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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3663

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3663 by replacing

3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing

Sections 2-3.103, 10-17, 10-20.26, 21B-45, and 27-23.7 and by

6 adding Section 2-3.192 as follows:

students enrolled.

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.103) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.103)

Sec. 2-3.103. Salary and benefit survey. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, for For each school year commencing on or after January 1, 1992, the State Board of Education shall conduct, in each school district, a school district salary and benefits survey covering the district's certificated and educational support personnel. However, the collection of information covering educational support personnel must be limited to districts with 1,000 or more

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A survey form shall be developed and furnished by the State Board of Education to each school district on or before October 1 of the school year covered by the survey, and each school district shall submit a completed survey to the State Board of Education on or before February 1 of the school year covered by the survey.

The State Board of Education shall compile, by April 30 of the school year covered by the survey, a statewide salary and benefit survey report based upon the surveys completed and submitted for that school year by the individual school districts as required by this Section, and shall make the survey report available to all school districts and to all "employee organizations" as defined in Section 2 of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act.

The data required to be reported by each school district on the salary and benefits survey developed and furnished under this Section for the school year covered by the survey shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (1) the district's estimated fall enrollment;
- 20 with respect to both its certificated and 2.1 educational support personnel employees:
 - (A) whether the district has a salary schedule, salary policy but no salary schedule, or no salary policy and no salary schedule;
- 25 (B) when each such salary schedule or policy of 26 the district was or will be adopted;

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whether there is a negotiated agreement (C) between the school board and any teacher, educational support personnel or other employee organization and, if so, the affiliation of the local of organization, together with the month and year of expiration of the negotiated agreement and whether it contains a fair share provision; and if there is no such negotiated agreement but the district does have a salary schedule or policy, a brief explanation of the manner in which each such salary schedule or policy was developed prior to its adoption by the school board, including a statement of whether any meetings between the school board and the superintendent leading up to adoption of the salary schedule or policy were based upon, or were conducted without any discussions between the superintendent and affected teachers, educational support personnel or other employees;

(D) whether the district's salary program, policies or provisions are based upon merit or performance evaluation of individual teachers, educational support personnel or other employees, and whether they include: severance pay provisions; early retirement incentives; sick leave bank provisions; sick leave accumulation provisions and, if so, to how many days; personal, business or emergency leave with

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pay and, if so, the number of days; or direct reimbursement in whole or in part for expenses, such tuition and materials, incurred in acquiring additional college credit;

(E) whether school board paid or tax sheltered retirement contributions are included in any existing salary schedule or policy of the school district; what percent (if any) of the salary of each different certified and educational support personnel employee classification (using the employee salary which reflects the highest regularly scheduled step in that classification on the salary schedule or policy of the district) is school board paid to an retirement system; the highest scheduled salary and the level of education or training required to reach the highest scheduled salary in each certified and educational support personnel employee classification; using annual salaries from the school board's salary schedule or policy for each certified and educational support personnel employee classification (and excluding from such salaries items of individual compensation resulting from extra-curricular duties, employment beyond the regular school year longevity service pay, but including additional compensation such as grants and cost of living bonuses that are received by all employees in a classification

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or by all employees in a classification who are at the maximum experience level), the beginning, maximum and specified intermediate salaries reported to an employee retirement system (including school board paid or tax sheltered retirement contributions, but excluding fringe benefits) for each educational or training category within each certified and educational support personnel employee classification; and the completed years of experience required to reach such maximum regularly scheduled and highest scheduled salaries;

- (F) whether the school district provides longevity pay beyond the last annual regular salary increase available under the district's salary schedule or policy; and if so, the maximum earnings with longevity for each educational or training category specified by the State Board of Education in its survey form (based on salary reported to an employee's retirement system, including school board paid and tax sheltered retirement contributions, but excluding fringe benefits, and with maximum longevity step numbers and completed years of experience computed as provided in the survey form);
- (G) for each dental, disability, hospitalization, life, prescription or vision insurance plan, cafeteria plan or other fringe benefit plan sponsored by the

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school board: (i) a statement of whether such plan is available to full time teachers or other certificated personnel covered by a district salary schedule or policy, whether such plan is available to full time educational support personnel covered by a district salary schedule or policy, and whether all full time employees to whom coverage under such plan is available are entitled to receive the same benefits under that plan; and (ii) the total annual cost of coverage under that plan for a covered full time employee who is at the highest regularly scheduled step on the salary schedule or policy of the district applicable to such employee, the percent of that total annual cost paid by the school board, the total annual cost of coverage under that plan for the family of that employee, and the percent of that total annual cost for family coverage paid by the school board.

In addition, each school district shall provide to the State Board of Education, on or before February 1 of the school year covered by the survey, as required by this Section, a copy of each salary schedule, salary policy and negotiated agreement which is identified or otherwise referred to in the completed survey form.

This Section does not apply for 2 years beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly.

- (Source: P.A. 96-1423, eff. 8-3-10.) 1
- 2 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.192 new)
- 3 Sec. 2-3.192. Reduction in reporting.
- 4 (a) The State Board of Education shall combine Grant
- 5 Periodic Reporting and Electronic Expenditure Reporting into
- 6 one report that shall be due at the close of the second quarter
- and fourth quarter, unless a school district requires 7
- 8 reimbursement for expenses before the close of the second
- 9 quarter or the fourth quarter. If a school district requires
- 10 reimbursement for expenses before the close of the second
- quarter or fourth quarter, the State Board of Education may 11
- 12 elect to submit the report more frequently.
- 13 (b) The State Board shall require only school districts
- 14 that have multiple facilities or schools to comply with the
- Site-Based Expenditure Reporting requirements of Title I of 15
- the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. School districts with 16
- a single facility or school need not comply with the 17
- 18 Site-Based Expenditure Reporting requirements.
- 19 (c) The State Board shall combine the financial reporting
- required for all school districts into the following 2 20
- 21 reports:
- 22 (1) one report, to be titled "Budget Report", that
- reflects the planned spending of school districts; and 23
- 24 (2) one report, to be titled "Audit/Annual Financial
- 25 Report", that contains the actual expenses of school

- 1 districts at the close of a fiscal year.
- (d) The State Board of Education shall review all reports 2
- on the ISBE Web Application (IWAS) system and eliminate all 3
- 4 reports that the Board considers to be outdated or obsolete.
- 5 Reports to be reviewed include, but are not limited to, IDEA
- 6 Part B Flow-through, IDEA Part B Preschool, ARRA Education
- Jobs Supplemental Funds, ARRA IDEA Part B Flow-through, ARRA 7
- IDEA Part B Preschool, ARRA NCLB Consolidated Application, 8
- 9 Foster Care Transportation Plan, GATA Risk Assessment, NCLB
- Consolidated Application, Preschool for All Cont. 0-3 EC, 10
- 11 Preschool for All Cont. 3-5 EC, Teacher Quality-Teacher
- Residencies RFP, Title I District Plan, Reduction in Force 12
- 13 Survey, Survey of Learning Conditions, End of the Year Report,
- 14 Teacher Salary Study, and ISBE Dash.
- 15 (e) For any reports that school districts are required to
- return to the State Board of Education, the State Board of 16
- Education shall only send deadline notices to school districts 17
- that have not already completed their reporting obligations. 18
- 19 (105 ILCS 5/10-17) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-17)
- Sec. 10-17. Statement of affairs. 2.0
- (a) In Class I or Class II county school units the school 21
- board may use either a cash basis or accrual system of 22
- 23 accounting; however, any board so electing to use the accrual
- 24 system may not change to a cash basis without the permission of
- 25 the State Board of Education.

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School Boards using either a cash basis or accrual system of accounting shall maintain records showing the assets, liabilities and fund balances in such minimum forms as may be prescribed by the State Board of Education. Prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly and beginning again 2 years after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, such Such boards shall make available to the public a statement of the affairs of the district prior to December 1 annually by submitting the statement of affairs in such form as may be prescribed by the State Board of Education for posting on the State Board of Education's Internet website, by having copies the statement of affairs available in the administrative office of the district, and by publishing in a newspaper of general circulation published in the school district an annual statement of affairs summary containing at a minimum all of the following information:

- (1) A summary statement of operations for all funds of the district, as excerpted from the statement of affairs filed with the State Board of Education. The summary statement must include a listing of all moneys received by district, indicating the total amounts, aggregate, each fund of the district received, with a general statement concerning the source of receipts.
- (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection (a), a listing of all moneys paid out by the

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1 district where the total amount paid during the fiscal year exceeds \$2,500 in the aggregate per person, giving 2 3 the name of each person to whom moneys were paid and the 4 total paid to each person.

> (3) A listing of all personnel, by name, with an annual fiscal year gross payment in the categories set forth in subdivisions 1 and 2 of subsection (c) of this Section.

In this Section, "newspaper of general circulation" means a newspaper of general circulation published in the school district, or, if no newspaper is published in the school district, a newspaper published in the county where the school district is located or, if no newspaper is published in the county, a newspaper published in the educational service region where the regional superintendent of schools has supervision and control of the school district. The submission to the State Board of Education shall include an assurance that the statement of affairs has been made available in the main administrative office of the school district and that the required notice has been published in accordance with this Section.

After December 15 annually, upon 10 days prior written notice to the school district, the State Board of Education may discontinue the processing of payments to the State Comptroller's office on behalf of any school district that is not in compliance with the requirements imposed by this

- 1 Section. The State Board of Education shall resume the
- processing of payments to the State Comptroller's Office on 2
- behalf of the school district once the district is in 3
- 4 compliance with the requirements imposed by this Section.
- 5 The State Board of Education must post, on or before
- January 15, all statements of affairs timely received from 6
- 7 school districts.
- When any school district is the administrative 8 9 district for several school districts operating under a joint 10 agreement as authorized by this Code, no receipts or 11 disbursements accruing, received or paid out by that school district as such an administrative district shall be included 12 13 in the statement of affairs of the district required by this 14 Section. However, that district shall have prepared and made 15 available to the public, in accordance with subsection (a) of 16 this Section, in the same manner and subject to the same requirements as are provided in this Section for the statement 17 of affairs of that district, a statement showing the cash 18 19 receipts and disbursements by funds (or the revenue, expenses 20 and financial position, if the accrual system of accounting is used) of the district as such administrative district, in the 2.1 22 form prescribed by the State Board of Education. The costs of 23 publishing the notice and summary of this separate statement 24 prepared by such an administrative district 25 apportioned among and paid by the participating districts in 26 the same manner as other costs and expenses accruing to those

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School districts on a cash basis shall have prepared and made available to the public, in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section, a statement showing the cash receipts and disbursements by funds in the form prescribed by the State Board of Education.

School districts using the accrual system of accounting shall have prepared and made available to the public, in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section, a statement of revenue and expenses and a statement of financial position in the form prescribed by the State Board of Education.

In Class II county school units such statement shall be prepared and made available to the public, in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section, by the township treasurer of the unit within which such districts are located, except with respect to the school board of any school district that no longer is subject to the jurisdiction and authority of a township treasurer or trustees of schools of a township because the district has withdrawn from the jurisdiction and authority of the township treasurer and trustees of schools of the township or because those offices have been abolished as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of Section 5-1, and as to each such school district the statement required by this Section shall be prepared and made available to the public, in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section, by the school board of such district in the same manner as required for

1	school	boards	of	school	districts	situated	in	Class	Ι	county
2	school	units.								

- (c) The statement of affairs required pursuant to this 3 4 Section shall contain such information as may be required by 5 the State Board of Education, including:
- 1. Annual fiscal year gross payment for certificated 6 personnel to be shown by name, listing each employee in 7 8 one of the following categories:
 - (a) Under \$25,000
 - (b) \$25,000 to \$39,999
- (c) \$40,000 to \$59,999 11

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- (d) \$60,000 to \$89,999 12
- 13 (e) \$90,000 and over
- 14 2. Annual fiscal year payment for non-certificated 15 personnel to be shown by name, listing each employee in 16 one of the following categories:
 - (a) Under \$25,000
- (b) \$25,000 to \$39,999 18
- (c) \$40,000 to \$59,999 19
- 20 (d) \$60,000 and over
- 2.1 3. In addition to wages and salaries all other moneys 22 in the aggregate paid to recipients of \$1,000 or more, giving the name of the person, firm or corporation and the 23 24 total amount received by each.
- 2.5 4. Approximate size of school district in square 26 miles.

1	5. Number of school attendance centers.
2	6. Numbers of employees as follows:
3	(a) Full-time certificated employees;
4	(b) Part-time certificated employees;
5	(c) Full-time non-certificated employees;
6	(d) Part-time non-certificated employees.
7	7. Numbers of pupils as follows:
8	(a) Enrolled by grades;
9	(b) Total enrolled;
10	(c) Average daily attendance.
11	8. Assessed valuation as follows:
12	(a) Total of the district;
13	(b) Per pupil in average daily attendance.
14	9. Tax rate for each district fund.
15	10. District financial obligation at the close of the
16	fiscal year as follows:
17	(a) Teachers' orders outstanding;
18	(b) Anticipation warrants outstanding for each
19	fund.
20	11. Total bonded debt at the close of the fiscal year.
21	12. Percent of bonding power obligated currently.
22	13. Value of capital assets of the district including:
23	(a) Land;
24	(b) Buildings;
25	(c) Equipment.
26	14. Total amount of investments each fund.

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1 15. Change in net cash position from the previous report period for each district fund. 2

In addition to the above report, a report of expenditures in the aggregate paid on behalf of recipients of \$500 or more, giving the name of the person, firm or corporation and the total amount received by each shall be available in the school district office for public inspection. This listing shall include all wages, salaries and expenditures over \$500 expended from any revolving fund maintained by the district. Any resident of the school district may receive a copy of this report, upon request, by paying a reasonable charge to defray the costs of preparing such copy.

- 13 (d) This Section does not apply to cities having a 14 population exceeding 500,000.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 94-875, eff. 7-1-06.)
- (105 ILCS 5/10-20.26) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.26) 16

Sec. 10-20.26. Report of teacher dismissals. To send an annual report, on or before October 15, to the State Board of Education which discloses the number of probationary teachers and the number of teachers in contractual continued service who have been dismissed or removed as a result of the board's decision to decrease the number of teachers employed or to discontinue any type of teaching service. The report will also the number in each teacher category which were subsequently reemployed by the board. This Section does not

- 1 apply for 2 years beginning on the effective date of this
- amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly. 2
- (Source: P.A. 96-734, eff. 8-25-09.) 3
- 4 (105 ILCS 5/21B-45)
- Sec. 21B-45. Professional Educator License renewal. 5
- (a) Individuals holding a Professional Educator License 6 7 are required to complete the licensure renewal requirements as 8 specified in this Section, unless otherwise provided in this
- 9 Code.
- 10 Individuals holding a Professional Educator License shall meet the renewal requirements set forth in this Section, 11
- 12 unless otherwise provided in this Code. If an individual holds
- a license endorsed in more than one area that has different 13
- 14 renewal requirements, that individual shall follow the renewal
- 15 requirements for the position for which he or she spends the
- majority of his or her time working. 16
- (b) All Professional Educator Licenses not renewed as 17
- provided in this Section shall lapse on September 1 of that 18
- 19 year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, if
- a license holder's electronic mail address is available, the 20
- State Board of Education shall send him or her notification 21
- 22 electronically that his or her license will lapse if not
- 23 renewed, to be sent no more than 6 months prior to the license
- 24 lapsing. Lapsed licenses may be immediately reinstated upon
- (i) payment by the applicant of a \$500 penalty to the State 25

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Board of Education or (ii) the demonstration of proficiency by completing 9 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the content area most aligns with one or more of the educator's endorsement areas. Any and all back fees, including without limitation registration fees owed from the time of expiration of the license until the date of reinstatement, shall be paid and kept in accordance with the provisions in Article 3 of this Code concerning an institute fund and the provisions in Article 21B of this Code concerning fees and requirements for registration. Licenses not registered in accordance with Section 21B-40 of this Code shall lapse after a period of 6 months from the expiration of the last year of registration or on January 1 of the fiscal year following initial issuance of license. An unregistered license is invalid after September 1 for employment and performance of services in an Illinois public or State-operated school or cooperative and in charter school. Any license or endorsement voluntarily surrendered by the license holder. A voluntarily surrendered license shall be treated as a revoked license. An Educator License with Stipulations with onlv а paraprofessional endorsement does not lapse.

(c) From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in order to satisfy the requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this Section, each professional educator licensee with an administrative endorsement who is working in a position

- 1 requiring such endorsement shall complete one Illinois
- 2 Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of
- 3 this Code, per fiscal year.
- 4 (c-5) All licenses issued by the State Board of Education
- 5 under this Article that expire on June 30, 2020 and have not
- been renewed by the end of the 2020 renewal period shall be 6
- extended for one year and shall expire on June 30, 2021. 7
- (d) Beginning July 1, 2014, in order to satisfy the 8
- requirements for licensure renewal provided for in this 9
- 10 Section, each professional educator licensee may create a
- 11 professional development plan each year. The plan shall
- address one or more of the endorsements that are required of 12
- 13 his or her educator position if the licensee is employed and
- 14 performing services in an Illinois public or State-operated
- 15 school or cooperative. If the licensee is employed in a
- 16 charter school, the plan shall address that endorsement or
- those endorsements most closely related to his or her educator 17
- position. Licensees employed and performing services in any 18
- 19 other Illinois schools may participate in the renewal
- 20 requirements by adhering to the same process.
- Except as otherwise provided in this Section, 2.1
- 22 licensee's professional development activities shall align
- 23 with one or more of the following criteria:
- 24 (1) activities are of a type that engage participants
- 25 over a sustained period of time allowing for analysis,
- 26 discovery, and application as they relate to student

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- (2) professional development aligns to the licensee's performance;
 - (3) outcomes for the activities must relate to student growth or district improvement;
 - (4) activities align to State-approved standards; and
 - (5) higher education coursework.
 - (e) For each renewal cycle, each professional educator licensee shall engage in professional development activities. Prior to renewal, the licensee shall enter electronically into the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) the name, date, and location of the activity, the number of professional development hours, and the provider's name. The following provisions shall apply concerning professional development activities:
 - (1) Each licensee shall complete a total of 120 hours of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order to renew the license, except as otherwise provided in this Section.
 - (2) Beginning with his or her first full 5-year cycle, any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is not working in a position requiring such endorsement is not required to complete Illinois Administrators' Academy courses, as described in Article 2 of this Code. Such licensees must complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course within one year after returning to a

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position that requires the administrative endorsement.

- (3) Any licensee with an administrative endorsement who is working in a position requiring such endorsement or an individual with a Teacher Leader endorsement serving in an administrative capacity at least 50% of the day shall complete one Illinois Administrators' Academy course, as described in Article 2 of this Code, each fiscal year in addition to 100 hours of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in accordance with this Code.
- (4) Any licensee holding a current National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) master teacher designation shall complete a total of 60 hours of professional development per 5-year renewal cycle in order to renew the license.
- (5) Licensees working in a position that does not require educator licensure or working in a position for less than 50% for any particular year are considered to be exempt and shall be required to pay only the registration fee in order to renew and maintain the validity of the license.
- (6) Licensees who are retired and qualify for benefits from a State of Illinois retirement system shall notify the State Board of Education using ELIS, and the license shall be maintained in retired status. For any renewal cycle in which a licensee retires during the renewal cycle, the licensee must complete professional development

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activities on a prorated basis depending on the number of years during the renewal cycle the educator held an active license. If a licensee retires during a renewal cycle, the licensee must notify the State Board of Education using ELIS that the licensee wishes to maintain the license in retired status and must show proof of completion of professional development activities on a prorated basis for all years of that renewal cycle for which the license was active. An individual with a license in retired status shall not be required to complete professional development activities or pay registration fees until returning to a position that requires educator licensure. Upon returning to work in a position that requires the Professional Educator License, the licensee shall immediately pay a registration fee and complete renewal requirements for that year. A license in retired status cannot lapse. Beginning on January 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 99-920) through December 31, 2017, any licensee who has retired and whose license has lapsed for failure to renew as provided in this Section may reinstate that license and maintain it in retired status upon providing proof to the State Board of Education using ELIS that the licensee is retired and is not working in a position that requires a Professional Educator License.

(7) For any renewal cycle in which professional development hours were required, but not fulfilled, the

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licensee shall complete any missed hours to total the minimum professional development hours required in this Section prior to September 1 of that year. Professional development hours used to fulfill the minimum required hours for a renewal cycle may be used for only one renewal cycle. For any fiscal year or renewal cycle in which an Illinois Administrators' Academy course was required but not completed, the licensee shall complete any missed Illinois Administrators' Academy courses prior September 1 of that year. The licensee may complete all deficient hours and Illinois Administrators' Academy courses while continuing to work in a position that requires that license until September 1 of that year.

- (8) Any licensee who has not fulfilled the professional development renewal requirements set forth in this Section at the end of any 5-year renewal cycle is ineligible to register his or her license and may submit an appeal to the State Superintendent of Education for reinstatement of the license.
- (9) If professional development opportunities were unavailable to a licensee, proof that opportunities were unavailable and request for an extension of time beyond August 31 to complete the renewal requirements may be submitted from April 1 through June 30 of that year to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board. If an extension is approved, the license shall remain valid

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- during the extension period.
 - (10) Individuals who hold exempt licenses prior to December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-610) shall commence the annual renewal process with the first scheduled registration due after December 27, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-610).
 - (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection (e), if a licensee earns more than the required number of professional development hours during a renewal cycle, then the licensee may carry over any hours earned from April 1 through June 30 of the last year of the renewal cycle. Any hours carried over in this manner must be applied to the next renewal cycle. Illinois Administrators' Academy courses or hours earned in those courses may not be carried over.

This subsection (e) does not apply for 2 years beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly.

- (f) At the time of renewal, each licensee shall respond to the required questions under penalty of perjury.
- (f-5) The State Board of Education shall conduct random audits of licensees to verify a licensee's fulfillment of the professional development hours required under this Section. Upon completion of a random audit, if it is determined by the State Board of Education that the licensee did not complete the required number of professional development hours or did

- 1 not provide sufficient proof of completion, the licensee shall
- be notified that his or her license has lapsed. A license that
- has lapsed under this subsection may be reinstated as provided
- 4 in subsection (b).
- 5 (g) The following entities shall be designated as approved
- to provide professional development activities for the renewal 6
- of Professional Educator Licenses: 7
- (1) The State Board of Education. 8
- 9 (2) Regional offices of education and intermediate 10 service centers.
- 11 (3) Illinois professional associations representing the following groups that are approved by the State 12 Superintendent of Education: 13
- (A) school administrators; 14
- 15 (B) principals;
- 16 (C) school business officials;
- 17 (D) teachers, including special education
- 18 teachers;
- (E) school boards; 19
- 20 (F) school districts;
- 2.1 (G) parents; and
- 22 (H) school service personnel.
- 23 (4) Regionally accredited institutions of higher 24 that offer Illinois-approved education educator 2.5 preparation programs and public community colleges subject
- 26 to the Public Community College Act.

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-	(5) Illinois public school districts, charter schools
2	authorized under Article 27A of this Code, and joint
3	educational programs authorized under Article 10 of this
1	Code for the purposes of providing career and technical
5	education or special education services.

- (6) A not-for-profit organization that, as of December 31, 2014 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1147), has had or has a grant from or a contract with the State Board of Education to provide professional development services in the area of English Learning to Illinois school districts, teachers, or administrators.
- (7) State agencies, State boards, and State commissions.
 - (8) Museums as defined in Section 10 of the Museum Disposition of Property Act.
 - (h) Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section shall make available professional development opportunities that satisfy at least one of the following:
 - (1) increase the knowledge and skills of school and district leaders who guide continuous professional development;
 - (2) improve the learning of students;
 - (3) organize adults into learning communities whose goals are aligned with those of the school and district;
 - (4) deepen educator's content knowledge;
- (5) provide educators with research-based

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- (6) prepare educators to appropriately use various types of classroom assessments;
- (7) use learning strategies appropriate to the intended goals;
- (8) provide educators with the knowledge and skills to collaborate;
- (9) prepare educators to apply research to decision making;
- (10) provide educators with training on inclusive practices in the classroom that examines instructional and behavioral strategies that improve academic social-emotional outcomes for all students, with or without disabilities, in a general education setting; or
- (11) beginning on July 1, 2022, provide educators with training on the physical and mental health needs of students, student safety, educator ethics, professional conduct, and other topics that address the well-being of students and improve the academic and social-emotional outcomes of students.
- Approved providers under subsection (g) of this Section shall do the following:
 - (1) align professional development activities to the State-approved national standards for professional learning;

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- 1 (2) meet the professional development criteria for Illinois licensure renewal: 2
 - (3) produce a rationale for the activity that explains it aligns to State standards and identify the assessment for determining the expected impact on student learning or school improvement;
 - (4) maintain original documentation for completion of activities;
 - (5) provide license holders with evidence of completion of activities;
 - (6) request an Illinois Educator Identification Number (IEIN) for each educator during each professional development activity; and
 - (7) beginning on July 1, 2019, register annually with the State Board of Education prior to offering any professional development opportunities in the current fiscal year.
 - (j) The State Board of Education shall conduct annual audits of a subset of approved providers, except for school districts, which shall be audited by regional offices of education and intermediate service centers. The State Board of Education shall ensure that each approved provider, except for a school district, is audited at least once every 5 years. The State Board of Education may conduct more frequent audits of providers if evidence suggests the requirements of this Section or administrative rules are not being met.

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- Approved providers shall comply with (2)requirements in subsections (h) and (i) of this Section by annually submitting data to the State Board of Education demonstrating how the professional development activities impacted one or more of the following:
 - (A) educator and student growth in regards to content knowledge or skills, or both;
 - (B) educator and student social and emotional growth; or
 - (C) alignment to district or school improvement plans.
- (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall review the annual data collected by the State Board of Education, regional offices of education, and intermediate service centers in audits to determine if the approved provider has met the criteria and should continue to be an approved provider or if further action should be taken as provided in rules.
- (k) Registration fees shall be paid for the next renewal cycle between April 1 and June 30 in the last year of each 5-year renewal cycle using ELIS. If all required professional development hours for the renewal cycle have been completed and entered by the licensee, the licensee shall pay the registration fees for the next cycle using a form of credit or debit card.

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- (1) Any professional educator licensee endorsed for school support personnel who is employed and performing services in Illinois public schools and who holds an active and current professional license issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or a national certification board, as approved by the State Board of Education, related to the endorsement areas on the Professional Educator License shall be deemed to have satisfied the continuing professional development requirements provided for in this Section. Such individuals shall be required to pay only registration fees to renew the Professional Educator License. An individual who does not hold a license issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall complete professional development requirements for the renewal of a Professional Educator License provided for in this Section.
- (m) Appeals to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board must be made within 30 days after receipt of notice from the State Superintendent of Education that a license will not be renewed based upon failure to complete the requirements of this Section. A licensee may appeal that decision to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board in a manner prescribed by rule.
 - (1) Each appeal shall state the reasons why the State Superintendent's decision should be reversed and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the State Board of Education.

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(2) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
shall review each appeal regarding renewal of a license
within 90 days after receiving the appeal in order to
determine whether the licensee has met the requirements of
this Section. The State Educator Preparation and Licensure
Board may hold an appeal hearing or may make its
determination based upon the record of review, which shall
consist of the following:

- (A) the regional superintendent of education's rationale for recommending nonrenewal of the license, if applicable;
- any evidence submitted to the State Superintendent along with the individual's electronic statement of assurance for renewal; and
- (C) the State Superintendent's rationale for nonrenewal of the license.
- (3) The State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board shall notify the licensee of its decision regarding license renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, no later than 30 days after reaching a decision. Upon receipt of notification of renewal, the licensee, using ELIS, shall pay the applicable registration fee for the next cycle using a form of credit or debit card.
- (n) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as may be necessary to implement this Section.

- (Source: P.A. 101-85, eff. 1-1-20; 101-531, eff. 8-23-19; 1
- 2 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 102-676, eff. 12-3-21.)
- 3 (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7)
- 4 Sec. 27-23.7. Bullying prevention.
- (a) The General Assembly finds that a safe and civil 5 school environment is necessary for students to learn and 6 7 achieve and that bullying causes physical, psychological, and 8 emotional harm to students and interferes with students' 9 ability to learn and participate in school activities. The 10 General Assembly further finds that bullying has been linked to other forms of antisocial behavior, such as vandalism, 11 12 shoplifting, skipping and dropping out of school, fighting, 13 using drugs and alcohol, sexual harassment, and sexual 14 violence. Because of the negative outcomes associated with 15 bullying in schools, the General Assembly finds that school districts, charter schools, and non-public, non-sectarian 16 elementary and secondary schools should educate students, 17 parents, and school district, charter school, or non-public, 18 19 non-sectarian elementary or secondary school personnel about 20 what behaviors constitute prohibited bullying.
- 21 Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, 22 religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, 23 24 orientation, gender-related identity or expression, 25 unfavorable discharge from military service, association with

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- a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic is prohibited in all school districts, charter schools, and non-public, non-sectarian elementary and secondary schools. No student shall be subjected to bullying:
 - (1) during any school-sponsored education program or activity;
 - (2) while in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities;
 - (3) through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment; or
 - (4) through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a nonschool-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by a school district or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school. This item (4) applies only in cases in which a school administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying through this means has occurred and does not require a district or school t.o staff or monitor any nonschool-related activity, function, or program.

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(a-5) Nothing in this Section is intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or under Section 3 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution.

(b) In this Section:

"Bullying" includes "cyber-bullying" and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- (1) placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
- (2) causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
- (3) substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
- (4) substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Bullying, as defined in this subsection (b), may take various forms, including without limitation one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. This list is

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meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

"Cyber-bullying" means bullying through the technology or any electronic communication, including without limitation any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photoelectronic system, or photooptical system, including without limitation electronic mail, Internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. "Cyber-bullying" includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages if the creation or impersonation creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of bullying in this Section. "Cyber-bullying" also includes the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons if the distribution or posting creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of bullying in this Section.

"Policy on bullying" means a bullying prevention policy that meets the following criteria:

- 23 (1) Includes the bullying definition provided in this Section.
- 25 (2) Includes a statement that bullying is contrary to 26 State law and the policy of the school district, charter

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school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school and is consistent with subsection (a-5) of this Section.

- (3) Includes procedures for promptly reporting bullying, including, but not limited to, identifying and providing the school e-mail address (if applicable) and school telephone number for the staff person or persons responsible for receiving such reports and a procedure for anonymous reporting; however, this shall not be construed to permit formal disciplinary action solely on the basis of an anonymous report.
- (4) Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, includes procedures for promptly informing parents or guardians of all students involved in the alleged incident of bullying and discussing, as appropriate, the availability of social work services, counseling, school psychological services, other interventions, and restorative measures.
- (5) Contains procedures for promptly investigating and addressing reports of bullying, including the following:
 - (A) Making all reasonable efforts to complete the investigation within 10 school days after the date the report of the incident of bullying was received and taking into consideration additional relevant information received during the course of the investigation about the reported incident of bullying.

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1	(B) Involving appropriate school suppor	t personnel
2	and other staff persons with knowledge,	experience,
3	and training on bullying prevention,	as deemed
4	appropriate, in the investigation process.	

- (C) Notifying the principal or school administrator or his or her designee of the report of the incident of bullying as soon as possible after the report is received.
- (D) Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, providing parents and guardians of the students who are parties to the investigation information about the investigation and an opportunity to meet with the principal or school administrator or his or her designee to discuss the investigation, the findings of the investigation, and the actions taken to address the reported incident of bullying.
- (6) Includes the interventions that can be taken to address bullying, which may include, but are not limited to, school social work services, restorative measures, social-emotional skill building, counseling, school psychological services, and community-based services.
- (7) Includes a statement prohibiting reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying and the consequences and appropriate remedial actions for a person who engages in reprisal or

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- Includes consequences and appropriate remedial actions for a person found to have falsely accused another of bullying as a means of retaliation or as a means of bullying.
- (9) Is based on the engagement of a range of school stakeholders, including students and parents or guardians.
- (10) Is posted on the school district's, charter school's, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school's existing Internet website, is included in the student handbook, and, where applicable, posted where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are currently posted in the school and provided periodically throughout the school year to students and faculty, and is distributed annually to parents, quardians, students, and school personnel, including new employees when hired.
- As part of the process of reviewing and re-evaluating the policy under subsection (d) of this Section, contains a policy evaluation process to assess the outcomes and effectiveness of the policy that includes, but is not limited to, factors such as the frequency of victimization; student, staff, and family observations of safety at a school; identification of areas of a school where bullying occurs; the types of bullying utilized; and bystander intervention participation. The school district, charter school, or

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non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school may use relevant data and information it already collects other purposes in the policy evaluation. information developed as a result of the policy evaluation must be made available on the Internet website of the district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school. Internet website is not available, the information must be provided to school administrators, school board members, school personnel, parents, quardians, and students.

(12) Is consistent with the policies of the school board, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school.

"Restorative measures" means a continuum of school-based alternatives to exclusionary discipline, such as suspensions and expulsions, that: (i) are adapted to the particular needs of the school and community, (ii) contribute to maintaining school safety, (iii) protect the integrity of a positive and productive learning climate, (iv) teach students the personal and interpersonal skills they will need to be successful in school and society, (v) serve to build and restore relationships among students, families, schools, communities, (vi) reduce the likelihood of future disruption by balancing accountability with an understanding of students' behavioral health needs in order to keep students in school, and (vii) increase student accountability if the incident of

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bullying is based on religion, race, ethnicity, or any other
category that is identified in the Illinois Human Rights Act.

"School personnel" means persons employed by, on contract with, or who volunteer in a school district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school, including without limitation school and school district administrators, teachers, school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, school resource officers, and security guards.

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- (d) Each school district, charter school, and non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school shall create, maintain, and implement a policy on bullying. In a school district organized under Article 34, the, which policy must be filed with the State Board of Education. The policy or implementing procedure shall include a process to investigate whether a reported act of bullying is within the permissible scope of the district's or school's jurisdiction and shall require that the district or school provide the victim with information regarding services that are available within the district and community, such as counseling, support services, and other programs. School personnel available for help with a bully or to make a report about bullying shall be made known to parents or legal guardians, students, and school personnel. Every 2 years, each school district, charter school, and

- non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school shall 1
- 2 conduct a review and re-evaluation of its policy and make any
- 3 necessary and appropriate revisions. In a school district
- 4 organized under Article 34, the The policy must be filed with
- 5 the State Board of Education after being updated. The State
- 6 Board of Education shall monitor and provide technical support
- for the implementation of policies created under this 7
- 8 subsection (d).
- 9 (e) This Section shall not be interpreted to prevent a
- 10 victim from seeking redress under any other available civil or
- criminal law. 11
- (Source: P.A. 102-197, eff. 7-30-21; 102-241, eff. 8-3-21; 12
- 13 revised 10-18-21.)
- 14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 15 becoming law.".