

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 150**

Introduced By: Adams, 24;  
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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-809 and  
2 79-810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change  
3 provisions relating to certificate fees; to harmonize  
4 provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare  
5 an emergency.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 79-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           79-809. In addition to the requirements in section 79-808,  
4 the maximum which the board may require for the issuance of any  
5 entry-level certificate or permit shall be that the applicant (1) has  
6 a baccalaureate degree that qualifies for a certificate to teach, (2)  
7 has satisfactorily completed, within two years of the date of  
8 application, an approved program at a standard institution of higher  
9 education, (3) has satisfactorily demonstrated basic skills  
10 competency, (4) has special education training, (5) has earned college  
11 credit in an approved program, at a standard institution of higher  
12 education, for which endorsement is sought, and (6) has paid a  
13 nonrefundable fee to the department as provided in section 79-810.  
14 ~~of up to forty five dollars for issuance of a certificate or permit~~  
15 ~~valid in all schools or up to thirty dollars for issuance of a~~  
16 ~~certificate or permit valid only in nonpublic schools.~~

17           Sec. 2. Section 79-810, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
18 Nebraska, is amended to read:

19           79-810. (1) Certificates and permits shall be issued by the  
20 commissioner upon application on forms prescribed and provided by him  
21 or her which shall include the applicant's social security number.

22           (2) Each certificate or permit issued by the commissioner  
23 shall indicate the area of authorization to teach, provide special  
24 services, or administer and any areas of endorsement for which the  
25 holder qualifies. During the term of any certificate or permit issued  
26 by the commissioner, additional endorsements may be made on the  
27 certificate or permit if the holder submits an application, meets the

1 requirements for issuance of the additional endorsements, and pays a  
2 nonrefundable fee of ~~thirty~~ forty dollars.

3 (3) The Certification Fund is created. Any fee received by  
4 the department under sections 79-806 to 79-815 shall be remitted to  
5 the State Treasurer for credit to the fund. The fund shall be used by  
6 the department in paying the costs of certifying educators pursuant to  
7 such sections and to carry out subsection (3) of section 79-808. For  
8 issuance of a certificate or permit valid in all schools, the  
9 nonrefundable fee shall be fifty-five dollars, except that thirteen  
10 dollars of the ~~forty five dollar fee specified in subdivision (6) of~~  
11 ~~section 79-809 for certificates or permits valid in all schools~~  
12 fifty-five-dollar fee shall be credited to the Professional  
13 Practices Commission Fund which is created for use by the department  
14 to pay for the provisions of sections 79-859 to 79-871. For issuance  
15 of a certificate or permit valid only in nonpublic schools, the  
16 nonrefundable fee shall be forty dollars. Any money in the  
17 Certification Fund or the Professional Practices Commission Fund  
18 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
19 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
20 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. ~~The State Treasurer shall~~  
21 ~~transfer any money in the Teachers' Certification Fund on May 27,~~  
22 ~~2003, to the Certification Fund on such date.~~

23 Sec. 3. Original sections 79-809 and 79-810, Reissue Revised  
24 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

25 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
26 when passed and approved according to law.