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By: **Delegate Campbell**
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CHAPTER 345

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Teacher Salary Signing Bonus - Eligibility Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain eligibility requirements for the teacher salary
4 signing bonus; ~~altering the amount of the teacher salary signing bonus; altering~~
5 ~~the amount the teacher must reimburse the State if the teacher fails to meet a~~
6 ~~certain time commitment~~; and generally relating to the teacher salary signing
7 bonus.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 6-306(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 6-306.

17 (b) (1) For fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor
18 shall include in each year's operating budget funding for the stipends and bonuses
19 provided in this subsection.

20 (2) A classroom teacher who holds a standard professional certificate or
21 an advanced professional certificate who is employed by a county board and who

1 holds a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
2 shall receive a stipend from the State in an amount equal to the county grant for
3 national certification, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per qualified teacher.

4 (3) (i) An individual who graduates from an accredited institution of
5 higher education [in the top 10% of his or her class] WITH A GRADE POINT AVERAGE
6 OF AT LEAST ~~3.6~~ 3.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT, becomes employed by a
7 county board, and remains employed as a classroom teacher in the public school
8 system for a minimum of 3 consecutive years shall receive a salary signing bonus of
9 ~~1,000~~ \$3,000.

10 (ii) If the individual leaves employment with the public school
11 system before the end of the 3-year commitment, the individual shall reimburse the
12 State in the amount of ~~1,000~~ \$3,000.

13 (4) A classroom teacher who holds an advanced professional certificate
14 and teaches in a public school identified by the State Board as a reconstitution school,
15 a reconstitution-eligible school, or a challenge school shall receive a stipend from the
16 State in the amount of \$2,000 for each year that the teacher performs satisfactorily in
17 the classroom.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2002.