



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-40  
105 ILCS 5/21B-50

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code. With regard to the fee Section, moves and changes a provision concerning the license renewal fee for an Educator License with Stipulations with a paraprofessional educator endorsement. With regard to the alternative educator licensure program, provides that, in addition to other requirements, an individual must pass the State Board of Education's teacher performance assessment (rather than pass the assessment of professional teaching) no later than the end of the first semester of his or her second year of residency (rather than before entering the second residency year). 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 Sections  
5 21B-40 and 21B-50 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).

19 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or  
20 approval.

21 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of  
22 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be  
23 paid to the regional office of education having supervision  
24 and control over the school in which the individual holding  
25 the license is to be employed. If the individual holding  
26 the license is not yet employed, then the license may be

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

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

21 (5) The license renewal fee for an Educator License  
22 with Stipulations with a paraprofessional educator  
23 endorsement is \$25.

24 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)  
25 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be  
26 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and

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

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

24 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office  
25 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience  
26 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license

1 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the  
2 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor  
3 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or  
4 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must  
5 be paid to that company or vendor.

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

12 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 99-920, eff. 1-6-17;  
13 100-550, eff. 11-8-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18; 100-772, eff.  
14 8-10-18; revised 10-1-18.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/21B-50)

16 Sec. 21B-50. Alternative educator licensure program.

17 (a) There is established an alternative educator licensure  
18 program, to be known as the Alternative Educator Licensure  
19 Program for Teachers.

20 (b) The Alternative Educator Licensure Program for  
21 Teachers may be offered by a recognized institution approved to  
22 offer educator preparation programs by the State Board of  
23 Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation  
24 and Licensure Board.

25 The program shall be comprised of 4 phases:

1           (1) A course of study that at a minimum includes  
2 instructional planning; instructional strategies,  
3 including special education, reading, and English language  
4 learning; classroom management; and the assessment of  
5 students and use of data to drive instruction.

6           (2) A year of residency, which is a candidate's  
7 assignment to a full-time teaching position or as a  
8 co-teacher for one full school year. An individual must  
9 hold an Educator License with Stipulations with an  
10 alternative provisional educator endorsement in order to  
11 enter the residency and must complete additional program  
12 requirements that address required State and national  
13 standards, pass the State Board's teacher performance  
14 assessment no later than the end of the first semester of  
15 his or her second year of residency ~~assessment of~~  
16 ~~professional teaching before entering the second residency~~  
17 ~~year~~, as required under phase (3) of this subsection (b),  
18 and be recommended by the principal or qualified equivalent  
19 of a principal, as required under subsection (d) of this  
20 Section, and the program coordinator to continue with the  
21 second year of the residency.

22           (3) A second year of residency, which shall include the  
23 candidate's assignment to a full-time teaching position  
24 for one school year. The candidate must be assigned an  
25 experienced teacher to act as a mentor and coach the  
26 candidate through the second year of residency.

1           (4) A comprehensive assessment of the candidate's  
2           teaching effectiveness, as evaluated by the principal or  
3           qualified equivalent of a principal, as required under  
4           subsection (d) of this Section, and the program  
5           coordinator, at the end of the second year of residency. If  
6           there is disagreement between the 2 evaluators about the  
7           candidate's teaching effectiveness, the candidate may  
8           complete one additional year of residency teaching under a  
9           professional development plan developed by the principal  
10          or qualified equivalent and the preparation program. At the  
11          completion of the third year, a candidate must have  
12          positive evaluations and a recommendation for full  
13          licensure from both the principal or qualified equivalent  
14          and the program coordinator or no Professional Educator  
15          License shall be issued.

16          Successful completion of the program shall be deemed to  
17          satisfy any other practice or student teaching and content  
18          matter requirements established by law.

19          (c) An alternative provisional educator endorsement on an  
20          Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 2 years of  
21          teaching in the public schools, including without limitation a  
22          preschool educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code  
23          or charter school, or in a State-recognized nonpublic school in  
24          which the chief administrator is required to have the licensure  
25          necessary to be a principal in a public school in this State  
26          and in which a majority of the teachers are required to have



1 the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public school in  
2 this State, but may be renewed for a third year if needed to  
3 complete the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for  
4 Teachers. The endorsement shall be issued only once to an  
5 individual who meets all of the following requirements:

6 (1) Has graduated from a regionally accredited college  
7 or university with a bachelor's degree or higher.

8 (2) Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or  
9 greater on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on another scale.

10 (3) Has completed a major in the content area if  
11 seeking a middle or secondary level endorsement or, if  
12 seeking an early childhood, elementary, or special  
13 education endorsement, has completed a major in the content  
14 area of reading, English/language arts, mathematics, or  
15 one of the sciences. If the individual does not have a  
16 major in a content area for any level of teaching, he or  
17 she must submit transcripts to the State Board of Education  
18 to be reviewed for equivalency.

19 (4) Has successfully completed phase (1) of subsection  
20 (b) of this Section.

21 (5) Has passed a test of basic skills and content area  
22 test required for the specific endorsement for admission  
23 into the program, as required under Section 21B-30 of this  
24 Code.

25 A candidate possessing the alternative provisional  
26 educator endorsement may receive a salary, benefits, and any

1 other terms of employment offered to teachers in the school who  
2 are members of an exclusive bargaining representative, if any,  
3 but a school is not required to provide these benefits during  
4 the years of residency if the candidate is serving only as a  
5 co-teacher. If the candidate is serving as the teacher of  
6 record, the candidate must receive a salary, benefits, and any  
7 other terms of employment. Residency experiences must not be  
8 counted towards tenure.

9 (d) The recognized institution offering the Alternative  
10 Educator Licensure Program for Teachers must partner with a  
11 school district, including without limitation a preschool  
12 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code or  
13 charter school, or a State-recognized, nonpublic school in this  
14 State in which the chief administrator is required to have the  
15 licensure necessary to be a principal in a public school in  
16 this State and in which a majority of the teachers are required  
17 to have the licensure necessary to be instructors in a public  
18 school in this State. A recognized institution that partners  
19 with a public school district administering a preschool  
20 educational program under Section 2-3.71 of this Code must  
21 require a principal to recommend or evaluate candidates in the  
22 program. A recognized institution that partners with an  
23 eligible entity administering a preschool educational program  
24 under Section 2-3.71 of this Code and that is not a public  
25 school district must require a principal or qualified  
26 equivalent of a principal to recommend or evaluate candidates

1 in the program. The program presented for approval by the State  
2 Board of Education must demonstrate the supports that are to be  
3 provided to assist the provisional teacher during the 2-year  
4 residency period. These supports must provide additional  
5 contact hours with mentors during the first year of residency.

6 (e) Upon completion of the 4 phases outlined in subsection  
7 (b) of this Section and all assessments required under Section  
8 21B-30 of this Code, an individual shall receive a Professional  
9 Educator License.

10 (f) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
11 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such  
12 rules as may be necessary to establish and implement the  
13 Alternative Educator Licensure Program for Teachers.

14 (Source: P.A. 99-58, eff. 7-16-15; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18;  
15 100-822, eff. 1-1-19.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.