

18A:6-41

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:6-41

(Qualifying academic certificate - increase application fee)

LAWS OF: 1984

CHAPTER: 80

Bill No: A888

Sponsor(s): Muhler

Date Introduced: February 23, 1984

Committee: Assembly: Education

Senate: Education

Amended during passage: No

Substituted for S1400 (Senate Committee Statement attached)

Date of Passage: Assembly: June 21, 1984

Senate: June 28, 1984

Date of Approval: July 13, 1984

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

(Below)

Committee statement: Assembly Yes

Senate No

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: ~~No~~ Yes.

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill increases the fee from \$5.00 to \$30.00 for persons who apply for a qualifying academic certificate and provides for a \$20.00 refund of this fee to any person whose credentials and other evidence are insufficient to entitle the person to a certificate.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 888

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 1984

By Assemblywoman MUHLER

AN ACT concerning fees for qualifying academic certificates and amending N. J. S. 18A:6-41.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. N. J. S. 18A:6-41 is amended to read as follows:

2 18A:6-41. Every person desiring a "qualifying academic certifi-  
3 cate" shall make application therefor in the manner and form  
4 prescribed by the commissioner and shall, before the certificate is  
5 issued, pay to the commissioner the sum of ~~[\$5.00]~~ \$30.00. If the  
6 credentials and evidence submitted by an applicant are not sufficient  
7 to entitle him to such certificate ~~[without an examination in one or~~  
8 ~~more academic subjects the applicant shall, before he begins his~~  
9 examination, pay to the commissioner an examination fee of \$5.00,  
10 and for each subsequent examination and prior thereto such appli-  
11 cant shall pay to the commissioner a further examination fee of  
12 \$5.00], *a refund of \$20.00 shall be made to the applicant.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill increases the fee from \$5.00 to \$30.00 for persons who apply for a qualifying academic certificate and provides for a \$20.00 refund of this fee to any person whose credentials and other evidence are insufficient to entitle the person to a certificate.

**EXPLANATION**—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.  
Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 888

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 17, 1984

PROVISIONS:

This bill increases the fee from \$5.00 to \$30.00 for any person who applies to the Department of Education's Bureau of Teacher Certification for a qualifying academic certificate and provides for a \$20.00 refund to any person whose credentials and other evidence are insufficient to entitle the person to a certificate.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, pursuant to N. J. A. C. 6:11-3.3, the State Board of Education has the authority to make changes in the fee charged to school personnel who have their credentials certified by the Department of Education. However, the Department of Education also performs the same service for other professions, e.g., chiropractors, accountants (CPA's), undertakers, etc. As with certificates for school personnel, the Department of Education reviews whether or not the person has fulfilled the required college or professional school credit requirements. However, the fee for persons other than school personnel is statutorily fixed at \$5.00 while the fee charged to school personnel is \$30.00. Consequently, the fees that school personnel must pay are subsidizing the service being performed for CPA's, chiropractors, and any other professional applying for "qualifying academic certificates." This bill would bring the statutory fee structure for such professionals into conformity with current fee structure for school personnel.

**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1400**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 14, 1984

**PROVISIONS:**

This bill increases the fee from \$5.00 to \$30.00 for persons who apply for a qualifying academic certificate and provides for a \$20.00 refund of this fee to any person whose credentials and other evidence are insufficient to entitle the person to a certificate.

**BACKGROUND:**

A "qualifying academic certificate" certifies that an individual has the basic academic education required by law to be admitted to a licensing examination for practice as a physician, dentist, chiropractist, pharmacist, certified public accountant or any other profession which requires basic academic credentials (N. J. S. 18A:6-40).

In 1982-83, over 4,500 applications were reviewed by the department.

These fees were last changed in 1971 (P. L. 1971, c. 266).

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A-888, sponsored by Assemblywoman Marie S. Mihler, R-Monmouth, which increases the fee for a teaching certificate from \$5 to \$30, the first increase in this fee in more than 40 years. The bill provides for a \$20 refund for individuals whose credentials are insufficient to entitle them to a certificate.

S-1756, sponsored by State Senator Francis J. McManimon, D-Mercer, which provides that the four initial acupuncturist members of the Acupuncturists Examining Board shall receive certification in New Jersey as acupuncturists by virtue of their appointment. Those members must, by law, already be certified as acupuncturists in another state. The bill retains the jurisdiction of the State Board of Medical Examiners over the Acupuncture Examining Board.

A-980, sponsored by Assemblyman John S. Watson, D-Mercer, which earmarks \$124,500 from payments to municipalities for cost of general assistance for St. Francis Medical Center for reimbursement for cost of indigent care.

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