

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

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 21-7.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-7.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-7.1)

7 Sec. 21-7.1. Administrative certificate.

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

20 (b) No administrative certificate shall be issued for
21 the first time after June 30, 1987 and no endorsement
22 provided for by this Section shall be made or affixed to an
23 administrative certificate for the first time after June 30,
24 1987 unless the person to whom such administrative
25 certificate is to be issued or to whose administrative
26 certificate such endorsement is to be affixed has been
27 required to demonstrate as a part of a program of academic or
28 professional preparation for such certification or
29 endorsement: (i) an understanding of the knowledge called for
30 in establishing productive parent-school relationships and of
31 the procedures fostering the involvement which such

1 relationships demand; and (ii) an understanding of the
2 knowledge required for establishing a high quality school
3 climate and promoting good classroom organization and
4 management, including rules of conduct and instructional
5 procedures appropriate to accomplishing the tasks of
6 schooling; and (iii) a demonstration of the knowledge and
7 skills called for in providing instructional leadership. The
8 standards for demonstrating an understanding of such
9 knowledge shall be set forth by the State Board of Education
10 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
11 and shall be administered by the recognized institutions of
12 higher learning as part of the programs of academic and
13 professional preparation required for certification and
14 endorsement under this Section. As used in this subsection:
15 "establishing productive parent-school relationships" means
16 the ability to maintain effective communication between
17 parents and school personnel, to encourage parental
18 involvement in schooling, and to motivate school personnel to
19 engage parents in encouraging student achievement, including
20 the development of programs and policies which serve to
21 accomplish this purpose; and "establishing a high quality
22 school climate" means the ability to promote academic
23 achievement, to maintain discipline, to recognize substance
24 abuse problems among students and utilize appropriate law
25 enforcement and other community resources to address these
26 problems, to support teachers and students in their education
27 endeavors, to establish learning objectives and to provide
28 instructional leadership, including the development of
29 policies and programs which serve to accomplish this purpose;
30 and "providing instructional leadership" means the ability to
31 effectively evaluate school personnel, to possess general
32 communication and interpersonal skills, and to establish and
33 maintain appropriate classroom learning environments. The
34 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect

1 the initial issuance or making on or before June 30, 1987 of
2 any administrative certificate or endorsement provided for
3 under this Section, nor shall such provisions apply to or
4 affect the renewal after June 30, 1987 of any such
5 certificate or endorsement initially issued or made on or
6 before June 30, 1987.

7 (c) Administrative certificates shall be renewed every
8 five years with the first renewal being five years following
9 the initial receipt of an administrative certificate. Renewal
10 requirements for administrators whose positions require
11 certification shall be based upon evidence of continuing
12 professional education which promotes the following goals:

13 (1) Improving administrators' knowledge of instructional
14 practices and administrative procedures; (2) Maintaining the
15 basic level of competence required for initial certification;
16 and (3) Improving the mastery of skills and knowledge
17 regarding the improvement of teaching performance in clinical
18 settings and assessment of the levels of student performance
19 in their schools. Evidence of continuing professional
20 education must include verification of biennial attendance in
21 a program developed by the Illinois Administrators' Academy
22 and verification of annual participation in a school district
23 approved activity which contributes to continuing
24 professional education. The State Board of Education, in
25 consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
26 shall develop procedures for implementing this Section and
27 shall administer the renewal of administrative certificates.
28 Failure to submit satisfactory evidence of continuing
29 professional education which contributes to promoting the
30 goals of this Section shall result in a loss of
31 administrative certification.

32 (d) Any limited or life supervisory certificate issued
33 prior to July 1, 1968 shall continue to be valid for all
34 administrative and supervisory positions in the public

1 schools for which it is valid as of that date as long as its
2 holder meets the requirements for registration or renewal as
3 set forth in the statutes or until revoked according to law.

4 (e) The administrative or supervisory positions for
5 which the certificate shall be valid shall be determined by
6 one or more of 3 endorsements: general supervisory, general
7 administrative and superintendent.

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

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

34 (1) Until July 1, 2003, the general supervisory

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

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

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

33 Such endorsement shall be required for principal,
34 assistant principal, assistant or associate

1 superintendent, junior college dean and for related or
2 similar positions as determined by the State
3 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the
4 State Teacher Certification 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 State
28 Superintendent of Education in consultation with the
29 State Teacher Certification Board for the preparation of
30 school business administrators. Such endorsement shall
31 also be affixed to the administrative certificate of any
32 holder who qualifies by having a Master's Degree in
33 Business Administration, Finance or Accounting from a
34 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

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

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

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

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

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

1 further that the purported repeal of the provisions of this
2 Section by P.A. 81-1208 and P.A. 81-1509 is declared null and
3 void.

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