

HB0920



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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by Rep. LaToya Greenwood

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-40

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2019, 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 \$100 application fee for a Professional Educator
12 License or an Educator License with Stipulations.
13 Beginning on July 1, 2018, the license renewal fee for an
14 Educator License with Stipulations with a paraprofessional
15 educator endorsement shall be \$25.

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 (1.7) A \$25 application fee for a Short-Term Substitute
4 Teaching License. The Short-Term Substitute Teaching
5 License must be registered in at least one region in this
6 State, but does not require a registration fee. The
7 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
8 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
9 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
10 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
11 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
12 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full
13 school days within one year of issuance.

14 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have not
15 been entitled by an Illinois-approved educator preparation
16 program at an Illinois institution of higher education and
17 are seeking any of the licenses set forth in subdivision
18 (1) of this subsection (a). Beginning July 1, 2019, a
19 licensee under this paragraph may apply for a refund of the
20 application fee after 12 months of issuance and shall be
21 issued that refund by the State Board of Education if the
22 licensee provides evidence to the State Board of Education
23 that he or she has taught at a school district for at least
24 12 months.

25 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
26 approval.

1 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
2 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
3 paid to the regional office of education having supervision
4 and control over the school in which the individual holding
5 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding
6 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be
7 registered in any county in this State. The registration
8 fee must be paid in its entirety the first time the
9 individual registers the license for a particular validity
10 period in a single region. No additional fee may be charged
11 for that validity period should the individual
12 subsequently register the license in additional regions.
13 An individual must register the license (i) immediately
14 after initial issuance of the license and (ii) at the
15 beginning of each renewal cycle if the individual has
16 satisfied the renewal requirements required under this
17 Code.

18 Beginning on July 1, 2017, at the beginning of each
19 renewal cycle, individuals who hold a Substitute Teaching
20 License may apply for a reimbursement of the registration
21 fee within 18 months of renewal and shall be issued that
22 reimbursement by the State Board of Education from funds
23 appropriated for that purpose if the licensee provides
24 evidence to the State Board of Education that the licensee
25 has taught pursuant to the Substitute Teaching License at
26 least 10 full school days within one year of renewal.

1 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
2 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
3 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
4 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
5 Education to provide the technology and human resources
6 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of
7 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available
8 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be
9 used by the State Board of Education to support the recruitment
10 and retention of educators, to support educator preparation
11 programs as they seek national accreditation, and to provide
12 professional development aligned with the requirements set
13 forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A majority of the funds
14 in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund must be dedicated
15 to the timely and efficient processing of applications and for
16 the renewal of licenses. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
17 Fund is not subject to administrative charge transfers,
18 authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act, from the
19 Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund into any other fund of
20 this State, and moneys in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving
21 Fund shall not revert back to the General Revenue Fund at any
22 time.

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

1 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
2 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
3 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
4 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
5 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor
6 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
7 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must
8 be paid to that company or vendor.

9 (d) If, at the time a certificate issued under Article 21
10 of this Code is exchanged for a license issued under this
11 Article, a person has paid registration fees for any years of
12 the validity period of the certificate and these years have not
13 expired when the certificate is exchanged, then those fees must
14 be applied to the registration of the new license.

15 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;
16 100-550, eff. 11-8-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-772, eff.
17 8-10-18; revised 10-1-18.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.