



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB5063

by Rep. LaToya Greenwood

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-40

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2018, an individual who has not been entitled to teach in this State by an Illinois-approved educator preparation program and obtains an educator license under the Code may apply for a refund of the required application fee after 12 months of issuance and shall be issued a refund from the State Board of Education if the individual provides evidence that he or she has taught at a school district for at least 12 months. Effective immediately.

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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 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.

16 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching
17 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching
18 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
19 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
20 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
21 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
22 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
23 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the

1 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
2 within one year of issuance.

3 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have not
4 been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation
5 program at an Illinois institution of higher education and
6 are seeking any of the licenses set forth in subdivision
7 (1) of this subsection (a). Beginning July 1, 2018, a
8 licensee under this paragraph (2) may apply for a refund of
9 the application fee after 12 months of issuance and shall
10 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
11 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
12 Education that he or she has taught at a school district
13 for at least 12 months.

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

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

1 for that validity period should the individual
2 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
3 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
4 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
5 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
6 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
7 Code.

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

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

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

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

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

25 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
26 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this

1 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
2 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not
3 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must
4 be applied to the registration of the new license.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;
6 100-550, eff. 11-8-17.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.