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SENATE BILL 576
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 4/27/11
Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 5/12/11

Short Title: Changes to Fees for Teacher Certification.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 14, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE FEES FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND
3 ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO CERTIFICATION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-296(a2) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a2) The State Board of Education ~~shall impose the following schedule of fees for~~
7 ~~teacher certification and administrative changes~~ may adopt rules, as provided in Chapter 150B
8 of the General Statutes, establishing a fee schedule for licensure services. The fee is payable at
9 the time a teacher certification or administrative change application is submitted; the fee is
10 nonrefundable. The State Board must periodically review the fee schedule to ensure that the
11 revenues generated from the fees do not exceed the actual costs of providing the licensure
12 services. If the State Board finds that the fees imposed by this subsection exceed the costs of
13 providing licensure services, it must reduce the fees accordingly.

14 The State Board must provide an online licensure management system that will allow a
15 person to submit applications electronically. The fee schedule adopted by the State Board may
16 provide a lower fee amount for applications submitted electronically if the State Board
17 determines that electronic applications are less costly to process. The fee schedule must provide
18 online service for name changes, address changes, and electronic copies at no charge to the
19 user.

20 The fees adopted by the State Board may not exceed the following amounts:

- 21 (1) Application for demographic or administrative changes to a certificate,
22 \$30.00; up to \$45.00.
23 (2) Application for a duplicate certificate or for copies of documents in the
24 certification files, \$30.00; up to \$45.00.
25 (3) Application for a renewal, extension, addition, upgrade, and variation to a
26 certificate, \$55.00; up to \$80.00.
27 (4) Initial application for New, In-State Approved Program Graduate, \$55.00; up
28 to \$80.00.
29 (4a) In-State certificate review, up to \$80.00.
30 (5) Initial application for Out-of-State certificate, \$85.00; up to \$125.00.
31 (5a) Verification of North Carolina certificate for another state, up to \$80.00.
32 (6) All other applications, \$85.00; up to \$125.00.

33 ~~The applicant must pay the fee at the time the application is submitted."~~

34 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2012.

