

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150

Approved by the Governor February 14, 2007

Introduced by Adams, 24

FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-809 and 79-810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certificate fees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Each certificate or permit issued by the commissioner shall indicate the area of authorization to teach, provide special services, or administer and any areas of endorsement for which the holder qualifies. During the term of any certificate or permit issued by the commissioner, additional endorsements may be made on the certificate or permit if the holder submits an application, meets the requirements for issuance of the additional endorsements, and pays a nonrefundable fee of ~~thirty~~ forty dollars.

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

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