

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 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching  
14 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching  
15 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the  
16 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee  
17 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall  
18 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if  
19 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of  
20 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the  
21 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days  
22 within one year of issuance.

23 (1.7) A \$25 application fee for a Short-Term

1 Substitute Teaching License. The Short-Term Substitute  
2 Teaching License must be registered in at least one region  
3 in this State, but does not require a registration fee.  
4 The 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 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full  
10 school days within one year of issuance. The application  
11 fee for a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License shall be  
12 waived when the Governor has declared a disaster due to a  
13 public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the  
14 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

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

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

22 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of  
23 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be  
24 paid to the regional office of education having  
25 supervision and control over the school in which the  
26 individual holding the license is to be employed. If the

1 individual holding the license is not yet employed, then  
2 the license may be registered in any county in this State.  
3 The registration fee must be paid in its entirety the  
4 first time the individual registers the license for a  
5 particular validity period in a single region. No  
6 additional fee may be charged for that validity period  
7 should the individual subsequently register the license in  
8 additional regions. An individual must register the  
9 license (i) immediately after initial issuance of the  
10 license and (ii) at the beginning of each renewal cycle if  
11 the individual has satisfied the renewal requirements  
12 required under this Code.

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

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

25 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)  
26 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be

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

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

25 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office  
26 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience

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

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

13 (Source: P.A. 100-550, eff. 11-8-17; 100-596, eff. 7-1-18;  
14 100-772, eff. 8-10-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-570, eff.  
15 8-23-19.)

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