

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.