

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. However,  
13 beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee for a  
14 Professional Educator License and Educator License with  
15 Stipulations shall be \$100.

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

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

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

1 Code.

2 Beginning on July 1, 2017, at the beginning of each  
3 renewal cycle, individuals who hold a Substitute Teaching  
4 License may apply for a reimbursement of the registration  
5 fee within 18 months of renewal and shall be issued that  
6 reimbursement by the State Board of Education from funds  
7 appropriated for that purpose if the licensee provides  
8 evidence to the State Board of Education that the licensee  
9 has taught pursuant to the Substitute Teaching License at  
10 least 10 full school days within one year of renewal.

11 (b) All application fees paid pursuant to subdivisions (1)  
12 through (3) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be  
13 deposited into the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund and  
14 shall be used, subject to appropriation, by the State Board of  
15 Education to provide the technology and human resources  
16 necessary for the timely and efficient processing of  
17 applications and for the renewal of licenses. Funds available  
18 from the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund may also be  
19 used by the State Board of Education to support the recruitment  
20 and retention of educators, to support educator preparation  
21 programs as they seek national accreditation, and to provide  
22 professional development aligned with the requirements set  
23 forth in Section 21B-45 of this Code. A majority of the funds  
24 in the Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving Fund must be dedicated  
25 to the timely and efficient processing of applications and for  
26 the renewal of licenses. The Teacher Certificate Fee Revolving

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

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

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

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

25 (Source: P.A. 98-610, eff. 12-27-13; 99-58, eff. 7-16-15;  
26 99-920, eff. 1-6-17.)

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