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### **OPI Bill Draft Request – 2023 Legislature**

Request 1: Streamline the use of teacher and specialist license fees in [§ 20-4-109, MCA](#), by directing those fees to be used for OPI administration of teacher licensing system. Fees would not be increased. BPE would have the flexibility to seek a direct appropriation unencumbered by the limited fee amount. Draft amendment language could be as follows:

20-4-109. Fees for teacher and specialist certificates. (1) A person applying for the issuance or renewal of a teacher or specialist certificate shall pay a fee not to exceed \$6 for each school fiscal year that the certificate is valid. In addition to this fee, a person who has never held any class of Montana teacher or specialist certificate or for whom an emergency authorization of employment has never been issued shall pay a filing fee of \$6. The fees must be paid to the superintendent of public instruction, who shall deposit the fees with the state treasurer to the credit of the state special revenue fund account, created in subsection (2), ~~to be used in the following manner:~~

~~(a) —\$4 for expenses of the certification standards and practices advisory council created in 2-15-1522;~~

~~(b) —\$2 to the board of public education and the certification standards and practices advisory council for activities in support of the constitutional and statutory duties of the board of public education and the certification standards and practices advisory council.~~

(2) There is an account in the state special revenue fund. Money from fees for teacher or specialist certificates required in subsection (1) must be deposited in the account.