

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3105

Introduced 2/22/2005, by Rep. Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21-12

from Ch. 122, par. 21-12

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning teacher certification.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3

- 4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
- 5 21-12 as follows:

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- (105 ILCS 5/21-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 21-12) 6
- 7 Sec. 21-12. Printing; Seal; Signature; Credentials. certificates shall be printed by and and bear the signatures of 8 the chairman and of the secretary of the State Teacher 9 10 Certification Board. Each certificate shall show integrally printed seal of the State Teacher Certification 11 Board. All college credentials offered as the basis of a 12 certificate shall be presented to the secretary of the State 13 14 Teacher Certification Board for inspection and approval. The regional superintendent of schools, however, has the duty, 15 after appropriate training, to accept 16 and review all 17 transcripts for new initial certificate applications and ensure that each applicant has met all of the criteria 18 19 established by the State Board of Education in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board. 20

Commencing July 1, 1999, each application for a certificate or evaluation of credentials shall be accompanied by an evaluation fee of \$30 payable to the State Superintendent of 23 Education, which is not refundable, except that no application or evaluation fee shall be required for a Master Certificate issued pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 21-2 of this Code. The proceeds of each \$30 fee shall be paid into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund, created under Section 21-1b of this Code; and the moneys in that Fund shall be appropriated and used to provide the technology and other resources necessary for the timely and efficient processing of certification requests.

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The State Board of Education and each regional office of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of certification fees. This service or convenience fee may not exceed the amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor that has entered into a contract with the State Board or regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must be paid to that company or vendor.

When evaluation verifies the requirements for a valid certificate, the applicant shall be issued an entitlement card that may be presented to a regional superintendent of schools for issuance of a certificate.

The applicant shall be notified of any deficiencies.

14 (Source: P.A. 93-679, eff. 6-30-04; 93-1036, eff. 9-14-04;

15 revised 10-22-04.)