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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3298

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3298, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
6 21B-40 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

8 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

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

12 (1) A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator
13 License or an Educator License with Stipulations. However,
14 beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee for a
15 Professional Educator License and Educator License with
16 Stipulations shall be \$100.

1 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching
2 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching
3 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
4 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
5 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
6 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
7 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
8 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
9 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
10 within one year of issuance.

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

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

19 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
20 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
21 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
22 and control over the school in which the individual holding
23 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
24 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
25 registered in any county in this State. The registration
26 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the

1 individual registers the license for a particular validity
2 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
3 for that validity period should the individual
4 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
5 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
6 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
7 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
8 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
9 Code.

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

19 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
20 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
21 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
22 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
23 Education to provide the technology and human resources
24 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
25 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available
26 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be

1 used by the State Board of Education to support the recruitment
2 and retention of educators, to support educator preparation
3 programs as they seek national accreditation, and to provide
4 professional development aligned with the requirements set
5 forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A majority of the funds
6 in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund must be dedicated
7 to the timely and efficient processing of applications and for
8 the renewal of licenses. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
9 Fund is not subject to administrative charge transfers,
10 authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act, from the
11 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of
12 this State, and moneys in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
13 Fund shall not revert back to the General Revenue Fund at any
14 time.

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

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

1 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
2 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
3 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
4 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not
5 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must
6 be applied to the registration of the new license.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-610, eff. 12-27-13; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15;
8 99-920, eff. 1-6-17.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.".