



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HB0291

Introduced 1/23/2009, by Rep. Sidney H. Mathias

#### 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 teaching in a school in Illinois. Provides that the amount of the credit is equal to the eligible classroom expenses made by the taxpayer during the taxable year, but the credit may not exceed \$500. 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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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 218 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/218 new)

7 Sec. 218. Classroom supply credit.

8 (a) For taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2009,  
9 each individual taxpayer who is a teacher teaching in a school  
10 in Illinois is entitled to a credit against the tax imposed by  
11 subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 in an amount equal to  
12 50% of the eligible classroom expenses made by the taxpayer  
13 during the taxable year, but the credit may not exceed \$500.

14 (b) For the purpose of this Section:

15 "Eligible classroom expenses" means the aggregate amount  
16 of nonreimbursed classroom expenses made by the taxpayer during  
17 the taxable year less \$250.

18 "School" means any public or nonpublic elementary or  
19 secondary school in Illinois that is in compliance with Title  
20 VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and attendance at which  
21 satisfies the requirements of Section 26-1 of the School Code.

22 (c) The credit may not be carried forward or back. In no  
23 event shall a credit under this Section reduce the taxpayer's

1 liability to less than zero.

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