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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of State Stipends for**
3 **National Certification of Teachers**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Study Commission to Explore the Expanded
5 Application of State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers; providing
6 for the membership of the Study Commission; requiring the Governor to
7 designate the chair of the Study Commission; requiring the State Department of
8 Education to provide staff for the Study Commission; providing that a member
9 of the Study Commission may not receive compensation but is entitled to
10 certain reimbursement; requiring the Study Commission to assess the rigor of
11 national certification for certain occupations and determine how these national
12 certifications compare to national teacher certification and make certain
13 recommendations; requiring the Study Commission to report certain findings
14 and recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before
15 a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
16 to the expanded application of State stipends for national certification of
17 teachers.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
2 Article – Education
3 Section 6–306(a) and (b)(2)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

8 **Article – Education**

9 6–306.

10 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 (2) “County grant for national certification” means an annual grant
12 distributed to a teacher certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching
13 Standards established:

14 (i) Outside of the collective bargaining process; or

15 (ii) As part of a collective bargaining agreement with the local
16 employee organization.

17 (3) “School–based employee” means a certificated employee who works
18 directly with students or teachers at a public school.

19 (b) (2) A classroom teacher or other nonadministrative school–based
20 employee who holds a standard professional certificate or an advanced professional
21 certificate who is employed by a county board and who holds a certificate issued by the
22 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive a stipend from the
23 State in an amount equal to the county grant for national certification, up to a
24 maximum of \$2,000 per qualified individual.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

26 (a) There is a Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of
27 State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers under § 6–306(b)(2) of the
28 Education Article.

29 (b) The Study Commission consists of the following members:

1 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
2 of the Senate;

3 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
4 the House;

5 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
6 designee; and

7 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

8 (i) one individual who holds a certificate issued by the National
9 Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

10 (ii) one representative of the National Board for Professional
11 Teaching Standards;

12 (iii) two local superintendents;

13 (iv) two representatives of local school systems that employ
14 individuals who hold a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional
15 Teaching Standards;

16 (v) one representative from a private Maryland university that
17 has a program of teacher education; and

18 (vi) one representative from a public Maryland university that
19 has a program of teacher education.

20 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Study Commission.

21 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Study
22 Commission.

23 (e) A member of the Study Commission:

24 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Study
25 Commission; but

26 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
27 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

28 (f) The Study Commission shall:

1 (1) assess the rigor of national certification for speech–language
2 pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists, physical therapists, school
3 counselors, and others to determine how each of these national certifications compares
4 to national teacher certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching
5 Standards;

6 (2) invite academic experts to submit testimony; and

7 (3) make recommendations regarding whether the stipends awarded
8 to teachers and other school–based employees under § 6–306(b)(2) of the Education
9 Article should be expanded to include speech–language pathologists, occupational
10 therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, school counselors, or others.

11 (g) On or before December 31, 2007, the Study Commission shall report its
12 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of
13 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
16 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
17 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.