

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 \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator
12 License or an Educator License with Stipulations and for
13 individuals seeking a Substitute Teaching License.
14 However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee
15 for a Professional Educator License, Educator License with
16 Stipulations, or Substitute Teaching License shall be
17 \$100.

18 (2) A \$150 application fee for individuals who have
19 completed an approved educator preparation program outside
20 of this State or who hold a valid, comparable credential
21 from another state or country and are seeking any of the
22 licenses set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection
23 (a).

1 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
2 approval an individual holding a license wishes to add to
3 that license.

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

21 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)
22 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be
23 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and
24 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of
25 Education to provide the technology and human resources
26 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of

1 applications and for the renewal of licenses. The Teacher
2 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund is not subject to administrative
3 charge transfers, authorized under Section 8h of the State
4 Finance Act, from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund
5 into any other fund of this State, and moneys in the Teacher
6 Certificate Fee Revolving Fund shall not revert back to the
7 General Revenue Fund at any time.

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

12 (c) The State Board of Education and each regional office
13 of education are authorized to charge a service or convenience
14 fee for the use of credit cards for the payment of license
15 fees. This service or convenience fee shall not exceed the
16 amount required by the credit card processing company or vendor
17 that has entered into a contract with the State Board or
18 regional office of education for this purpose, and the fee must
19 be paid to that company or vendor.

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

26 (Source: P.A. 97-607, eff. 8-26-11.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.