

1 AN ACT in relation to the regulation of professions.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 21-25 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-25) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-25)

7 Sec. 21-25. School service personnel certificate.

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

27 (b) Until August 30, 2002, a school service personnel
28 certificate endorsed for school social work may be issued to
29 a student who has completed a school social work program that
30 has not been approved by the State Superintendent of
31 Education, provided that each of the following conditions is

1 met:

2 (1) The program was offered by a recognized, public
3 teacher education institution that first enrolled
4 students in its master's degree program in social work in
5 1998;

6 (2) The student applying for the school service
7 personnel certificate was enrolled in the institution's
8 master's degree program in social work on or after May
9 11, 1998;

10 (3) The State Superintendent verifies that the
11 student has completed coursework that is substantially
12 similar to that required in approved school social work
13 programs, including (i) not fewer than 600 clock hours of
14 a supervised internship in a school setting or (ii) if
15 the student has completed part of a supervised internship
16 in a school setting prior to the effective date of this
17 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and receives
18 the prior approval of the State Superintendent, not fewer
19 than 300 additional clock hours of supervised work in a
20 public school setting under the supervision of a
21 certified school social worker who certifies that the
22 supervised work was completed in a satisfactory manner;
23 and

24 (4) The student has passed a test of basic skills
25 and the test of subject matter knowledge required by
26 Section 21-1a.

27 This subsection (b) does not apply after August 29, 2002.

28 (c) A school service personnel Such certificate shall be
29 endorsed with the area of Service as determined by the State
30 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the State
31 Teacher Certification Board.

32 The holder of such certificate shall be entitled to all
33 of the rights and privileges granted holders of a valid
34 teaching certificate, including teacher benefits,

1 compensation and working conditions.

2 When the holder of such certificate has earned a master's
3 degree, including 8 semester hours of graduate professional
4 education from a recognized institution of higher learning,
5 and has at least 2 years of successful school experience
6 while holding such certificate, the certificate may be
7 endorsed for supervision.

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

9 Section 10. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work
10 Practice Act is amended by adding Section 9.5 as follows:

11 (225 ILCS 20/9.5 new)

12 Sec. 9.5. Governors State University graduate;
13 qualifications for licensure.

14 (a) A person shall be qualified to be licensed as a
15 clinical social worker and the Department shall issue a
16 license authorizing the independent practice of clinical
17 social work to an applicant provided:

18 (1) the applicant has applied in writing on the
19 prescribed form;

20 (2) the applicant is of good moral character. In
21 determining good moral character, the Department may take
22 into consideration whether the applicant was engaged in
23 conduct or actions that would constitute grounds for
24 discipline under this Act;

25 (3) the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction
26 of the Department that subsequent to securing a master's
27 degree in social work from Governors State University in
28 June 2001 the applicant has successfully completed at
29 least 3,000 hours of satisfactory, supervised clinical
30 professional experience;

31 (4) the applicant has passed the examination for
32 the practice of clinical social work as authorized by the

1 Department;

2 (5) Governors State University has become an
3 accredited institution by an accrediting body approved by
4 the Department and the applicant has successfully
5 completed necessary supplemental coursework, which has
6 been identified as a part of that accrediting process,
7 or, after December 31, 2003, the Illinois Social Work
8 Examining and Disciplinary Board determines an
9 applicant's coursework to be satisfactorily completed at
10 an accredited institution; and

11 (6) the applicant has paid the required fees.

12 (b) A person shall be qualified to be licensed as a
13 social worker and the Department shall issue a license
14 authorizing the practice of social work provided:

15 (1) the applicant has applied in writing on the
16 prescribed form;

17 (2) the applicant is of good moral character. In
18 determining good moral character, the Department may take
19 into consideration whether the applicant was engaged in
20 conduct or actions that would constitute grounds for
21 discipline under this Act;

22 (3) the applicant has a graduate degree in social
23 work from Governors State University;

24 (4) the applicant has passed the examination for
25 the practice of social work as a licensed social worker
26 as authorized by the Department;

27 (5) Governors State University has become an
28 accredited institution by an accrediting body approved by
29 the Department and the applicant has successfully
30 completed necessary supplemental coursework, which has
31 been identified as a part of that accrediting process,
32 or, after December 31, 2003, the Illinois Social Work
33 Examining and Disciplinary Board determines an
34 applicant's coursework to be satisfactorily completed at

1 an accredited institution; and

2 (6) the applicant has paid the required fees.

3 (c) A person shall be qualified to be licensed as a
4 temporary social worker and the Department shall issue a
5 temporary license authorizing the practice of social work
6 provided:

7 (1) the applicant has applied in writing on the
8 prescribed form;

9 (2) the applicant is of good moral character. In
10 determining good moral character, the Department may take
11 into consideration whether the applicant was engaged in
12 conduct or actions that would constitute grounds for
13 discipline under this Act;

14 (3) the applicant has a graduate degree in social
15 work from Governors State University;

16 (4) the applicant has passed the examination for
17 the practice of social work as a licensed social worker
18 as authorized by the Department; and

19 (5) the applicant has paid the required fees.

20 For the purpose of this subsection a temporary license
21 shall:

22 (1) carry the same stature and privileges of a
23 licensed social worker;

24 (2) expire on December 31, 2004.

25 (d) This Section is repealed January 1, 2005.