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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Permanent State and Local Aid Program for Certification of Teachers -**
3 **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~making the pilot~~ continuing State and local aid program for
5 teachers who are selected to pursue certification by the National Board for
6 Professional Teaching Standards ~~a permanent program~~ in the State by
7 ~~repealing~~ extending the termination date for the program; altering the name of
8 the program; and altering the number of teachers who may participate in the
9 program each year.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Education
12 Section 6-112
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Chapter 179 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997
17 Section 3

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Education

2 6-112.

3 (a) There is a program of State and local aid to teachers who pursue
4 certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards known as the
5 State and Local Aid [Pilot] Program for Certification by the National Board for
6 Professional Teaching Standards.

7 (b) Each school year, the State Board shall select, consistent with the amount
8 provided in the State budget for the Program, a maximum of [48] 300 teachers to
9 participate in the [Pilot] Program.

10 (c) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the
11 [Pilot] Program established under this section, including:

12 (1) Procedures for submitting applications for aid; and

13 (2) Criteria for the selection of recipients of aid.

14 (d) (1) Each teacher selected by the State Board to receive aid shall receive
15 from the State an amount equal to the certification fee charged by the National Board
16 for Professional Teaching Standards.

17 (2) Each county shall pay to the State one-third of the cost of
18 certification for each teacher who participates in the [Pilot] Program who teaches in
19 the county.

20 (3) (i) A teacher who does not complete all the requirements for
21 assessment by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall
22 reimburse the State the full amount of the aid received to participate in the [Pilot]
23 Program.

24 (ii) The State shall reimburse the county the amount received
25 under paragraph (2) of this subsection on receipt of the reimbursement of aid from a
26 teacher under this paragraph.

27 (iii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not
28 apply to a teacher who completes all the requirements for assessment by the National
29 Board for Professional Teaching Standards but who does not receive certification.

30 (e) The State Board shall establish a statewide staff development plan that
31 utilizes the skills and knowledge of teachers who have obtained National Board
32 certification.

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Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1997

34 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 on June 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~3~~ 7 years, and, at the end of

1 ~~June 1, 2000~~ May 30, 2004, and with no further action required by the General
2 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.}

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 1999.