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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new
105 ILCS 5/21A-25
105 ILCS 5/21B-20
105 ILCS 5/21B-40

Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, shall establish and maintain a Temporary Teacher Apprenticeship Program to assist qualified participants in acquiring a Professional Educator License. Provides that the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may establish and adopt any rules necessary to implement this program, including the standards that a qualified participant must meet to receive a Professional Educator License. Sets forth the requirements to complete the program. Provides that upon completing the requirements of the program, a qualified participant is eligible for a Professional Educator License. Makes related changes. Effective immediately.

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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 adding Section
5 2-3.196 and by changing Sections 21A-25, 21B-20, and 21B-40 as
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new)

8 Sec. 2-3.196. Temporary Teacher Apprentice Program.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Mentor teacher" means an individual who (i) holds a
11 Professional Educator License, (ii) has at least 7 years of
12 classroom experience, (iii) has an "excellent" rating on his
13 or her 2 most recent teacher evaluations, and (iv) has
14 volunteered to serve as a mentor teacher under this Section. A
15 school district may not require a teacher to assume the role of
16 mentor teacher under this Section.

17 "Qualified participant" means an individual who (i) holds
18 a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, (ii) holds
19 an associate degree or has completed a minimum of 60 semester
20 hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution
21 of higher education, (iii) has a 3.0 cumulative grade point
22 average upon receiving the associate degree or completing the
23 coursework at the regionally accredited institution of higher

1 education, (iv) is enrolled in the Temporary Teacher
2 Apprentice Program under this Section, and (v) is seeking a
3 bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of
4 higher education in this State.

5 (b) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the State
6 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Educator
7 Preparation and Licensure Board, shall establish and maintain
8 a Temporary Teacher Apprenticeship Program to assist qualified
9 participants in acquiring a Professional Educator License. The
10 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
11 Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may establish and
12 adopt any rules necessary to implement this Section, including
13 the standards that a qualified participant must meet to
14 receive a Professional Educator License under Section 21B-20
15 of this Code.

16 (c) In order to successfully complete the Temporary
17 Teacher Apprentice Program, a qualified participant must:

18 (1) receive his or her bachelor's degree within 3
19 years after receiving a temporary teacher apprentice
20 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations under
21 subparagraph (0) of paragraph (2) of Section 21B-20 of
22 this Code; however, the qualified participant is not
23 required to receive a bachelor's degree from an educator
24 preparation program; and

25 (2) spend 2 full school years as a temporary teacher
26 apprentice working one-on-one under a mentor teacher to

1 develop the qualified participant's pedagogy skills by
2 assisting the mentor teacher in creating classroom
3 curriculum and lesson plans, grading and evaluating
4 students, and all other aspects of classroom activity
5 performed by the mentor teacher.

6 (d) Upon completing the requirements set forth in
7 subsection (c), a qualified participant is eligible for a
8 Professional Educator License under Section 21B-20 of this
9 Code. However, prior to receiving a Professional Educator
10 License, the mentor teacher and the school principal shall
11 certify to the State Board of Education, in a form developed
12 and prescribed by the State Board, that the qualified
13 participant is eligible to receive a Professional Educator
14 License. In order to receive a grade level or subject
15 endorsement, the qualified participant must pass the
16 applicable content area test, but the qualified participant is
17 not required to pass a teacher performance assessment prior to
18 receiving a Professional Educator License under Section
19 21B-20.

20 (e) Each qualified participant shall receive pay while
21 serving in that capacity for no more than 2 school years.
22 Mentor teachers shall receive a paid bonus at the end of each
23 school year in which they serve as a mentor teacher for the
24 full school year. The rate of pay for the qualified
25 participant and the rate of the bonus pay for the mentor
26 teacher shall be determined by the school board, in accordance

1 with the school district's applicable collective bargaining
2 agreement, if any. A school district may use appropriate
3 State, federal, or local revenue to issue pay or bonus pay
4 under this subsection (e).

5 Subject to appropriation by the General Assembly for
6 grants associated with Article 21A of this Code, the State
7 Board of Education may issue grants to school districts to
8 cover the costs associated with mentor teachers in accordance
9 with subsection (c) of Section 21A-25 of this Code.

10 (105 ILCS 5/21A-25)

11 Sec. 21A-25. Funding.

12 (a) From a separate appropriation made for the purposes of
13 this Article, for each new teacher participating in a new
14 teacher induction and mentoring program that meets the
15 requirements set forth in Section 21A-20 of this Code or in an
16 existing program that is in the process of transition to a
17 program that meets those requirements, the State Board of
18 Education shall pay the eligible entity for the duration of
19 the grant for the purpose of providing the following:

20 (1) Mentor teacher compensation and new teacher
21 compensation.

22 (2) Mentor teacher professional learning or new
23 teacher learning or both.

24 (3) (Blank).

25 (b) Each school district shall decide, in conjunction with

1 its exclusive bargaining representative, if any, which
2 eligible applicant offers the most suitable program. If a
3 mentor teacher receives release time to support a new teacher,
4 the total workload of other teachers regularly employed by the
5 public school shall not increase in any substantial manner. If
6 the appropriation is not included in the State budget, the
7 State Board of Education is not required to implement programs
8 established by this Article.

9 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
10 subject to appropriation of funding under this Section, the
11 State Board of Education shall allocate no more than 25% of the
12 appropriation level for this Section to provide mentor teacher
13 grants under Section 2-3.196 of this Code. School districts
14 participating in the Temporary Teacher Apprentice Program
15 shall apply to the State Board for funding. No school district
16 may receive a grant of more than \$2,000 per mentor teacher. If
17 allocated funds are less than the amount needed to fully fund
18 grants of \$2,000 per mentor teacher, the grants shall be
19 issued on a prorated basis.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-521, eff. 8-20-21.)

21 (105 ILCS 5/21B-20)

22 Sec. 21B-20. Types of licenses. The State Board of
23 Education shall implement a system of educator licensure,
24 whereby individuals employed in school districts who are
25 required to be licensed must have one of the following

1 licenses: (i) a professional educator license; (ii) an
2 educator license with stipulations; (iii) a substitute
3 teaching license; or (iv) until June 30, 2023, a short-term
4 substitute teaching license. References in law regarding
5 individuals certified or certificated or required to be
6 certified or certificated under Article 21 of this Code shall
7 also include individuals licensed or required to be licensed
8 under this Article. The first year of all licenses ends on June
9 30 following one full year of the license being issued.

10 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
11 State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, may adopt such
12 rules as may be necessary to govern the requirements for
13 licenses and endorsements under this Section.

14 (1) Professional Educator License. Persons who (i)
15 have successfully completed an approved educator
16 preparation program and are recommended for licensure by
17 the Illinois institution offering the educator preparation
18 program, (ii) have successfully completed the required
19 testing under Section 21B-30 of this Code, (iii) have
20 successfully completed coursework on the psychology of,
21 the identification of, and the methods of instruction for
22 the exceptional child, including without limitation
23 children with learning disabilities, (iv) have
24 successfully completed coursework in methods of reading
25 and reading in the content area, and (v) have met all other
26 criteria established by rule of the State Board of

1 Education or persons who have successfully completed the
2 Temporary Teacher Apprentice Program under Section 2-3.196
3 of this Code shall be issued a Professional Educator
4 License. All Professional Educator Licenses are valid
5 until June 30 immediately following 5 years of the license
6 being issued. The Professional Educator License shall be
7 endorsed with specific areas and grade levels in which the
8 individual is eligible to practice. For an early childhood
9 education endorsement, an individual may satisfy the
10 student teaching requirement of his or her early childhood
11 teacher preparation program through placement in a setting
12 with children from birth through grade 2, and the
13 individual may be paid and receive credit while student
14 teaching. The student teaching experience must meet the
15 requirements of and be approved by the individual's early
16 childhood teacher preparation program.

17 Individuals can receive subsequent endorsements on the
18 Professional Educator License. Subsequent endorsements
19 shall require a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework
20 in the endorsement area and passage of the applicable
21 content area test, unless otherwise specified by rule.

22 (2) Educator License with Stipulations. An Educator
23 License with Stipulations shall be issued an endorsement
24 that limits the license holder to one particular position
25 or does not require completion of an approved educator
26 program or both.

1 An individual with an Educator License with
2 Stipulations must not be employed by a school district or
3 any other entity to replace any presently employed teacher
4 who otherwise would not be replaced for any reason.

5 An Educator License with Stipulations may be issued
6 with the following endorsements:

7 (A) (Blank).

8 (B) Alternative provisional educator. An
9 alternative provisional educator endorsement on an
10 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued to an
11 applicant who, at the time of applying for the
12 endorsement, has done all of the following:

13 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
14 college or university with a minimum of a
15 bachelor's degree.

16 (ii) Successfully completed the first phase of
17 the Alternative Educator Licensure Program for
18 Teachers, as described in Section 21B-50 of this
19 Code.

20 (iii) Passed a content area test, as required
21 under Section 21B-30 of this Code.

22 The alternative provisional educator endorsement is
23 valid for 2 years of teaching and may be renewed for a
24 third year by an individual meeting the requirements set
25 forth in Section 21B-50 of this Code.

26 (C) Alternative provisional superintendent. An

1 alternative provisional superintendent endorsement on
2 an Educator License with Stipulations entitles the
3 holder to serve only as a superintendent or assistant
4 superintendent in a school district's central office.
5 This endorsement may only be issued to an applicant
6 who, at the time of applying for the endorsement, has
7 done all of the following:

8 (i) Graduated from a regionally accredited
9 college or university with a minimum of a master's
10 degree in a management field other than education.

11 (ii) Been employed for a period of at least 5
12 years in a management level position in a field
13 other than education.

14 (iii) Successfully completed the first phase
15 of an alternative route to superintendent
16 endorsement program, as provided in Section 21B-55
17 of this Code.

18 (iv) Passed a content area test required under
19 Section 21B-30 of this Code.

20 The endorsement is valid for 2 fiscal years in
21 order to complete one full year of serving as a
22 superintendent or assistant superintendent.

23 (D) (Blank).

24 (E) Career and technical educator. A career and
25 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
26 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who

1 has a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from a
2 regionally accredited institution of higher education
3 or an accredited trade and technical institution and
4 has a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience outside of
5 education in each area to be taught.

6 The career and technical educator endorsement on
7 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
8 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
9 endorsement being issued and may be renewed.

10 An individual who holds a valid career and
11 technical educator endorsement on an Educator License
12 with Stipulations but does not hold a bachelor's
13 degree may substitute teach in career and technical
14 education classrooms.

15 (F) (Blank).

16 (G) Transitional bilingual educator. A
17 transitional bilingual educator endorsement on an
18 Educator License with Stipulations may be issued for
19 the purpose of providing instruction in accordance
20 with Article 14C of this Code to an applicant who
21 provides satisfactory evidence that he or she meets
22 all of the following requirements:

23 (i) Possesses adequate speaking, reading, and
24 writing ability in the language other than English
25 in which transitional bilingual education is
26 offered.

1 (ii) Has the ability to successfully
2 communicate in English.

3 (iii) Either possessed, within 5 years
4 previous to his or her applying for a transitional
5 bilingual educator endorsement, a valid and
6 comparable teaching certificate or comparable
7 authorization issued by a foreign country or holds
8 a degree from an institution of higher learning in
9 a foreign country that the State Educator
10 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
11 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
12 regionally accredited institution of higher
13 learning in the United States.

14 A transitional bilingual educator endorsement
15 shall be valid for prekindergarten through grade 12,
16 is valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years
17 of the endorsement being issued, and shall not be
18 renewed.

19 Persons holding a transitional bilingual educator
20 endorsement shall not be employed to replace any
21 presently employed teacher who otherwise would not be
22 replaced for any reason.

23 (H) Language endorsement. In an effort to
24 alleviate the shortage of teachers speaking a language
25 other than English in the public schools, an
26 individual who holds an Educator License with

1 Stipulations may also apply for a language
2 endorsement, provided that the applicant provides
3 satisfactory evidence that he or she meets all of the
4 following requirements:

5 (i) Holds a transitional bilingual
6 endorsement.

7 (ii) Has demonstrated proficiency in the
8 language for which the endorsement is to be issued
9 by passing the applicable language content test
10 required by the State Board of Education.

11 (iii) Holds a bachelor's degree or higher from
12 a regionally accredited institution of higher
13 education or, for individuals educated in a
14 country other than the United States, holds a
15 degree from an institution of higher learning in a
16 foreign country that the State Educator
17 Preparation and Licensure Board determines to be
18 the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from a
19 regionally accredited institution of higher
20 learning in the United States.

21 (iv) (Blank).

22 A language endorsement on an Educator License with
23 Stipulations is valid for prekindergarten through
24 grade 12 for the same validity period as the
25 individual's transitional bilingual educator
26 endorsement on the Educator License with Stipulations

1 and shall not be renewed.

2 (I) Visiting international educator. A visiting
3 international educator endorsement on an Educator
4 License with Stipulations may be issued to an
5 individual who is being recruited by a particular
6 school district that conducts formal recruitment
7 programs outside of the United States to secure the
8 services of qualified teachers and who meets all of
9 the following requirements:

10 (i) Holds the equivalent of a minimum of a
11 bachelor's degree issued in the United States.

12 (ii) Has been prepared as a teacher at the
13 grade level for which he or she will be employed.

14 (iii) Has adequate content knowledge in the
15 subject to be taught.

16 (iv) Has an adequate command of the English
17 language.

18 A holder of a visiting international educator
19 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
20 shall be permitted to teach in bilingual education
21 programs in the language that was the medium of
22 instruction in his or her teacher preparation program,
23 provided that he or she passes the English Language
24 Proficiency Examination or another test of writing
25 skills in English identified by the State Board of
26 Education, in consultation with the State Educator

1 Preparation and Licensure Board.

2 A visiting international educator endorsement on
3 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid for 5
4 years and shall not be renewed.

5 (J) Paraprofessional educator. A paraprofessional
6 educator endorsement on an Educator License with
7 Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who holds a
8 high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and
9 (i) holds an associate's degree or a minimum of 60
10 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited
11 institution of higher education; (ii) has passed a
12 paraprofessional competency test under subsection
13 (c-5) of Section 21B-30; or (iii) is at least 18 years
14 of age and will be using the Educator License with
15 Stipulations exclusively for grades prekindergarten
16 through grade 8, until the individual reaches the age
17 of 19 years and otherwise meets the criteria for a
18 paraprofessional educator endorsement pursuant to this
19 subparagraph (J). The paraprofessional educator
20 endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately
21 following 5 years of the endorsement being issued and
22 may be renewed through application and payment of the
23 appropriate fee, as required under Section 21B-40 of
24 this Code. An individual who holds only a
25 paraprofessional educator endorsement is not subject
26 to additional requirements in order to renew the

1 endorsement.

2 (K) Chief school business official. A chief school
3 business official endorsement on an Educator License
4 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who
5 qualifies by having a master's degree or higher, 2
6 years of full-time administrative experience in school
7 business management or 2 years of university-approved
8 practical experience, and a minimum of 24 semester
9 hours of graduate credit in a program approved by the
10 State Board of Education for the preparation of school
11 business administrators and by passage of the
12 applicable State tests, including an applicable
13 content area test.

14 The chief school business official endorsement may
15 also be affixed to the Educator License with
16 Stipulations of any holder who qualifies by having a
17 master's degree in business administration, finance,
18 accounting, or public administration and who completes
19 an additional 6 semester hours of internship in school
20 business management from a regionally accredited
21 institution of higher education and passes the
22 applicable State tests, including an applicable
23 content area test. This endorsement shall be required
24 for any individual employed as a chief school business
25 official.

26 The chief school business official endorsement on

1 an Educator License with Stipulations is valid until
2 June 30 immediately following 5 years of the
3 endorsement being issued and may be renewed if the
4 license holder completes renewal requirements as
5 required for individuals who hold a Professional
6 Educator License endorsed for chief school business
7 official under Section 21B-45 of this Code and such
8 rules as may be adopted by the State Board of
9 Education.

10 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules
11 necessary to implement Public Act 100-288.

12 (L) Provisional in-state educator. A provisional
13 in-state educator endorsement on an Educator License
14 with Stipulations may be issued to a candidate who has
15 completed an Illinois-approved educator preparation
16 program at an Illinois institution of higher education
17 and who has not successfully completed an
18 evidence-based assessment of teacher effectiveness but
19 who meets all of the following requirements:

20 (i) Holds at least a bachelor's degree.

21 (ii) Has completed an approved educator
22 preparation program at an Illinois institution.

23 (iii) Has passed an applicable content area
24 test, as required by Section 21B-30 of this Code.

25 (iv) Has attempted an evidence-based
26 assessment of teacher effectiveness and received a

1 minimum score on that assessment, as established
2 by the State Board of Education in consultation
3 with the State Educator Preparation and Licensure
4 Board.

5 A provisional in-state educator endorsement on an
6 Educator License with Stipulations is valid for one
7 full fiscal year after the date of issuance and may not
8 be renewed.

9 (M) (Blank).

10 (N) Specialized services. A specialized services
11 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations
12 may be issued as defined and specified by rule.

13 (O) Temporary teacher apprentice. A temporary
14 teacher apprentice endorsement on an Educator License
15 with Stipulations may be issued to an applicant who is
16 a qualified participant in the Temporary Teacher
17 Apprentice Program under Section 2-3.196 of this Code.
18 The temporary teacher apprenticeship endorsement is
19 valid until June 30 of the school year for which the
20 endorsement is issued and is not renewable.

21 (3) Substitute Teaching License. A Substitute Teaching
22 License may be issued to qualified applicants for
23 substitute teaching in all grades of the public schools,
24 prekindergarten through grade 12. Substitute Teaching
25 Licenses are not eligible for endorsements. Applicants for
26 a Substitute Teaching License must hold a bachelor's

1 degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution
2 of higher education or must be enrolled in an approved
3 educator preparation program in this State and have earned
4 at least 90 credit hours.

5 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for 5 years.

6 Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for substitute
7 teaching in every county of this State. If an individual
8 has had his or her Professional Educator License or
9 Educator License with Stipulations suspended or revoked,
10 then that individual is not eligible to obtain a
11 Substitute Teaching License.

12 A substitute teacher may only teach in the place of a
13 licensed teacher who is under contract with the employing
14 board. If, however, there is no licensed teacher under
15 contract because of an emergency situation, then a
16 district may employ a substitute teacher for no longer
17 than 30 calendar days per each vacant position in the
18 district if the district notifies the appropriate regional
19 office of education within 5 business days after the
20 employment of the substitute teacher in the emergency
21 situation. An emergency situation is one in which an
22 unforeseen vacancy has occurred and (i) a teacher is
23 unable to fulfill his or her contractual duties or (ii)
24 teacher capacity needs of the district exceed previous
25 indications, and the district is actively engaged in
26 advertising to hire a fully licensed teacher for the

1 vacant position.

2 There is no limit on the number of days that a
3 substitute teacher may teach in a single school district,
4 provided that no substitute teacher may teach for longer
5 than 120 days beginning with the 2021-2022 school year
6 through the 2022-2023 school year, otherwise 90 school
7 days for any one licensed teacher under contract in the
8 same school year. A substitute teacher who holds a
9 Professional Educator License or Educator License with
10 Stipulations shall not teach for more than 120 school days
11 for any one licensed teacher under contract in the same
12 school year. The limitations in this paragraph (3) on the
13 number of days a substitute teacher may be employed do not
14 apply to any school district operating under Article 34 of
15 this Code.

16 A school district may not require an individual who
17 holds a valid Professional Educator License or Educator
18 License with Stipulations to seek or hold a Substitute
19 Teaching License to teach as a substitute teacher.

20 (4) Short-Term Substitute Teaching License. Beginning
21 on July 1, 2018 and until June 30, 2023, the State Board of
22 Education may issue a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
23 License. A Short-Term Substitute Teaching License may be
24 issued to a qualified applicant for substitute teaching in
25 all grades of the public schools, prekindergarten through
26 grade 12. Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are not

1 eligible for endorsements. Applicants for a Short-Term
2 Substitute Teaching License must hold an associate's
3 degree or have completed at least 60 credit hours from a
4 regionally accredited institution of higher education.

5 Short-Term Substitute Teaching Licenses are valid for
6 substitute teaching in every county of this State. If an
7 individual has had his or her Professional Educator
8 License or Educator License with Stipulations suspended or
9 revoked, then that individual is not eligible to obtain a
10 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License.

11 The provisions of Sections 10-21.9 and 34-18.5 of this
12 Code apply to short-term substitute teachers.

13 An individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
14 License may teach no more than 15 consecutive days per
15 licensed teacher who is under contract. For teacher
16 absences lasting 6 or more days per licensed teacher who
17 is under contract, a school district may not hire an
18 individual holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching
19 License, unless the Governor has declared a disaster due
20 to a public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
21 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. An individual
22 holding a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License must
23 complete the training program under Section 10-20.67 or
24 34-18.60 of this Code to be eligible to teach at a public
25 school. This paragraph (4) is inoperative on and after
26 July 1, 2023.

1 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-220, eff. 8-7-19;
2 101-594, eff. 12-5-19; 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 102-711, eff.
3 1-1-23; 102-712, eff. 4-27-22; 102-713, eff. 1-1-23; 102-717,
4 eff. 4-29-22; 102-894, eff. 5-20-22; revised 12-13-22.)

5 (105 ILCS 5/21B-40)

6 Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

7 (a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system
8 established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall
9 be charged to applicants:

10 (1) A \$100 application fee for a Professional Educator
11 License or an Educator License with Stipulations.

12 (1.5) A \$50 application fee for a Substitute Teaching
13 License. If the application for a Substitute Teaching
14 License is made and granted after July 1, 2017, the
15 licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
16 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
17 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
18 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
19 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
20 Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full school days
21 within one year of issuance.

22 (1.7) A \$25 application fee for a Short-Term
23 Substitute Teaching License. The Short-Term Substitute
24 Teaching License must be registered in at least one region
25 in this State, but does not require a registration fee.

1 The licensee may apply for a refund of the application fee
2 within 18 months of issuance of the new license and shall
3 be issued that refund by the State Board of Education if
4 the licensee provides evidence to the State Board of
5 Education that the licensee has taught pursuant to the
6 Short-Term Substitute Teaching License at least 10 full
7 school days within one year of issuance. The application
8 fee for a Short-Term Substitute Teaching License shall be
9 waived when the Governor has declared a disaster due to a
10 public health emergency pursuant to Section 7 of the
11 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

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

17 (3) A \$50 application fee for each endorsement or
18 approval.

19 (4) A \$10 per year registration fee for the course of
20 the validity cycle to register the license, which shall be
21 paid to the regional office of education having
22 supervision and control over the school in which the
23 individual holding the license is to be employed. If the
24 individual holding the license is not yet employed, then
25 the license may be registered in any county in this State.
26 The registration fee must be paid in its entirety the

1 first time the individual registers the license for a
2 particular validity period in a single region. No
3 additional fee may be charged for that validity period
4 should the individual subsequently register the license in
5 additional regions. An individual must register the
6 license (i) immediately after initial issuance of the
7 license and (ii) at the beginning of each renewal cycle if
8 the individual has satisfied the renewal requirements
9 required under this Code.

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

19 (5) The license renewal fee for an Educator License
20 with Stipulations with a paraprofessional educator
21 endorsement is \$25.

22 (a-5) An applicant for a temporary teacher apprentice
23 endorsement on an Educator License with Stipulations may not
24 be charged an application fee.

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. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-570, eff. 8-23-19;
14 102-867, eff. 5-13-22.)

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