

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3941

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3941.

This bill requires the State Board of Examiner to waive certain teacher certification fees from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Specifically, the department is required to waive the payment of fees for the following:

- certificates of eligibility and certificates of eligibility with advanced standing, which include the provisional certificate and standard certificate;
- emergency certificates;
- substitute credentials;
- renewal of emergency and provisional certificates;
- name changes in the certification system;
- evaluations of credentials to determine eligibility to take a particular State certification examination or to obtain information concerning qualifications for certification;
- standard certificates issued without a prior provisional certificate;
- the test score service fee for certificates that require a test;
- letters sent in response to a candidate's written request to verify test scores no longer available from the testing company;
- application fees for a qualifying academic certificate;
- administrative fees due upon completion of a State-approved administrator residency program;
- administrative fees due upon completion of a Commissioner-approved certificate of eligibility educator preparation program for holders of an instructional certificate of eligibility; and
- limited certificates of eligibility and certificates of eligibility with advanced standing in instructional areas, which include the issuance of the provisional certificate and standard certificate.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal information for this bill is currently unavailable.