

1 of Schools may issue certificates valid in the public schools of
2 the state: *Provided*, That a certificate shall not be issued to any
3 person who is not a citizen of the United States, is not of good
4 moral character and physically, mentally and emotionally qualified
5 to perform the duties for which the certification would be granted
6 and who has not attained the age of eighteen years on or before
7 October 1, of the year in which the certificate is issued:
8 *Provided, however*, That an exchange teacher from a foreign country
9 or an alien person who meets the requirements to teach may be
10 granted a permit to teach within the public schools of the state.

11 Certificates authorized to be issued include:

12 (1) *Professional teaching certificates*. -- A professional
13 teaching certificate for teaching in the public schools may be
14 issued to a person who:

15 (A) Has at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited
16 institution of higher education in this state, has completed a
17 program for the education of teachers which meets the requirements
18 approved by the State Board of Education or has met equivalent
19 standards at institutions in other states and has passed
20 appropriate state board approved basic skills and subject matter
21 tests or has completed three years of successful experience within
22 the last seven years in the area for which licensure is being
23 sought; or

24 (B) Has at least a bachelor's degree in a discipline taught in

1 the public schools from an accredited institution of higher
2 education, has passed appropriate state board approved basic skills
3 and subject matter tests or has completed three years of successful
4 experience within the last seven years in the area for which
5 licensure is being sought, has completed an alternative program for
6 teacher education approved by the state board and is recommended
7 for a certificate by the chairperson of the professional support
8 team of the person's alternative program or the State
9 Superintendent based on documentation submitted.

10 The certificate shall be endorsed to indicate the grade level
11 or levels or areas of specialization in which the person is
12 certified to teach or to serve in the public schools. The initial
13 professional certificate shall be issued provisionally for a period
14 of three years from the date of issuance and may be converted to a
15 professional certificate valid for five years subject to successful
16 completion of a beginning teacher internship, if applicable, or
17 renewed subject to rules adopted by the state board.

18 (2) *Professional administrative certificate.* -- A professional
19 administrative certificate, endorsed for serving in the public
20 schools, with specific endorsement as a principal, vocational
21 administrator, supervisor of instructions or superintendent, may be
22 issued to a person who has completed requirements all to be
23 approved by the state board as follows: For a master's degree from
24 an institution of higher education accredited to offer a master's

1 degree, has successfully completed an approved program for
2 administrative certification, developed by the State Board of
3 Education in cooperation with the governing boards of the
4 University of West Virginia system and the state college system,
5 has successfully completed education and training in evaluation
6 skills through the center for professional development, or
7 equivalent education and training in evaluation skills, and three
8 years of management level experience: ~~Provided, That anyone having~~
9 ~~received a certificate during the period from August 30, 1990,~~
10 ~~until the effective date of this bill without having met the above~~
11 ~~requirements shall complete those requirements within five years~~
12 ~~after the effective date of this bill: Provided, however~~ That any
13 person serving in the position of dean of students on the effective
14 date of this section shall not be required to hold a professional
15 administrative certificate. Beginning September 1, 1992, the
16 initial professional administrative certificate shall be issued
17 provisionally for a period of five years. This certificate may be
18 converted to a professional administrative certificate valid for
19 five years or renewed, subject to the regulations of the state
20 board.

21 (3) *Paraprofessional certificate.* -- A paraprofessional
22 certificate may be issued to a person who has completed thirty-six
23 semester hours of post-secondary education or its equivalent in
24 subjects directly related to performance of the job, all approved

1 by the state board, and can demonstrate the proficiencies to
2 perform duties as required of a paraprofessional as defined in
3 section eight, article four of this chapter.

4 (4) Barrister's certificate. -- A barrister's certificate may
5 be issued to a person: (A) Admitted to the practice of law in West
6 Virginia pursuant to the rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of
7 Appeals of West Virginia; (B) in good standing with the West
8 Virginia State Bar; and (C) demonstrates to the State
9 Superintendent of Schools the professional experience necessary to
10 serve as a volunteer professional educator in course specific
11 curricula. The certificate shall be endorsed to indicate the grade
12 level or levels or areas of specialization in which the person is
13 certified to professionally teach or to serve in the public
14 schools.

15 ~~(4)~~ (5) Other certificates; permits. -- Other certificates and
16 permits may be issued, subject to the approval of the state board,
17 to persons who do not qualify for the professional or
18 paraprofessional certificate. ~~Such~~ These certificates or permits
19 shall not be given permanent status and persons holding such shall
20 meet renewal requirements provided by law and by regulation, unless
21 the state board declares certain of these certificates to be the
22 equivalent of the professional certificate.

23 Within the category of other certificates and permits, the
24 state superintendent may issue certificates for persons to serve in

1 the public schools as athletic coaches or other extracurricular
2 activities coaches whose duties may include the supervision of
3 students, subject to the following limitations: (A) Such person
4 shall be employed under a contract with the county board of
5 education which specifies the duties to be performed, which
6 specifies a rate of pay equivalent to the rate of pay for
7 professional educators in the district who accept similar duties as
8 extra duty assignments and which provides for liability insurance
9 associated with the activity: *Provided*, That such persons shall
10 not be considered employees of the board for salary and benefit
11 purposes other than as specified in the contract; (B) a currently
12 employed certified professional educator has not applied for the
13 position; and (C) such person completes an orientation program
14 designed and approved in accordance with state board rules which
15 shall be adopted no later than January 1, 1991.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit the issuance of a barrister's certificate to teach course specific curricula in West Virginia public schools.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.