

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 21B-40 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

7 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

8 (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system
9 established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall
10 be charged to applicants:

11 (1) A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator
12 License or an Educator License with Stipulations. However,
13 beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee for a
14 Professional Educator License and Educator License with
15 Stipulations shall be \$100. Beginning on July 1, 2018, the
16 license renewal fee for an Educator License with
17 Stipulations with a paraprofessional educator endorsement
18 shall be \$25.

19 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching
20 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching
21 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
22 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
23 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall

1 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
2 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
3 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
4 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
5 within one year of issuance.

6 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have not
7 been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation
8 program at an Illinois institution of higher education and
9 are seeking any of the licenses set forth in subdivision
10 (1) of this subsection (a).

11 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
12 approval an individual holding a license wishes to add to
13 that license.

14 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
15 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
16 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
17 and control over the school in which the individual holding
18 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
19 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
20 registered in any county in this State. The registration
21 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
22 individual registers the license for a particular validity
23 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
24 for that validity period should the individual
25 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
26 An individual must register the license (i) immediately

1 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
2 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
3 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
4 Code.

5 Beginning on July 1, 2017, at the beginning of each
6 renewal cycle, individuals who hold a Substitute Teaching
7 License may apply for a reimbursement of the registration
8 fee within 18 months of renewal and shall be issued that
9 reimbursement by the State Board of Education from funds
10 appropriated for that purpose if the licensee provides
11 evidence to the State Board of Education that the licensee
12 has taught pursuant to the Substitute Teaching License at
13 least 10 full school days within one year of renewal.

14 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
15 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
16 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
17 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
18 Education to provide the technology and human resources
19 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
20 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available
21 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be
22 used by the State Board of Education to support the recruitment
23 and retention of educators, to support educator preparation
24 programs as they seek national accreditation, and to provide
25 professional development aligned with the requirements set
26 forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A majority of the funds

1 in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund must be dedicated
2 to the timely and efficient processing of applications and for
3 the renewal of licenses. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
4 Fund is not subject to administrative charge transfers,
5 authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act, from the
6 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of
7 this State, and moneys in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
8 Fund shall not revert back to the General Revenue Fund at any
9 time.

10 The regional superintendent of schools shall deposit the
11 registration fees paid pursuant to subdivision (4) of
12 subsection (a) of this Section into the institute fund
13 established pursuant to Section 3-11 of this Code.

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

22 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
23 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
24 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
25 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not
26 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must

1 be applied to the registration of the new license.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;

3 100-550, eff. 11-8-17.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

5 becoming law.