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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 146

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FEES FOR EDUCATOR  
LICENSURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Three-fifths of all members  
elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

1           Section 1. Amend Section 122, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
2     insertions as shown by underline as follows.

3           § 122. Rules and regulations.

4           (b) The Department shall prescribe rules and regulations:

5                     (27) Implementing a one-time fee of no more than \$100 for all applicants for an educator's first license in  
6     Delaware. This license may be an initial, continuing, or advanced license. All moneys collected pursuant to this  
7     paragraph shall be deposited in the General Fund. Rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this paragraph  
8     shall be subject to approval by the State Board of Education.

SYNOPSIS

Delaware is one of only a few states that does not charge a fee for educator licensure or for certifications. Delaware processes approximately 10,000 applications for licensure and certification each year, in addition to other processing requests for current educators, such as plus credits. Because of reciprocity agreements and the lack of license fees in our state, the Department of Education processes approximately one to two thousand applications per year from applicants outside of the State of Delaware who do not become employed here. Establishing a \$100 fee for new licenses will help deter applicants who apply because of the lack of cost and with the intent to seek reciprocity elsewhere. This will reduce the processing burden and allow the licensure office to better serve the needs of Delaware's educators.