EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to renewal or extension fees and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Educational Examiners Board hereby proposes to amend Chapter 12, "Fees," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 17A.6 as enacted by 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 688, and sections 272.2 and 272.10.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 272.10.

Purpose and Summary

2023 Iowa Acts, House File 672, creates a new renewal option with a reduced fee. 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 688, directs all agencies to adopt rules related to fees. This proposed rulemaking implements that legislation.

Fiscal Impact

No new costs are anticipated; however, agency revenues will be reduced by an estimated \$116,000 per year. Twenty-five percent of fees collected annually by the Board are credited to the General Fund, and the reduction in fees will result in a decrease of approximately \$37,000 to the General Fund annually.

Jobs Impact

The rulemaking will help with recruitment and retention for educators.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking. Written comments in response to this rulemaking must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2024. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

January 31, 2024 1 to 2 p.m.

Board Room 701 East Court Avenue, Suite A Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 282—12.2(272) as follows:

282—12.2(272) Fees for the renewal or extension of licenses, certificates, statements of professional recognition, and authorizations. The fee for the renewal or extension of a license, certificate, statement of professional recognition, or authorization shall be \$85 unless otherwise specified below:

- 1. The renewal of the paraeducator certificate shall be \$40.
- 2. The renewal of the behind-the-wheel authorization shall be \$40.
- 3. A one-year extension for renewal of a coaching authorization shall be \$40.
- 4. A one-year extension of the initial license shall be \$25. This extension may be issued if the applicant needs one additional year to meet the experience requirement for the standard license, but has met Iowa teaching standards, pursuant to rule 282—20.4(272).
- 5. A <u>The fee shall be</u> \$25 fee for an extension of the initial administrator license, which may be issued instead of renewing the initial administrator license if the applicant verifies one of the criteria listed in 282—subrule 20.8(2).
- 6. The fee for the renewal of a license, certificate, statement of professional recognition, or authorization for practitioners with a master's degree or higher who have ten or more years of experience in education shall be \$50.