95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB3444

Introduced 2/27/2007, by Rep. Jay C. Hoffman

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/218 new

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Allows an income tax credit for each individual taxpayer who is a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal, or aide who worked in a school in Illinois for at least 900 hours during the taxable year. Provides that the amount of the credit is equal to 25% of the eligible classroom expenses made by the taxpayer during the taxable year, but the credit may not exceed \$250. Defines "eligible classroom expenses" as the aggregate amount of nonreimbursed classroom expenses made by the taxpayer during the taxable year less \$250. Provides that the credit may not be carried forward or back and may not reduce the taxpayer's liability to less than zero. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by adding
 Section 218 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 5/218 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 218. Classroom supply credit.</u>
- (a) For taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2007, 8 9 each individual taxpayer who is a qualified education 10 professional is entitled to a credit against the tax imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 in an amount equal to 11 12 25% of the eligible classroom expenses made by the taxpayer during the taxable year, but the credit may not exceed \$250. 13 14 (b) For the purpose of this Section: "Eligib<u>le classroom expenses" means the aggregate amount</u> 15 16 of nonreimbursed classroom expenses made by the taxpayer during 17 the taxable year less \$250. 18 "Qualified education professional" means a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal, or aide who worked in a 19 school in Illinois for at least 900 hours during the taxable 20 21 year. "School" means any public or nonpublic elementary or 22 secondary school in Illinois that is in compliance with Title 23

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1	VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and attendance at which
2	satisfies the requirements of Section 26-1 of the School Code.
3	(c) The credit may not be carried forward or back. In no
4	event shall a credit under this Section reduce the taxpayer's
5	liability to less than zero.

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