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## LEGISLATIVE VICTORY



### [HB 2657](#) EDUCATION LICENSURE RECIPROCITY

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*To ensure that Illinois school districts have access to the best quality candidates, regardless of the state where individuals received their initial educator license.*

Support Legislative Initiative for Educator Reciprocity so that:

- Teachers that have completed an evidence based assessment of teacher effectiveness or a test of basic skills in another state, do not have to complete additional Illinois assessments up on initial licensure.
- Out-of-state teachers seeking licensure that have completed the same required coursework as in-state candidates need only verify program completion to receive an Professional Educator License. (Those who have not completed required coursework will receive a License with Stipulations and be required to complete any deficient coursework.)
- In emergency situations, school districts can employ for up to 120 days substitute teachers who hold a Professional Educator License or License with Stipulations that is endorsed for the grade level of instruction.
- Endorsements for out-of-state applicants for a Principal Endorsement or Superintendent Endorsement are available to individuals who have completed an out-of-state approved education program to become a principal or superintendent, met State exam requirements and received a certificate or license endorsed in a teaching field. (Those who have not passed State exams may receive a Provisional Endorsement.)
- Endorsements for out-of-state applicants for a Chief School Business Official Endorsement are available to those individuals with a master's degree in school business management, finance, or accounting; completed an internship in school business management or have 2 years of experience as a school business administrator; met all State exam requirements; and have completed modules in reading methods, Special Education, and English Learners.

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