwise
15 licensed under this Act. However, nothing in this paragraph
16 prohibits a school psychologist from making evaluations,
17 recommendations or interventions regarding the placement of
18 children in educational programs or special education
19 classes, nor shall it prohibit school psychologists from
20 providing clinical psychological services under the
21 supervision of a licensed clinical psychologist. This
22 paragraph shall not be construed to mandate insurance
23 companies to reimburse school psychologists directly for the
24 services of school psychologists. Nothing in this paragraph
25 shall be construed to exclude anyone duly licensed under this
26 Act from offering psychological services in the school
27 setting. School psychologists providing services under the
28 provisions of this paragraph shall not provide such services
29 outside their employment to any child who is a student in the
30 district or districts which employ such school psychologist.
31 School psychologists, as described in this paragraph, shall
32 be under the regulatory authority of the State Board of
33 Education and the Professional Teacher Standards Board State
34 Teacher-Certification-Board.

1 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
2 activities and use of the official title of "psychologist" on
3 the part of a person not licensed under this Act who
4 possesses a doctoral degree earned in a program concentrated
5 primarily on the study of psychology and is an academic
6 employee of a duly chartered institution of higher education
7 insofar as such person engages in public speaking with or
8 without remuneration, provided that such person is not in any
9 manner held out to the public as practicing clinical
10 psychology as defined in paragraph 5 of Section 2 of this
11 Act, unless he or she has been licensed under the provisions
12 of this Act.

13 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to regulate,
14 control, or restrict the clinical practice of any person
15 licensed, registered, or certified in this State under any
16 other Act, provided that such person is not in any manner
17 held out to the public as rendering clinical psychological
18 services as defined in paragraph 7 of Section 2 of this Act.

19 (f) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
20 activities and use of the title "psychologist" on the part of
21 a person who practices psychology and (i) who possesses a
22 doctoral degree earned in a program concentrated primarily on
23 the study of psychology; and (ii) whose services involve the
24 development and application of psychological theory and
25 methodology to problems of organizations and problems of
26 individuals and groups in organizational settings; and
27 provided further that such person is not in any manner held
28 out to the public as practicing clinical psychology and is
29 not held out to the public by any title, description or
30 designation stating or implying that he or she is a clinical
31 psychologist unless he or she has been licensed under the
32 provisions of this Act.

33 (Source: P.A. 89-702, eff. 7-1-97.)

1 Section 20. The Professional Counselor and Clinical
2 Professional Counselor Licensing Act is amended by changing
3 Section 15 as follows:

4 (225 ILCS 107/15)

5 Sec. 15. Exemptions.

6 (a) This Act does not prohibit any persons legally
7 regulated in this State by any other Act from engaging in the
8 practice for which they are authorized as long as they do not
9 represent themselves by the title of "professional
10 counselor", "licensed professional counselor", "clinical
11 professional counselor", or "licensed clinical professional
12 counselor". This Act does not prohibit the practice of
13 nonregulated professions whose practitioners are engaged in
14 the delivery of human services as long as these practitioners
15 do not represent themselves as or use the title of
16 "professional counselor", "licensed professional counselor",
17 "clinical professional counselor", or "licensed clinical
18 professional counselor".

19 (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
20 activities and services of a student, intern, or resident in
21 professional counseling or clinical professional counseling
22 seeking to fulfill educational requirements in order to
23 qualify for a license under this Act, or an individual
24 seeking to fulfill the post-degree experience requirements in
25 order to qualify for licensing under this Act, if the
26 activities and services are supervised as specified in this
27 Act, and that the student, intern, or resident is designated
28 by a title "intern" or "resident" or other designation of
29 trainee status. Nothing contained in this Section shall be
30 construed to permit students, interns, or residents to offer
31 their services as professional counselors or clinical
32 professional counselors to any other person and to accept
33 remuneration for such professional counseling or clinical

1 professional counseling services other than as specifically
2 excepted in this Section, unless they have been licensed
3 under this Act.

4 (c) Corporations, partnerships, and associations may
5 employ practicum students, interns, or post-degree candidates
6 seeking to fulfill educational requirements or the
7 professional experience requirements needed to qualify for a
8 license under this Act if their activities and services
9 constitute a part of the student's supervised course of study
10 or post-degree professional experience requirements. Nothing
11 in this paragraph shall prohibit a corporation, partnership,
12 or association from contracting with a licensed health care
13 professional to provide services.

14 (d) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the employment, by
15 a professional counselor or clinical professional counselor,
16 person, association, partnership, or a corporation furnishing
17 professional counseling or clinical professional counseling
18 services for remuneration, of persons not licensed as
19 professional counselors or clinical professional counselors
20 under this Act to perform services in various capacities as
21 needed if these persons are not in any manner held out to the
22 public or do not hold themselves out to the public by any
23 title or designation stating or implying that they are
24 professional counselors or clinical professional counselors.

25 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
26 services of a person, not licensed under the provisions of
27 this Act, in the employ of a federal, State, county, or
28 municipal agency or other political subdivision or
29 not-for-profit corporation providing human services if (1)
30 the services are a part of the duties in his or her salaried
31 position, (2) the services are performed solely on behalf of
32 his or her employer, and (3) that person does not in any
33 manner represent himself or herself as or use the title of
34 "professional counselor", "licensed professional counselor",

1 "clinical professional counselor", or "licensed clinical
2 professional counselor".

3 (f) Duly recognized members of any religious
4 organization shall not be restricted from functioning in
5 their ministerial capacity provided they do not represent
6 themselves as being professional counselors or clinical
7 professional counselors, or as providing "professional
8 counseling" or "clinical professional counseling". This Act
9 shall not apply or be construed so as to apply to the
10 employees or agents of a church or religious organization or
11 an organization owned, controlled, or affiliated with a
12 church or religious organization, unless the church,
13 religious organization, or owned, controlled, or affiliated
14 organization designates or holds these employees or agents
15 out to the public as professional counselors or clinical
16 professional counselors or holds out their services as being
17 "professional counseling" or "clinical professional
18 counseling".

19 (g) Nothing in this Act shall prohibit individuals not
20 licensed under the provisions of this Act who work in
21 self-help groups or programs or not-for-profit organizations
22 from providing services in those groups, programs, or
23 organizations, as long as those persons are not in any manner
24 held out to the public as practicing professional counseling
25 or clinical professional counseling, or do not hold
26 themselves out to the public by any title or designation
27 stating or implying that they are professional counselors or
28 clinical professional counselors.

29 (h) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
30 activities and use of the official title of "professional
31 counselor" or "clinical professional counselor" on the part
32 of a person not licensed under this Act who is an academic
33 employee of a duly chartered institution of higher education
34 and who holds educational and professional qualifications

1 equivalent to those required for licensing under this Act,
2 insofar as such activities are performed in the person's role
3 as an academic employee, or insofar as such person engages in
4 public speaking with or without remuneration.

5 (i) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require
6 licensure under this Act or limit the services of a school
7 counselor certified by the Professional Teacher Standards
8 Board State--Teacher--Certification--Board and employed as
9 authorized by Section 10-22-24a or any other provision of
10 the School Code as long as that person is not in any manner
11 held out to the public as a "professional counselor" or
12 "clinical professional counselor" or does not hold out his or
13 her services as being "professional counseling" or "clinical
14 professional counseling".

15 (j) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require
16 any hospital, clinic, home health agency, hospice, or other
17 entity that provides health care to employ or to contract
18 with a person licensed under this Act to provide professional
19 counseling or clinical professional counseling services.
20 These persons may not hold themselves out or represent
21 themselves to the public as being licensed under this Act.

22 (k) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require
23 licensure under this Act or limit the services of a person
24 employed by a private elementary or secondary school who
25 provides counseling within the scope of his or her employment
26 as long as that person is not in any manner held out to the
27 public as a "professional counselor" or "clinical
28 professional counselor" or does not hold out his or her
29 services as being "professional counseling" or "clinical
30 professional counseling".

31 (l) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require
32 licensure under this Act or limit the services of a rape
33 crisis counselor who is an employee or volunteer of a rape
34 crisis organization as defined in Section 8-802.1 of the Code

1 of Civil Procedure as long as that person is not in any
 2 manner held out to the public as a "professional counselor"
 3 or "clinical professional counselor" or does not hold out his
 4 or her services as being "professional counseling" or
 5 "clinical professional counseling".

6 (m) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent
 7 any licensed social worker, licensed clinical social worker,
 8 or licensed clinical psychologist from practicing
 9 professional counseling as long as that person is not in any
 10 manner held out to the public as a "professional counselor"
 11 or "clinical professional counselor" or does not hold out his
 12 or her services as being "professional counseling" or
 13 "clinical professional counseling".

14 (n) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
 15 activities and use of the official title of "professional
 16 counselor" or "clinical professional counselor" on the part
 17 of a person not licensed under this Act who is a physician
 18 licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches under
 19 the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

20 (o) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require
 21 licensure under this Act or limit the services of a domestic
 22 violence counselor who is an employee or volunteer of a
 23 domestic violence program as defined in Section 227 of the
 24 Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

25 (Source: P.A. 87-1011; 87-1212; 87-1269; 88-45; 88-424;
 26 88-670, eff. 12-2-94.)

27 (105 ILCS 5/21-0.01 rep.)

28 (105 ILCS 5/21-13 rep.)

29 (105 ILCS 5/21-26 rep.)

30 Section 25. The School Code is amended by repealing
 31 Sections 21-0.01, 21-13, and 21-26.

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July

1 1, 2002.

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