

# HB3483



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB3483**

Introduced 2/24/2011, by Rep. Roger L. Eddy

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-12

from Ch. 122, par. 21-12

Amends the Teacher Certification Article of the School Code. Provides that an application for a certificate or evaluation of credentials must be accompanied by an evaluation fee of \$30 payable to the regional superintendent of schools (instead of the State Superintendent of Education). Provides that the proceeds of the fee must be paid into the institute fund (instead of the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund). Effective July 1, 2011.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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 Section  
5 21-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-12)

7 Sec. 21-12. Printing; Seal; Signature; Credentials. All  
8 certificates shall be printed by and bear the signatures of the  
9 chairman and of the secretary of the State Teacher  
10 Certification Board. Each certificate shall show the  
11 integrally printed seal of the State Teacher Certification  
12 Board. All college credentials offered as the basis of a  
13 certificate shall be presented to the secretary of the State  
14 Teacher Certification Board for inspection and approval. The  
15 regional superintendent of schools, however, has the duty,  
16 after appropriate training, to accept and review all  
17 transcripts for new initial certificate applications and  
18 ensure that each applicant has met all of the criteria  
19 established by the State Board of Education in consultation  
20 with the State Teacher Certification Board.

21 Each ~~Commencing July 1, 1999, each~~ application for a  
22 certificate or evaluation of credentials shall be accompanied  
23 by an evaluation fee of \$30 payable to the regional

1 superintendent of schools ~~State Superintendent of Education,~~  
2 which is not refundable, except that no application or  
3 evaluation fee shall be required for a Master Certificate  
4 issued pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this Code.  
5 The proceeds of each \$30 fee shall be paid into the institute  
6 fund ~~Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund, created under~~  
7 ~~Section 21-1b of this Code; and the moneys in that Fund shall~~  
8 ~~be appropriated and used to provide the technology and other~~  
9 ~~resources necessary for the timely and efficient processing of~~  
10 ~~certification requests.~~

11 The State Board of Education and each regional office of  
12 education are authorized to charge a service or convenience fee  
13 for the use of credit cards for the payment of certification  
14 fees. This service or convenience fee may not exceed the amount  
15 required by the credit card processing company or vendor that  
16 has entered into a contract with the State Board or regional  
17 office of education for this purpose, and the fee must be paid  
18 to that company or vendor.

19 When evaluation verifies the requirements for a valid  
20 certificate, the applicant shall be issued an entitlement card  
21 that may be presented to a regional superintendent of schools  
22 for issuance of a certificate.

23 The applicant shall be notified of any deficiencies.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
26 2011.